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## President's Note

—Ben Kirkup  
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The summer solstice is busy at the Wagner Community Center and the pool; and equally so in the boughs of the apple and pear trees, on the blackberry and wineberry canes, across the pastures, and photosynthetically, everywhere. The long days also present challenges for gardeners, commuters, pet owners, and parents.

The gardeners suffer most directly, attending to weeds and water in the midst of heat and humidity. The garden wants to go awry in the warmth. Every advantage to the plants seems to also feed the weeds and the sun demands the water—but not too much, or on the leaves, heaven forbid.

The commuters fare the worst, I fear. The heat, the rain, the traffic, the glare ... there are no redeeming features in this endless chore. The complaints—if it stops at that—are a meager release for the frustration. We—I say “we”—are so eager to get into traffic and off the local roads that we absentmindedly tread heavily those first and last few miles each day. The speed is my insult to the scenery, a threat to my safety, and to the wildlife. In retrospect, it's a challenge to empathize with myself or others also seeking to juggle too much in too short a timespan.

Meanwhile, pets and other animals are frequently astray, recurrently drawing sympathy (and thus condemnation on their owners), inconveniencing others, acquiring parasites, posing various manners of threat to themselves, children (and other wildlife), neighbors, and other pets.

Finally, there are the children. The exuberance of life bursts forth in song, play, tantrums, and mischief. Sometimes it leads to self-injury, name calling, violence, or property destruction. Harried parents can have short tempers and attention spans, may not be able to volunteer for community service, may need to cancel events at the last minute, and can be financially stretched. Children may not always seem to be a joy, in the heat of summer.

Yet, many of us have had, and all of us have been, children. There is a unique grace we owe our own parents, which is gifted forward by forbearance and forgiveness to other parents and children. Traffic, weeds, barking, and tantrums are the cost of

## Continuing Road Abuse Could Lead to Closure of Sanford Lane

—Kent L. Hibben, Public Affairs Chair

Due to ongoing excessive speeding of vehicles on Sanford Lane, and recurrent vandalism, destruction of property and dumping of trash, we are in real danger of losing the ability to use Sanford Lane to get between Apple Valley and Livingston Road. Sanford Lane is not part of the Moyaone Reserve road network. It belongs to an adjoining landowner who has allowed its use as a through-way over the years.

That continued use, however, is conditioned upon reasonable (15 mph or less) speeds and general respect for his private property. Continued problems may lead to the owner permanently closing that road as a through-way. The agreement between the Moyaone Association and the Sanford Lane Association, for access from Apple Valley to Livingston Road, is unilaterally susceptible to being cancelled—discussions along those lines are under way now.

Please do your part in not jeopardizing 60+ years of through-access. Speeding, vandalism, and trash-dumping by Moyaoners or their guests, their contractors, or their delivery vehicles, must cease there now to retain our through-access.

Thanks to all for your ongoing help with this.

### Moyaone Association Board meeting:

Monday, July 10, 6 pm  
Wagner Community Center

life's fullness. If too eager to control, one would discard a literal baby with figurative bathwater—this is a moment to pause and regroup. For, in fact, the ongoing inconveniences of life do not call for ultimate solutions, but instead for teaching moments laden with affection. We are called first to focus on ourselves, and then to gently aid others in their own pursuits of discipline, raising tomatoes, rescuing errant dogs, or advancing to the wonderment of children.

## Dominion Charles Station *Update*

—Ben Kirkup  
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At the most recent Moyaone Association members' meeting, the quorum present voted unanimously to take certain steps and commit financial and other resources in opposition to the proposed development by Dominion Energy, in the Scenic Easement wetlands along Barrys Hill Road in Accokeek.

Putting the timeline in perspective, the Environmental Assessment is recently released, the zoning is not yet approved, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has not yet approved the proposal. The Environmental Assessment, briefly summarized, predicts no environmental impacts from the entire Eastern Market Access Project, of which the Charles Station is one small part.

The Charles Station development had been addressed from the podium at the Mount Vernon Viewshed celebration on April 30. As a consequence, the Moyaone Association is taking steps to represent this expressed desire of the membership in various forums, including addressing itself to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and to the appropriate governance in Charles County.

There are naturally other groups, individuals, and organizations focused on weighing in on the proposed development. The AMP Creeks Council has taken a very strong position against the development and has been earnest in its opposition in every available forum. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association has heard presentations from Dominion Energy, investigated the potential impact on the viewshed, and a Regent has visited the site—as well as an operating compressor station. The Accokeek Foundation leadership, and its Board, have discussed Charles Station and are in the process of reaching consensus on the appropriate actions to take. The Alice Ferguson Foundation leadership, including its Board, are also aware of Charles Station and have discussed it. Recently they have requested further information and intend to review the Environmental Assessment.

For those who are interested, the assessment can be found at: [https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file\\_list.asp?accession\\_num=20170627-4001](https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20170627-4001)

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**Next DEADLINE:** July 28 for August 2017 issue of *Smoke Signals*

### Moyaone Association Board

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## SMECO Applies for Permit to Replace Some Overhead Lines near Piscataway Park

The National Park Service has advised that SMECO has applied for a permit to replace some overhead power lines along its right-of-way near Piscataway Park. The National Park Service is working with SMECO to provide approvals that will require them to not disturb any plants or trees, restore area to previous conditions, and notify power customers of any potential impact to services.

SMECO's proposed project consists mainly of replacing existing overhead distribution power lines with underground lines and services in the vicinity of Piscataway Park, parkland administered by National Capital Parks—East. The purpose of this project is to improve area service reliability and future storm response to customer—members, eliminating area tree issues and difficult-to-access line sections. This project will also provide increased capacity within the area. This area falls under the National Park Service jurisdiction. The majority of the underground work will be performed in the existing electric utility easement.

The power line work will occur in two primary areas within and adjacent to Piscataway Park at the following locations (approximate): Old Marshall Hall Road (from Cactus Hill Road to Poplar Hill Road) - 0.31 miles; Poplar Hill Road (from Old Marshall Hall Road northward) - 0.86 miles; Steamboat Landing Road (from Poplar Hill Road to Old Landing Road) - 0.59 miles; Overlook Drive (from Steamboat Landing Road northward) - 0.37 miles; Old Landing Road (from Steamboat Landing Road to Old Marshall Road) - 0.79 miles; and River Road (from Marshall Hall Road to Marshall Drive).

All underground electric lines will be directionally bored at a depth of no less than 36 inches, in an effort to minimize subsurface impacts. Directional bore landing and receiving areas will be required at all enclosures and will result in minimal surface soil disturbance. No new tree clearing is anticipated for this project, although routine maintenance trimming may be needed to remove the existing overhead lines and utility poles from service.

## New Owners in the Moyaone Reserve

—Sheryl Romeo

Listed are some new future homeowners and, for now, new Moyaone landowners—Joe Plenzler and Kate Germano are the new owners of the 12.5-acre lot at 1902 Bryan Point Rd.; Donna and David Keane purchased a 5-acre lot on Old Landing Rd.; and Cynthia and John Rudzis will build a home on the Hanssen/Smicklas property; and Kirsten Hartwig, Mark Palermo and their two children bought the Romeo/Schwaller land on Cactus Hill.

### FOR RENT

For rent — One-bedroom cabin in the Moyaone Reserve. Large screened porch. Call 301-642-4847 if interested.



(above) A group of high school students sit on the steps of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Environmental Center, recently certified as one of the greenest structures in the world. (right) An art class meets in the Cafritz Center. Photos: Alice Ferguson Foundation.



## Building for the Future, Right Here at Accokeek's Alice Ferguson Foundation

—Varya Zhigilei  
 Communications and Marketing Manager  
 Alice Ferguson Foundation

In June, the International Living Future Institute certified the newest education building at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Farm as one of the greenest structures in the world, and just the 13th project in the world to achieve full certification under the Living Building Challenge. What does that mean? The Living Building Challenge is widely regarded as the world's most rigorous green building performance standard.

After a year of testing, the education building, named the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Environmental Center, proved that it met a number of other environmental and social criteria, including that it operated at net-zero energy and net-zero water use, was carbon neutral, and was constructed with materials that are non-toxic and non-polluting. Achieving this set of standards makes the Cafritz Environmental Center a national and international model for green building techniques, sustainable materials, energy efficiency and water use—all in our local community.

For more than a year now, the Cafritz Environmental Center has served the thousands of students who come to enjoy Hard Bargain Farm's hands-on programs. Recently, neighbors and friends enjoyed an art class in the building. We are looking forward to continuing to host learning activities and fun community events in our newest education center.

Learn more about the project on the website: <http://ferguson-foundation.org/news/combating-climate-change-one-building-at-a-time/>



## Blues Night at Hard Bargain, July 15

Sat., July 15, 8 pm. Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Don't miss this special evening of red hot blues music with three of the most respected blues masters in the mid-Atlantic region.

Linwood Lee Taylor recently finished a 4-year world tour with a band led by blues legend Joe Lewis Walker. Not many Blues artists can say they've recorded with H.R. of the Bad Brains as well as performed with Albert Collins, but Taylor can. He has also led his own electric blues trio for over 25 years and together they have performed to rave reviews at most of the major festivals and clubs in the region.

Bassist Steve Wolf has been a fixture on the Washington music scene since the late 60s. During that time he has performed with such DC area notables as Danny Gatton, Tom Principato, Phil Wiggins, The Nighthawks, Catfish Hodge, Deanna Bogart, Bob Margolin, Big Joe Maher, and a diverse group of national artists ranging from Chuck Berry, The Coasters and Bo Diddly to Doctor John, Brian Auger and Springsteen sax man Clarence Clemons. His well-respected work in the blues arena has led him to back Chicago blues legends Sunnyland Slim, Pine Top Perkins, Charlie Musselwhite, Guitar Junior (Luther Johnson), and many others.

Steve will be joined in the rhythm section by drummer Joe Wells. In addition to being regular members of The Linwood Taylor Band, Joe and Steve remain one of the most in-demand rhythm teams in the region, backing international recording artists such as Tom Principato and Memphis Gold. Joe Wells has provided his rock-solid drum grooves to such luminaries as Coco Montoya, Bob Margolin, Bill Kirchen, Jimmy Thackery and many others.

Tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door (AFF members: \$13 online, \$17 at the door). Refreshments available for purchase.



(above) Summertime activities at the National Colonial Farm include learning about what people ate in 1770. (right) On July 30, meet Professor Pricklethorn and discover how the trees in your yard and community are the most essential but underrated life-enhancing natural resource on this TREEmendous planet of ours! Photos: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.



## Accokeek Foundation Offers Summertime Programs

—Anjela Barnes, Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park

The Accokeek Foundation offers some exciting opportunities for people to get out and visit Piscataway Park this summer. Details are below. The National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road. For more information, call 301-283-2113, email [info@accokeek.org](mailto:info@accokeek.org), or visit the website ([accokeekfoundation.org](http://accokeekfoundation.org)).

### Food, Fun, and Farming!

**Sat., July 22, 4–7 pm. National Colonial Farm. Free.**

Families and children of all ages are invited to join the residents of the Bolton farm for an evening learning about food in 1770. What did colonial people eat and where did they get their food? Help out in the kitchen garden and learn the uses of different plants. Find out how to avoid wasting food, both in 1770 and in your home. Learn a few colonial recipes to try at home or over a campfire.

### Sunflower Days

**July (all month), daylight hours (8 am–8 pm).**

**Ecosystem Farm. Free.**

Artists, environmentalists, and butterfly enthusiasts are invited to visit the Ecosystem Farm and walk through its 1+ acre sunflower patch. This beautiful living display of flowers is both a cover crop to support pollinators and reduce weeds, and forage for heritage breed livestock. The Ecosystem Farm is a leisurely quarter-mile walk from the Visitor Center to the back gate via the Pumpkin Ash trail. The trail takes you through a multi-part ecosystem of forest and wetlands, ending at the farm. Parking is available on the farm for visitors needing assistance with mobility. To arrange a large group visit of 10 or more people, please call 301-283-2113.

### Modern Homesteading: Pickle Magic

**Sun., July 30, 1–4 pm. Registration \$30; Members \$25**

Join Number 1 Sons for an engaging workshop on the art of preservation through pickling and fermentation. The process of fermentation and pickling not only increases the shelf life of

freshly harvested fruits and vegetables, but also improves their nutritional and healing properties. Participants will take away the knowledge of how to preserve foods at home using seasonal and abundant produce from market to make a ferment. Bring a knife, board, and jar to make and take home your own ferment. Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=xphfazjab&oeidk=a07ee3kj9feeb2b5123>

### STIHL Tour des Trees

**Sunday, July 30. AF Education Center**

**8:45–10:15 am**—Rider welcome and tree dedication

**10:30 am**—Professor Pricklethorn presents: The Secret Life of Trees.

### The Secret Life of Trees (for families and children)

Meet Professor Pricklethorn and discover how the trees in your yard and community are the most essential but underrated life-enhancing natural resource on this TREEmendous planet of ours. This free, interactive one-hour program is open to families and children of all ages. For more information, call 301-283-2113 or email [outreach@accokeek.org](mailto:outreach@accokeek.org).

The program is part of the TREE Fund's Tour des Trees event where approximately 70 cyclists will ride over 500 miles in a week to raise money for tree research and education and raise awareness of the value that mature, healthy trees bring to communities in the greater DC metro area.

*About the Tour:* Approximately 70 cyclists will arrive at Piscataway Park as the first rest stop on their 80-mile tour from National Harbor south through Prince George's County.

The STIHL Tour des Trees, an annual weeklong, 500 to 600-mile cycling adventure, is the primary public outreach and engagement event of Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund). Since 1992 Tour riders have cycled to communities in the US, Canada and the UK, planting trees, educating children and shining a light on the work done by arboriculture professionals and the importance of science-based tree care. The Tour serves to advance TREE Fund's mission to support scientific discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry.



**Jane Klemer**  
1929–2016

*Red cedar,  
Loveliest of all renegades  
grows to its own drummer.*

—DJK

And indeed she did. Dorothy Jane Klemer was born on October 29, 1929 in Teaneck, New Jersey, graduating from Hood College in 1951. In the early 1960s she worked for Doubleday Press. From her editing there of *Chinese Love Poems* and *Modern Love Poems*, she moved on to help others as an occupational therapist at St. Elizabeth's. She was ceaselessly active in the Audubon Society, the Alice Ferguson Foundation (her "Peaceable Kingdom"), the Charles County Historical Society, Friends of Mount Aventine, and Christ Episcopal Church in Accokeek. Pen in hand, she published years of local interest articles in the newspapers of southern Maryland. She modeled the ideals of re-use, repurpose, and recycle long before they became bywords. And she created haiku poems for most every purpose—poignant, pithy, picturesque, on-point.

Jane passed away on October 8, 2016; on June 25, 2017 she was laid to rest at Christ Church in Accokeek among a gathering of friends and colleagues with the broadest of backgrounds, reflecting her boundless interests—literature, poetry, art, travels, writing, local and global politics, music, and a love for animals great and small. Thus the question in another of Jane's haiku poems was answered by those gathered at her Farewell.

*A Matter of Concern*

*Today I'm blessed with friends,  
But when the time comes  
Will there be those who mourn?*

and a final haiku closes the circle with a silent smile:

*Deletions*

*Though I scratch the names and their places  
From the list,  
They live in my heart.*

That's where we'll keep you also, Jane.

—KLH



## “Little Free Library” Comes to the Moyaone

You may have noticed an addition to the Wagner Community Center Commons: a little house on a post, with books inside. Painted on the outside are the instructions: “Take a book; return a book.”

“Little Free Library” is the name of a registered nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. The organization helps people around the world start and maintain free



“take a book, return a book” book exchanges called Little Free Libraries. Most Little Free Libraries are placed in front yards, parks, gardens and easily accessible locations.

The Moyaone's “Little Free Library” was built and designed by Lona Carlson-Powell. She said she looked at kits available online but thought them expensive, so she built her own. She said she hopes that people will enjoy reading the books, and return to donate some of their own to the community.

How many Little Free Libraries are there? According to the organization's website: as of 2017, there are over 50,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and 70 countries. Anyone may contribute or take books. The more the merrier! If you take a book (or two) from a Library, you do not need to return that exact book.

The next time you're at the garden or the pool at the Wagner Community Center Commons, be sure to check out the the results of Lona's creativity. Borrow a book, and don't forget to bring one or two or your own to share with the community.