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President's Note — May 2024

Greetings, Moyaone!

I like bullet points, so first, my thank yous:

- THANK YOU to our outgoing Board! This community exists because so many volunteer their service. The time, talent, fortitude, and goodwill you have lavished upon the Moyaone community is very much appreciated.

- THANK YOU to the Moyaone Community for trusting the new Board to lead our diverse and wonderful neighborhood for the next year.

- THANK YOU to all who volunteered to serve/continue to serve on the Moyaone Board.

- THANK YOU to the hard-working Nominating Committee.

- THANK YOU to all who will volunteer this year to make this community the best that it can be.

I know many neighbors by virtue of having lived in the Moyaone since 1997. Our property on Poplar Hill Road is in Charles County. Our youngest child was one year old when my husband, Marty, and I moved here. This community proved to be a wonderful place to raise our three children. My children may all be adults now, but frequent visits from my grandchildren underscore the joys of exploring the woods, identifying plants and animals, collecting shells at the river's edge, swimming at the pool, potlucking and pizza making at the Moyaone Commons, soaking up the local music and arts scene, greeting neighbors, finding ways we can help make this community vibrant, and so much more.

What will the 2024–2025 year bring? Knowing the Moyaone, it will not be dull. Working collaboratively, our community is sure to thrive. I hope you will join me in volunteering your

talents so that our unique neighborhood with its unique history will continue for many generations to come.

Cheers!

*Paola Addamiano-Carts**

Moyaone Association President

*I have a beautiful Italian name, compliments of my native Italian father, Arrigo Vincenzo Saverio Addamiano. I'd happily have everyone use the Italian pronunciation of Paola, but Paula works just fine and is, in fact, what most folks, including my husband, call me.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:30 pm — Gather with light refreshments
7 pm — Business starts

All are welcome to attend.

Moyaone Association Board of Directors

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Pulse of the Pool as Swim Season Begins

The 2024 pool season starts on Saturday, May 25! Check out the [AST website](#) (Accokeek Swim Team) for home meet dates and times. Please plan accordingly. If you are a Moyaone Association full member in good standing, pool membership is one of your benefits. Come down and take a dip. For households based outside the Moyaone Reserve, seasonal pool membership applications are available on the [website](#). Details on a possible Memorial Day weekend social and potluck are forthcoming, pending volunteer headcount and funding approval.

Our Operations Subcommittee spent March and April reviewing applications for this summer's Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, and Lifeguard positions. We have identified a few excellent candidates for both manager positions and have offered jobs to nine lifeguards. An orientation and all-hands meeting will be scheduled for the week prior to Memorial Day weekend and they will work from May 25 through Labor Day weekend.

We are still recruiting volunteers for this summer. Even if your interest is limited to a specific activity or event such as grass cutting, weeding the deck, or grilling at the next holiday social, please sign up, so we know that you're still interested! (And we thank you for it!) We hope you can lend a helping hand or come out and show your support as we get ready for another fabulous pool season. [Sign up here](#), email russelhc@y, or text 240-383-9708.

POOL HOURS* — Summer 2024

Saturday, May 25, through Thursday, June 13

Saturday–Sunday

9:30–11 am Adult Lap Swim
11 am–8 pm Family Recreation with one lap lane available

Monday to Friday

7:30–9 am Adult Lap Swim
3:30–6 pm Family Recreational Swim
6–8 pm Swim team practice; 2 lanes for recreational swim

Friday, June 14, through Sunday, August 25

Saturday and Sunday

9:30–11 am Adult Lap Swim
11 am–8 pm Family Recreation with one lap lane available

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

7:30–9 am Adult Lap Swim
9–11 am Swim team practice
11 am–8 pm Family Recreation with one lap lane available

Tuesday and Thursday

7:30–9 am Adult Lap Swim
9–11 am Pool Maintenance
11 am–6 pm Family Recreation with one lap lane available
6–8 pm Swim team practice; 2 lanes for recreational swim
8–9 pm Adult recreational swim

Monday, August 26, through Monday, September 2

Saturday and Sunday

9:30–11 am Adult Lap Swim
11 am–8 pm Family Recreation with one lap lane available

Monday to Friday

7:30–9 am Adult Lap Swim
3:30–8 pm Family Recreation with 1 lap lane available

Tuesday and Thursday

8–9 pm Adult recreational swim

***Please check at the pool desk for any updates on pool hours. During the summer, camps may visit the pool between 11 am and 5 pm for Recreational Swim.**

2024 Moyaone Pool Guidelines Agreement

I, _____, agree to respect and abide by the following Moyaone Pool Guidelines:

- Upon entry, members must check in. While at the lobby desk, members will patiently wait their turn to be checked in by staff.
- Loitering in the lobby area is not allowed.
- Members who are sick should consider staying home to avoid transmitting illnesses to others.
- Do not leave valuables in the locker room. Personal items left behind will be considered unclaimed and disposed of at the end of each day.
- Members and guests may not be intoxicated or under the influence of illicit substances. Drinking alcohol, smoking, or vaping on the premises is not permitted.
- No pets allowed inside pool enclosure except for service dogs.
- Members are responsible for supervising children under the age of 12 at all times.
- Anyone under 12 years of age must pass a swimming test before being allowed to swim in the diving well area of the pool.
- Non-swimmers must have a person over the age of 16 within an arm's distance.
- Members under the age of 18 must vacate the pool for adult-only swim at the three-quarter hour mark.
- No running, horseplay, dunking, pushing, or throwing people into the pool.
- No sitting or hanging onto the lane lines or ropes.
- Always follow lifeguards' instructions.
- Members and guests should engage with the lifeguards and pool staff respectfully. Bullying of staff, members, or guests is not tolerated at the Moyaone Pool and constitutes grounds for immediate removal.

I understand that safety is of utmost importance and the Moyaone Association's Pool Management has full authority to immediately suspend pool privileges and/or to ask any member or guest to leave who engages in actions that are unlawful, against these Guidelines, or have the potential to be dangerous to the health, well-being, or enjoyment of the pool by other members and guests. Suspended pool privileges may be restored at the discretion of the Moyaone Association Pool Manager.

Signature: _____ Date: _____, 2024

Signatures of each Family/Household Member:



Accokeek Artists Alliance Plans Activities on May 18 and June 8

The Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) thanks everyone who supported our recently concluded group show at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center (MCAC) in Smallwood State Park. Several AAA artists have more beautiful works in the MCAC juried show that is currently installed and open on Fridays and weekends, 11 am–4 pm, through May 26. This stunning show is well worth another visit to MCAC! The art center is located at 5565 Upham Pl., Marbury, MD.



AAA is planning to provide family-friendly art activities at the Moyaone Mayfest on Saturday, May 18 at the Moyaone Commons (2311 Bryan Point Road). Come join us for some fun!

On Saturday, June 8, Moyaone Reserve’s own amazing artist, Daniel Wise (*pictured above*), will lead a group of enthusiastic AAA artists on a plein air painting adventure at the National Colonial Farm from 9 am until noon. Join AAA and register by June 1 if you want to get in on this wonderful opportunity. Joining is easy via the website: accokeekartistsalliance.com.

MOVING SALE
Items for sale: Household, garden, garage and tools. Some examples include: Picasso print, jewelry, table, trailer, chainsaw, weed whacker, and much more.
Location: 14720 Cactus Hill Road
Date and Time: Saturday, June 8, 9 am–2 pm
Questions? Please call Candy Allen @ 301-283-0121 or email callen@us.net



MOYAONE MAYFEST 2024 – A Community Celebration of Spring!

Saturday, May 18, from 2 pm – ? (Rain or Shine)

The event will include:

- 2–4 pm Organizations’ tables — Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek Artists Alliance, Accokeek Swim Team, plus native and vegetable plant sales;
- 2–4 pm Maypole, Morris Dancing, and Singing, followed by Tea and Cakes;
- 4 pm on Kids Games and General Merriment;
- 5 pm on Community Pizza and Moyaone Mashers Beer (bring your own mug and favorite pizza toppings)

Musical Entertainment including the Dirt Road Damsels
 Fun for the Whole Family!

If interested in tabling, volunteering, or donating food or funds, please contact Karen Heys (karen@karenheys.com; 301-832-5550).

Homes Tour a Success

The Moyaone Homes Tour on April 27 was a big success this year. Many thanks to all who volunteered. The Moyaone Fundraising Committee would like to thank all our generous Moyaone Homes Tour silent auction donors, including:

- Carol Cox and James Finger
- Ruth Gaumont
- Jan Goldstein
- Walter and Lois Graham
- Lynn and John Hollyfield
- Janet Parker
- Lona Powell
- Cynthia Rudzis
- Melissa Snow
- Amanda Truett
- Ikuko Turner
- Steven Turner
- Michelle Sullivan
- Nancy Weiman



POTLUCK BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday May 19, from 11 am to 2 pm, for a vegan brunch potluck at the home of Jan and Bill Parker. RSVP to: moyaoneveg@gmail.com

"Uprooted." Watercolor art by Moyaone artist Frances Taylor.



Jane Goodall, the celebrated primatologist, anthropologist, conservationist, UN Messenger of Peace, and vegan, turned 90 on April 3. She was a vegetarian for 50 years and became a vegan in 2015. In her own words, a few reasons she decided to become vegan at 81:

"Most people do not realize the unspeakable cruelty suffered by animals on our factory farms. And

some who know, do not really care. People have said to me that, after all, the animals are bred for food — as though this means that they are no longer sentient beings. ... The effect of our modern meat production on the environment is truly terrifying. For one thing, huge areas of forest are cut down to grow the grain to feed the billions of animals we eat each year, or to provide grazing. This releases CO₂ into the atmosphere, the main component of the greenhouse gases that are causing climate change."

She is [celebrating her 90th birthday with a worldwide lecture tour](#), spreading a message of "Hope Through Action."

Dear Herby's Love Letter to Jane Goodall

This month, instead of answering a letter, I'm writing a love letter to one of my all-time heroes, the centerpiece of the VEG section of this month's *Smoke Signals*.

Dear Jane,

As a teenager, I watched movies of you, clad in your smart safari shorts and swinging your signature ponytail, attending to the primates you studied and came to see as family. I admired your courage, your unceasing dedication to your mission in the face of unfathomable challenges, and your humility. As you enter your 90's, after all these decades of witnessing the travesties humans have inflicted on each other, their fellow inhabitants of the planet, and the planet itself, I marvel that you have managed to muster even a scintilla of hope. But you have, amazingly, and on days when the news is filled with stories of humankind's short-sightedness and continuing to march the planet down a road of death and destruction, I try to remember that despite all this, you remain a beacon of hope.

May all who read this page find inspiration in your life — your unshakeable reverence for all living beings and their/our continuation on this planet. May we all commit, as you have, to making those critical lifestyle changes that look beyond the gratification of the moment to a much longer-term goal. You are a shining example that it can be done.

With gratitude and love, Herby



Jane's Grilled Eggplant Bruschetta with Hazelnut Skordalia

(from #EatMeatless: Good for Animals, The Earth & All)

Jane Goodall's reinvention of bruschetta makes a delicious appetizer. This recipe showcases hazelnuts, a sustainable crop harvested from trees that thrive in poor soils with little water. The toasted hazelnuts provide the savory depth of the skordalia spread and nice crunchy topping, while the lemon peel lifts it with a fresh summery flavor. The eggplant can be cooked on a grill pan on the stove, outdoors on the grill, broiled in the oven, or using grill pans in a panini maker.

- 8 baby eggplants (about 1 lb), sliced
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1½ T balsamic vinegar
- 2 baguettes for appetizer-sized bruschetta, or one loaf sourdough bread for open-face sandwiches
- Small head of red lettuce
- Zest from one lemon (or about 1 T), finely grated
- Salt
- 1 T maple syrup

For the Skordalia

- ¾ cup (3½ ounces) hazelnuts
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- Juice from one lemon (or 1½ T)
- 2 tsp red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided (or spray)
- ¼ teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- water

Instructions

• Brush the eggplant on both sides with 2 T of the oil (or spray with olive oil) and season with salt. Heat a grill pan over medium-high heat. Add the eggplant and cook until just tender, about 3 min per side. Combine vinegar and maple syrup in a medium bowl, add the eggplant slices, and toss to coat.

• Cut the rounded ends off the bread and reserve for the skordalia. Cut the remaining bread into thick slices and brush on both sides with the remaining 2 T of oil (or spray with olive oil). Toast the bread on the heated grill pan (or toast in the oven under a broiler.)

• To make the skordalia, preheat the oven to 350°. Spread hazelnuts on a rimmed baking sheet and roast until golden brown, about 8 min. If not already skinned, transfer the hot nuts to a clean dish towel and rub vigorously to remove as many of the skins as possible. When cool, coarsely chop ¼ of the nuts and reserve for serving. Transfer the remaining whole nuts to a food processor and process just until finely ground. Add the reserved bread to the food processor with the nuts and process until finely crumbled. Add olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, red wine vinegar, and ½ tsp salt, and process until well combined. Add water 1 T at a time until it is a spreading consistency. Season with more salt if needed.

• To serve, spread the skordalia generously on the toasts. Top each with a sprinkling of chopped hazelnuts, lettuce torn to size, an eggplant slice, lemon zest, and more hazelnuts.

Volunteer Opportunities Available at Piscataway Park

Invasive Removal Education Workshop

Sunday, June 9, 10 am–12 pm

Save the Date! Please join us at the Accokeek Creek parking area at 3400 Bryan Point Road for a collaborative, hands-on workshop on the basics of invasive management provided for you through partnership between the National Park Service, the Accokeek Foundation, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Registration details will be available soon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

— FOR: Invasive Plant Removal

Wednesdays 12:30–2:30 pm & Fridays 9:30–11:30 am

Join Foundation staff and volunteers every week for the systematic removal of invasive plant species changing the ecosystems of Piscataway Park and preserve the park's biodiversity. Make a difference in Piscataway Park while you make new friends!

— FOR: Visitor Center. Saturdays

The Accokeek Foundation is seeking volunteers to help out in the Piscataway Park visitor center and gift shop. Volunteers will help orient visitors to the park and assist with shop sales. If you are interested, contact Casey Harlow at charlow@accokeek.org.

— FOR: Shoreline Clean-Up.

Saturday, June 1, 9:30–11:30 am

Attention all nature lovers! Please join us to make a positive impact on our environment and keep the Potomac River shoreline of Piscataway Park clean! Gloves, bags, and grabbers will be provided. However, we encourage you to bring your own reusable water bottle and wear long pants. Closed-toed, sturdy shoes are required. Participating volunteers must be able to walk moderate distances and travel along the uneven terrain of the shoreline. All ages are welcome, but youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the clean-up. Registration is not required, but preferred for participation. Paper forms will be provided for day-of registration. [Sign up today!](#)



Alice Ferguson Foundation Summer Camp Options; Office Volunteer Needed

NEW Day Camp Program Added to Summer Adventure Camp

Please join us for a week of adventure and discovery in the great outdoors! Our new Wilderness Skills day camp program, running from July 29 to August 2, is designed to ignite a love for nature and teach valuable outdoor skills to campers ages 4 to 10.

Spaces are limited, so secure your child's spot now! [Visit our website](#) for full camp details and to reserve your spot today.

Volunteer with Us

Do you have a love of environmental education and skills to share? We're in search of a dedicated person to lend a hand with mailings and other key volunteer support around the office, 1–2 times per month. Email us at: volunteer@fergusonfoundation.org and we'll be in touch!

*Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road
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CCYO Announces May 19 Spring Concert; Will Play at AFF on June 29

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) will perform its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 19, at 3 pm. The concert, at Thomas Stone High School, 3785 Leonardtown Rd., Waldorf, is free and open to the public.

Conducted by Gabrielle Stanback Satterwaite, Prelude Strings; Dr. Teri Lazar, Encore Strings; Takako Mato, Encore Band, and Dr. Osman Kivrak, CCYO, the program will include great music by Bizet, Rossini, Smetana, and Stravinsky. CCYO's graduating seniors, including the Moyaone Reserve's own Haley Gruwell, will be honored during the program. The concert will conclude with a rousing rendition of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* with all four ensembles performing together.

The day before, on May 18 at noon, CCYO will perform at Market Day at the Port Tobacco Courthouse with a program of popular fiddle tunes, music from the *Avengers*, the *1812 Overture*, *Rhapsody in Blue*, and much more!

Other upcoming concerts include June 8 at 12 pm at ArtsFest at the Indian Head Village Green; the Annual Concerto Competition Concert, also June 8, at 3 pm at Christ Church, La Plata; June 29 at 8 pm at the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek; and the CCYO Chamber Music Festival concerts July 20 and 27 at 8 pm at Christ Church, La Plata.

Auditions for next season will be held September 14 from 9 am to 3 pm at Christ Church, La Plata. All levels and instruments, except piano, are warmly encouraged to audition!

Recently, CCYO has been spotlighted in an online film by the Charles County Arts Alliance and has been featured on WTOP radio. Also, two CCYO String Quartets were finalists in the prestigious Washington Performing Arts Society Misbin Chamber Music Competition in Washington, DC.

CCYO presents two large concerts and several smaller concerts each year, a two-week Chamber Music Festival with two additional chamber music concerts, a Concerto Competition Concert as well as masterclasses and sectionals for students in all four of CCYO's ensembles. CCYO is one of the largest youth music organizations in Southern Maryland, providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians ages 8 to 18 in Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties.

For more information, please contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, CCYO Director at 301-375-7109, or: charlescountyyouthorchestra.org.



2024 Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest

All winners will be featured in the department's 2025 wall calendar. In 2022, nearly 1,500 photos were submitted by 500 photographers. [Read all about it](#) and check out the [winning images](#). For that contest, the grand prize went to Dallin Johnson of Huntingtown for his photo of a gray tree frog (pictured above). Enter this year's contest now for your chance to win cash, park passports, calendars, and other prizes! All entries must be submitted online. See the website: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/photocontest.aspx>

Categories

The contest is judged by season: winter, spring, summer, and fall. First, second, and third place winners are selected for each seasonal category. A grand prize winner is selected from that group.

As this is a natural resources-focused contest, we offer the following subject matter subcategories within each season: Birds, Insects, Flora, Recreation, Landscapes, Weather and Wonder, Wildlife.

Please name photo files correctly before entering the contest. Unnamed photos could be disqualified. Name photos in a Subcategory Title by Name format. Example: Landscapes Chesapeake Sunrise by Ansel Adams.jpg.

An entry fee of \$10 for up to three photos and \$3 for each additional entry must be paid with your submission. All photos must be original. Winning photos will be published by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

All photos must be landscape in orientation. Photos must be clear, with the highest resolution possible. Do not submit heavily manipulated/over-processed images.

Entries must be submitted by 5 pm (EST) on Aug. 19, 2024. For complete details and information on how to submit, please see the website listed above.

The contest is open to all photographers, except for employees of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and their immediate families.