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President's Note

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I love watching our woods this time of year. Every day the view changes, from spotting the first tiny buds, until now as I look out at a wall of green. Our community center and pool have also been changing. Over the winter the Wagner Community Center was improved with roof repairs, followed by new drywall and paint inside. Pool opening activity has begun and in the coming weeks the pool building will be getting a fresh coat of paint. Many of the trees on the grounds have been trimmed and one very large damaged tree near the pool was taken down (many thanks to Ron Cooper, Dave Cremer, John Hollyfield, and Bud Wareham, some of whom are pictured at right). Of all the springtime activity, most inspiring to me is seeing the large number of my neighbors who are so actively engaged in maintaining our common areas and sustaining our community. To all of you who contribute in so many different ways – thank you.



Moyaone Membership Meeting on May 21

The Moyaone Association Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 21, at the Wagner Community Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.). We'll be electing officers, hearing updates from the various committees and voting on an amended budget that provides funds for cameras to be placed covering the road entrances to the Moyaone Reserve. You'll get those budget details before the meeting.

Discussion on Health of the Moyaone Woods

After our normal business, Dave Koch, Chief Forester for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and a new Poplar Hill resident, will lead a discussion on the health of our woods. This conversation will consider the health of our forest, its successional trajectory, and

what it might have looked like historically. This is an opportunity to discuss management for long-term sustainability and address vulnerability to climate change, insects and disease, and overall ecological health.

Of course, we save the best for last. We'll wrap up the meeting with a wine and cheese social. I hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember

Sixth Moyaone Homes' Tour

Sat., April 30, 1:00–5:00 pm. Register from 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm at Visitors' Center at the Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Road. Tour followed by wine and cheese reception, and silent auction, 5:00–7:00 pm, at Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Rain date: Sun., May 1. See page 2 for more information.

May Moyaone Market

Sat., May 7, 11:00 am–4:00 pm. May Moyaone Market takes place at Alice Ferguson Foundation Spring Farm Fest. Hard Bargain Farm, 2001 Bryan Point Rd. For more information, contact Sarah Carts (saraholimpiacarts@gmail.com).

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Sixth Moyaone Homes' Tour Takes Place on April 30

Don't miss the Moyaone Homes' Tour on Saturday, April 30 (rain date: Sunday, May 1.) You will have a glorious day of visiting homes and woodland gardens, ending with a wine and cheese social.

Begin the tour by registering at the Visitors' Center at the Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Road. You will receive your tour pass, a brochure with a description of each home and a map. Registration is from 12:45 to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person.

Arrive at 5:00 pm at the Moyaone's Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, to relax and meet with neighbors at the wine and cheese social and an auction of wonderful services and items. Join us and enjoy the beauty and diversity of our unique neighborhood.



PG County Council Passes Bill Banning Fracking

—Judy Allen-Leventhal

The Prince George's County Council unanimously passed CB-03-2016 on April 12, 2016. The bill, which was supported by many citizens and local organizations, including the Moyaone Association, bans fracking in Prince George's County: Specifically, this bill is "an ordinance concerning hydraulic fracturing for the purpose of providing a definition for hydraulic fracturing in the Zoning Ordinance and adding hydraulic fracturing uses, including the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas, as a prohibited use in all zones within Prince George's County"

The following uses are prohibited in all zones: Hydraulic fracturing uses, including the storage, treatment, transfer, production materials, support activities, and the disposal of flow back, wastewater, or drill cuttings generated by hydraulic fracturing activities in the County, for purposes of preventing detrimental economic, environmental, and health effects of the use for the protection of the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the County.

While the State of Maryland currently is under a temporary fracking ban (expiring in 2017), CB-03-2016 ensures that the practice will not be allowed in our County. Thanks to all who supported this legislation and helped facilitate its adoption.

Local Veterinarian Offers Q&A on May 15

—Misko Beaudrie

Please join us for a Moyaone Meet and Greet with Derek Parkin, DVM, owner of and veterinarian at Potomac Animal Wellness Services in Indian Head (our backyard).

The event will be held at the Moyaone's Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., on Sunday, May 15 (time to be announced closer to the date). Dr. Parkin will speak with us for an hour to discuss Lyme's disease prevention for our pets, as well as field any questions we may have.

Contact Misko Beaudrie for more information or to submit any questions in advance (misko.beaudrie@gmail.com). Updates to event details, including time, will be posted on NextDoor.



Derek B. Parkin, DVM

I am a graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. I completed an internship in San Diego specializing in internal medicine, surgery, and emergency/critical care. I pursued further training in advanced surgical techniques including fracture management/repair, stabilization of the canine knee after ACL rupture, and advanced pain control.

- Westminster College 2005
- University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine 2009
- VCA Emergency and Referral Hospital Internship 2010
- Techniques in Canine Stifle Stabilization 2013
- AO North American Principals In Orthopedic Fracture Repair 2013

Potomac Animal Wellness Services

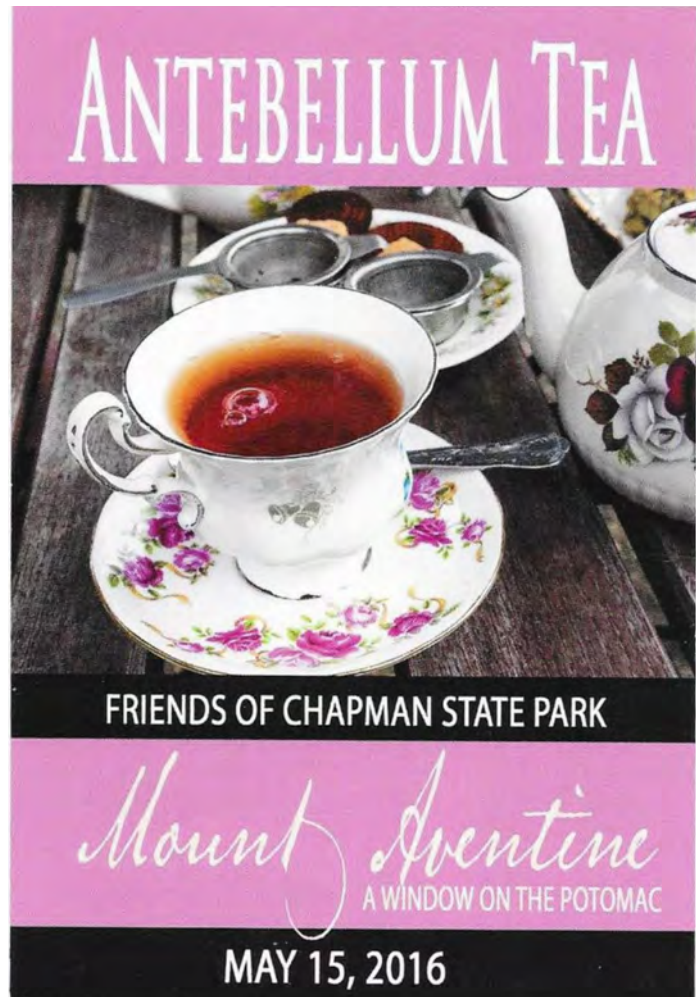
P.A.W.S. Animal Hospital, 4616 Indian Head Hwy., Indian Head, MD 20640; (301) 743-5411; www.mdPAWSvet.com

Events at Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park



MUSIC at MOUNT AVENTINE

Sunday, May 1—Featuring singer-songwriter **Lynn Hollyfield** (www.LynnHollyfield.com), and **Steve Wolf** on bass. Gates open at 1 pm, performance 3:30–4:30 pm. Rain or shine. Enjoy an afternoon of music at beautiful Mount Aventine, tour the mansion, refreshments, kids' crafts. Program support from the Charles County Arts Alliance.



Sunday, May 15, 2–4 pm. You are cordially invited to the fourth annual antebellum tea at historic Mount Aventine. \$35 donation requested; proceeds benefit restoration of Mount Aventine. RSVP by May 11; reservations required (call 240-472-1384).

Mount Aventine is located in Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD 20640
www.friendsofchapmansp.org

The Friends of Chapman State Park 2016 Planned Events

Sun., May 1—Open House 1–5 pm. Featuring singer and songwriter Lynn Hollyfield at 3:30 pm (*see above for more information*).

Sun., May 15—Annual Antebellum Tea, 2–4 pm. Donation requested and reservation required. Call 240-472-1384 to make reservations (*see above right for more information*).

Sun., June 12—Open House, 1–4 pm. Featuring Drummers in the Park

Sun., June 19—Open House, 1–4 pm. Program on the last private owner of Mount Aventine, the Countess Besseney, from 2–3 pm including music and costumes.

In addition to the scheduled programs, Mount Aventine is open most Sundays from 1 to 4 pm for self-guided tours. The park is open daily for walk-in visitors. Please consult our website (www.friendsofchapmansp.org) for updates to the program schedule and programs for July–October. Volunteers are needed and welcome to help with programs, and maintenance of the house and park. Check the website to register.

Accokeek Foundation Announces May 22 Workshop on Permaculture Design

Introduction to Permaculture Design: Site Analysis Workshop.
Sunday, May 22, 2:30–4:30 pm

Learn how to meet more of your basic needs for food, water, and energy, locally, by acquiring an in-depth understanding of your home property. Tap local natural resources (sun, wind, water, soil, flora and fauna) to create a site-specific design for a more self-reliant human habitat. Redesign your lifestyle to grow organic food, harvest rain water while recharging the water table, retrofit your home for passive heating and cooling, and recycle wastes as fertilizer. In so doing reduce fossil fuel consumption, help repair the health of all life forms, and improve local economies. The workshop will be presented by Moyaone resident Patricia Ceglia.

Cost is \$20 for Accokeek Foundation members; \$25 for non-members. RSVP to: design@patriciaceglia.com. For more information: <http://www.meetup.com/Permaculture-Maryland/events/230116452/>; <https://www.facebook.com/events/1602893010033984/>

The Accokeek Foundation (AF) at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. For more information, call 301-283-2113 or visit the website (www.ackokeekfoundation.org).

CUSTOM CSA Now Accepting Members

Prickly Pear Produce is a small sustainable farm in Bryans Road, MD, growing vegetables, some fruits, herbs, and flowers.

Our 2016 CSA (community-supported agriculture) is open for new members. Support local food in your community!

The cost is \$560 for 20 weeks of produce, and local pickup location is on-farm. The CSA season starts in June.

For more information, or to sign up, please email pricklypear-produce@pricklypearproduce.com or visit www.pricklypearproduce.com.



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Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation.

AFF Spring Farm Festival

Saturday, May 7, 11 am–4 pm

Bring friends and family and enjoy a fun day at the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Farm (2001 Bryan Point Rd.). We will have a plant sale, farm products for sale, live music, arts and crafts, hayrides to the Potomac, cow milking, blacksmithing demonstration, kids' activities and much more. Admission is \$5 per car. For more information, contact Doris Sharp (dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org) or Brenda Wright (bwright@fergusonfoundation.org).

Theater in the Woods—Hard Bargain Players Begin 2016 Season in June

The Hard Bargain Players are pleased to announce the 2016 season. The Players always welcome volunteers to help in many ways (on stage, off stage, behind stage), and to sell refreshments on the night of performance. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the performing arts program in the woods at Hard Bargain Farm. Contact Michael Margelos (mjmargelos@gmail.com) or Doris Sharp (dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org). Visit www.hbplayers.org for play synopses, audition announcements, and other details. Performances take place at the Alice Ferguson Foundation Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek).

June 10–25. *Grimm Fairy Tales Spectaculathon*, by Don Zolidis. Directed by Trey Thomas.

August 12–27. *Radio Golf*, by August Wilson. Directed by Terry Spann.

September 16–25 (Sunday matinees). *Bambi: A Life in the Woods*. Adapted by James DeVita. Based on the story "Bambi" by Felix Salten. Directed by Melissa Ball.

October 7–22. *The Birds*, by Conor McPherson. Based on the short story by Daphne du Maurier. Directed by Michael Margelos.



Art by Kara Hammond



Art by Drew Parris.

Local Artists Featured at Alexandria's Torpedo Factory

From May 3 through May 29, The Associates Gallery (TAG) of the Torpedo Factory Art Center is proud to present as its featured artists—Kara Hammond and Drew Parris in an exhibit entitled: “The Hand Speaks.”

Beyond what each artist possesses in their innate mastery of the craft of drawing, this work exhibits their ability to take the simplest of materials—pencil, ink, and paper—to create singular instances of human presence, with a strong sense of beauty, wry humor, and emotional depth. For more information, contact Kara Hammond at: kara_hammond@hotmail.com

The Torpedo Factory is located at 105 N. Union St., Alexandria, VA. The building is open daily, 10 am–6 pm. For more information, call 703-838-4565.

Citizen Scientists Wanted

Ruth Gaumond

According to Wikipedia: “Citizen science projects are activities sponsored by a wide variety of organizations so non-scientists can meaningfully contribute to scientific research. Activities vary widely from transcribing old ship logbooks to digitalize the data as part of the Old Weather project to observing and counting birds at home or in the field for eBird.”



Amateur Naturalists Help the Scientific Community

In a 2013 *New York Times* article, columnist Akiko Busch says citizen science is “loosely defined as scientific research in which amateurs help experts gather data.” (“Why I Count Glass Eels,” *New York Times*, March 30, 2013; http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/31/sunday-review/why-a-citizen-scientist-counts-glass-eels.html?_r=0). Busch goes on to say that “volunteers are continuing the traditions of generations of amateur naturalists who have observed and documented the events of the natural world” and that “at a time when the scientific community is ever more financially stretched, using volunteers to help collect data is good sense.”

Mapping the Moon, Collecting Beetle Samples

Afriend is participating in a plant-monitoring effort called Project BudBurst (sponsored by the National Ecological Observatory Network and the National Science Foundation). Wikipedia lists many “citizen science” projects on the website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_citizen_science_projects. There are bird projects, butterfly projects, moon-mapping projects, plankton-monitoring projects, star and planetary projects, herpetology projects, infectious disease projects, just to mention a few possibilities.

Another project is called Backyard Bark Beetles (<http://www.backyardbarkbeetles.org>), and involves making a trap out of a plastic bottle, adding some Purell, putting it out in the afternoon and collecting it in the morning. You scoop out the Purell with any tiny insects that may be there and mail the samples to some experts who will identify any bark or ambrosia beetles therein. There are a number of species in this group of beetles, and entomologists are interested in determining the ranges of the species, some of which are serious exotic pests that kill lots of trees. You will be notified of the species names once they are identified.

So whether you’re looking for an outdoor project, or activities to do with children or friends, or want to contribute to research on our natural world, consider joining the ranks of the citizen scientists.