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MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK
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October 2026

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

As the crisp autumn air officially settles in, we want to take a moment to celebrate our incredible community. First, a massive **thank you** to everyone who came out for a Community Work Day in September to clean up commons, plan Halloween, and split wood for our community pizza oven. Thanks to your hard work on that last item, we are fully stocked to keep the oven roaring and the pizzas baking for months to come. There is nothing quite like gathering around a warm pizza oven as the weather cools, and your efforts made it happen.



[The replenished pizza oven wood supply, thanks to Alex Naar, Tom Wallace, Bobby Gheen, and others!]

Looking ahead, October is packed with exciting ways to connect and enjoy the harvest season together. We have a fantastic lineup of community events coming up this month, starting with our traditional **Oktoberfest** celebration, followed by an Irish **music concert at Christ Church**, and wrapping up the month with our annual **Halloween party**.

Details and specific times for each of these events can be found in the sections below, so be sure to check those out. Thank you for making our neighborhood such a vibrant, warm, and welcoming place to live. Let's make this October one to remember!

Warmly,

Karen
president@moyaone.org

Upcoming Events

October 9, 430-9pm

Moyaone Oktoberfest (details below)

Get tickets [here](#)

October 10, 9am

Pool cover party

October 10, 9am-noon

Greater Accokeek Civic Association Fall highway cleanup (details below)

October 18

Accokeek Artists Alliance Sip 'n Share Membership Meeting and art supply swap

October 24, 12-4pm

Accokeek Foundation Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival (details below)

October 28, 6pm

Friends of the Accokeek Library general meeting @ Accokeek Library. *New members welcome!*

October 30, 730om

The Strayaways in Concert @ Christ Church in Accokeek (details below)

October 31, 1-3pm

PG County Lynching Memorial Project is holding a community remembrance to honor Mr. John Henry Scott @Harmony Hall

October 31, starting 4pm

Moyaone Community Halloween Party

November 6, 1030am

AF Storytime (details below)

Continues the first Friday every month

November 7, 2-6pm

Lynn Hollyfield's Album Release House Party (details below)

November 14, 530pm

Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center Twilight Treats & Trails (details below)

November 20-21

AAA Winter Market

Moyaone's Oktoberfest is this Friday!

October is here so it's time to celebrate the Moyaone Oktoberfest!

Admission for adults is only \$45 and includes a full plate of authentic German food-- bratwurst (or German Frank), one serving of hot German potato salad, one serving of hot German sauerkraut, and a strudel!

- Children 12 and under are only \$15
- Pretzels and additional plates will be on sale separately
- Beer from the Moyaone Mashers

Get your tickets now:

<https://moyaone-association-fundraising-committee.square.site/>

Fall Highway Clean-Up

October 10, 9am-noon

Meet at the GACA Welcome Center in the Weis Shopping Center, located between Accokeek Drug and Subway, at 9:00 a.m. (or any time between 9 & noon) to pick up trash bags, vests, and gloves.

Dress appropriately for the weather and for picking up trash. This is a great way for students to earn Community Service Hours!

For more information contact Dan Donohue 301-641-8770.

The Strayaways Irish Music Concert

October 30, 730pm

The Strayaways are a powerful combination of virtuosity, enchantment, and soulful musicality. **Kevin Burke**, probably the greatest fiddler in Irish music, and fiddler **Dylan Foley**, known for his technical brilliance, dynamic style, and deep respect for the tradition, are joined by the inimitable **Eamon O'Leary** on guitar, bouzouki and vocals.

Magic happens!

For more information, visit: <https://ticketstripe.com/strayaways>

Sign up: 7th Annual Halloween Party on October 31



Our 7th Annual Halloween Party will be on the 31st, it takes a village to make a great experience for the kids.

See the evite: <https://www.evite.com/event/0088IIAE4SKDAAXSSEPRW45EZYFIKQ>

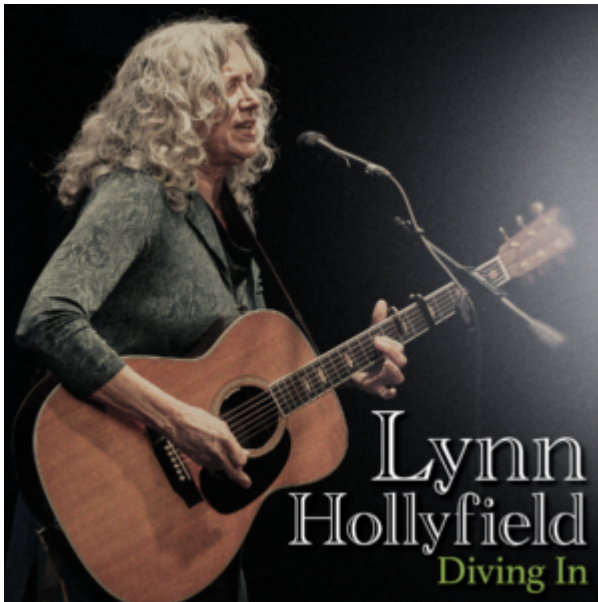
Sign up to help:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kOm-DWG2LDnLwYF5nzkCZX6k5OSDKyLCcjuVSN-XTn4>

Karen@karenheys.com for more information.

Save the Date: DIVING IN-Album Release House Party, 11/7-2-6PM in the Moyaone-Hosts: Mashad

and Michael



Lynn will be joined by Steve Wolf (bass) and Dave Abe (fiddle/mandolin) and some special guest(s).

RSVP please as space is limited. RSVP to lynn@lynnhollyfield.com. Thanks, and I look forward to sharing the new music with you!

Diving In is Lynn's newest album release (7/24/26), produced by Grammy nominated Seth Glier. The album is charting, Nationally and International for radio airplay and is listed

In the TOP Albums/ARTISTS for JULY & AUGUST 2026. The song, 'We are the People,' cowritten with Carol Burbank, came in as #2 for JULY=TOP SONGS.

<https://earmilk.com/album-reviews/lynn-hollyfields-diving-in-is-a-gentle-reckoning-wrapped-in-folk-tradition-album-review/>

“Lynn Hollyfield’s warm voice sits at the center of it all, an expressive alto. It’s a voice that understands restraint, allowing the lyrics to breathe and land with quiet force.”

Other shows:

10/11 Mackenzie's Tunes and Tonics, 3950 University Blvd, Fairfax, VA 4-7PM. The Tiny Table with Rebecca Berlin, David Weaver and Lynn. Wonderful food and music. Come join us Sunday afternoon.

10/17 Iris Garden Bar, [15540 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD](#) 8-10:30 with Dave Abe and Steve Wolf.

Beyond Your Front Door

In case you haven't heard, Madison Square Garden Entertainment is planning on building its second Sphere entertainment building in the U.S at Fort Washington, just east of the MGM complex. This proposed Sphere will be smaller than the original one in Las Vegas: a 6,000 seat venue; 302 feet high and 389 feet wide; have 4D immersive technology with immersive sound. It will be lit on the outside with a variety of moving images.

Needless to say, there will be traffic issues, parking issues (it will require a new parking garage to be built by Prince George's County), noise and light pollution issues, funding issues, and questions on how South County and the community in general will benefit from this new entertainment complex. All of these issues have been minimized in the public relation public meetings on this proposed development. But, as expected, all of the proposed economic benefits are presented in the most wonderful way...new tax revenues, construction jobs, employment opportunities once the project is completed and running, and local business will flourish providing a variety of services and goods to the new entertainment complex.

And the County, having trouble with its own budget, will be doing a \$300 million bond issue to help with the project. While the earlier highly touted projects that were to eliminate many of the problems of money for the County — National Harbor and MGM — they have not provided real benefits to South County. Despite a growing list of questions concerning this proposed project and growing opposition to it, the County Council and the County Executive seem to be in line to approve the Sphere being built.

It is important that everyone become more knowledgeable on this proposed development and be able to voice questions, support or opposition. Become a party of record so you can speak at the Planning Commission meetings where this project will be on an upcoming agenda. Go to [MNCPPC](#), hit "request to become a party of record," put in application number: DSP.2026.0030: The Sphere. From there, put in your name, address, email and phone number.

Michael Leventhal



September featured AAA's collaboration with the Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center (formerly Alice Ferguson Foundation) for the Land As Muse: Art Exhibition and Sale. The juried show was part of FOLC's Maryland 250 celebration, and featured 18 artists from the DMV. The event also coincided with the unveiling of Cindi Rudzis' beautiful stained glass panels celebrating the seasons on the Potomac, to be installed at the Cafritz Living Building.



The three exhibition award winners were "Heron's Gaze" by Crisson Kirkup (1st place), "Raccoon with Pawpaw" by Lona Powell (2nd place), and "View from Sugarloaf" by Jehane Spicer (3rd place).



The plein air award winners were Maria Barga (first place), Jaden Hendricks (second place), and Julia Paajanen (third place).



Cindi Rudzis's

panels representing the seasons on the Potomac river.

On October 18th, we will hold a Sip 'n Share Membership Meeting at the home of Amanda Truett and Frank Pipitone. Members can share their latest creations if they wish and also participate in an art supplies swap. See <https://www.accokeekartistsalliance.com/events/sip-n-share-oct-18> for more info.

We are also getting ready for the AAA Winter Market. Save the date to find all manner of arts and crafts on November 20 and 21!



Introducing the Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center

We're excited to share a new chapter with our neighbors! After more than 70 years as the **Alice Ferguson Foundation**, we are now the **Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center**.

Our new name reflects who we've grown to become while keeping the Ferguson legacy at the heart of our story. What began as Alice and Henry Ferguson's vision for Hard Bargain Farm has grown into a place where students, families, and community members come to learn, explore, and connect with nature. As the Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center, we're proud to carry that legacy forward while more clearly sharing who we are and what we do today.

While we make this transition, you may still see our former name and logo.

Updates will happen gradually over the coming months, with our full transition expected by the start of the new year.

We're grateful to be part of this community and look forward to welcoming our neighbors to the Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center for many years to come.

>>> [Read Our Story](#)

Land as Muse: Thank You for Celebrating With Us

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Land as Muse events in September! It was wonderful to welcome so many friends, neighbors, and community members to celebrate the connection between art, history, and the landscape around us.

We're especially grateful to the Accokeek Artists Alliance for their partnership in bringing the Land as Muse Art Exhibit & Sale to life, and to the talented artists who shared their incredible work and the many ways they find inspiration in the natural world.

To all of our neighbors who attended, supported the artists, and celebrated alongside us: thank you for being part of it!

Twilight Treats & Trails - November 14

See the trails in a whole new way at Twilight Treats & Trails! As daylight fades on November 14, we'll head out for a guided hike before ending the evening around a cozy campfire with s'mores.

Bring your family and friends and join us at 5:30 PM for this one-hour outdoor adventure. **\$20/person or \$60 for a family of four with code FAMILY26. Kids under 5 are free!**

>>> [Save your spot today!](#)

We're Hiring: Part-Time Farm Assistant

The Ferguson Outdoor Learning Center is looking for a Part-Time Farm Assistant to join our team at Hard Bargain Farm. We're especially looking for someone available for evening and weekend hours to help with animal feeding and care, barnyard upkeep, and other hands-on farm tasks. This is an active, outdoor position perfect for someone who enjoys working with animals and spending time outdoors!

>>>> [Learn more and apply here](#)



New Park Hours

Starting Sunday, October 4, park gates will be open from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Upcoming Volunteering Opportunities

The Accokeek Foundation also offers unique opportunities for volunteers who want to be a part of preserving the cultural history, natural resources, and agriculture of Southern Maryland. Whether you just want to volunteer for the day, or are looking for a regular volunteer position, there are opportunities that fit all interests and skill levels. Below are some of the many ways you can get involved!

Visitor Center Support

Garden Support

And more...

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please visit accokeek.org or click the link below.

[Volunteer | Accokeek Foundation](#)

Monthly Storytime Program Beginning This Month

Join the Accokeek Foundation on the first Friday each month at 10:30am for Storytime! Geared towards ages 0-5, reading, singing, dancing, and practicing fine motor skills will take place all while learning about the park, history, and the world we share.

The Accokeek Foundation would love to have you and any little ones who'd like to join!

Save the Date: October 24 Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival

Save the date for the Accokeek Foundation's Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival. On Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, the Accokeek Foundation is celebrating the vibrant arts and culture of Indigenous Peoples. This event honors the history, culture, and resiliency of Indigenous communities both near and far. The program will bring together neighbors, families, and partners for a day filled with music, dancing, arts, and cultural celebrations.

To reserve your ticket, please visit accokeek.org or click the link below.

[Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival | Accokeek Foundation](#)