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## President's Note

—Ben Kirkup  
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The Moyaone is naturally reserved. Ostentation is out of place; thrift is a virtue very much alive. It is hardly a surprise then, and something of a point of pride, that Moyaone membership fees have increased only rarely. The last time the fees increased was almost a decade ago, and previously long before that. Each time these decisions were tied to the question of what services are integral to the Association and Community. However, I am not raising that larger question today.

The question that faces the Association is how long it can maintain necessary functions with dollars that daily depreciate—that is, the burden of \$50/month on a resident in 1999, or 2007, is greater than the burden in 2017. The decline in the value of the dollar (also known as price and wage inflation) has been continuous for many decades. Since the 1920s, the annual inflation rates over decade-long windows have been between ~2% and ~7%. The decay in the buying value of the dues can be seen subtly in the way reserve funds have been managed. While there used to be capital replacement funds for large pieces of equipment, those have since dried up and been raided for operations. That they are no longer line items masks the loss. Some of those expenses are soon to come due, including a new pool liner and a replacement septic system at the Wagner Center. These had been effectively planned for a decade ago; but because inflation was not subsequently incorporated into the budgets, they present as unmet needs.

In 2007, the Association agreed upon a resourcing requirement for operations reflected in the fees and the budget. That resourcing has been eroded by inflation and must be restored. To a certain extent, it would even be reasonable to suggest that “back dues” comprising the gap between the intentional buying power and the real buying power for the past decade should be combined and charged one time. However, at a minimum, the annual dues need to be caught up to the buying power of the original intentions and then maintained at a constant level.

This requires a slightly painful adjustment of mindset, and a vote of the membership. The dues from 2007 were \$650; since then

### Moyaone Association Budget Meeting

**Sunday, Dec. 10, 4 pm; Registration at 3:30 pm**

*Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek*

inflation has totaled ~18% to 19%, depending on the data used. As a result, the 2017 dues should really be \$770, a linear increase of just about \$10/month over the course of a decade. This is hardly catastrophic; and yet, it will provide the adjustment needed to pay off long-term capital costs that were originally planned. Continuing to adjust for inflation, with an expected ~2% increase next year (~\$15), has the potential to maintain the purchasing power of the Association—roads, building maintenance, and so on—without requiring periodic major readjustments.

This adjustment will not provide for new facilities or services. The Association tends to acquire new capabilities through donation. In fact, there is no obvious need for the Association to perform a wider range of functions—or more intrusive functions—beyond maintaining the roads, maintaining the community's common assets, and advocating for the general way of life in the Reserve. I hope that through discussion, the modest sense of adjusting dues for inflation will be commonly shared, and any differences of interpretation sorted out to find a predictable, sustainable path forward.

### Moyaone Association Board

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Adult spotted lanternfly with wings spread wide. Note the insect is less than 1 inch long.

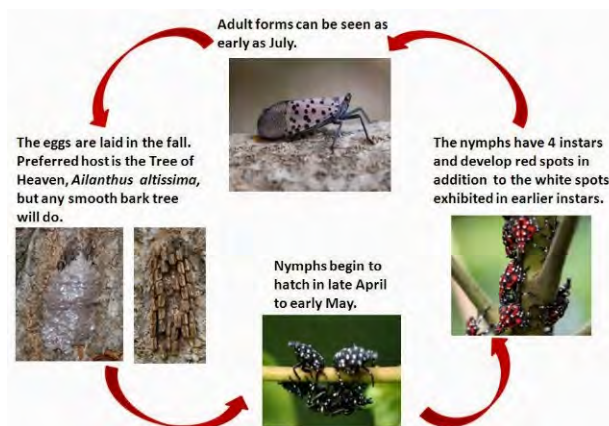
## Invasive Alien Pest Alert: The Spotted Lanternfly

by Paola Addamiano-Carts

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to gather with friends and family and to have good conversation. At our house this year, we hosted a large potluck. The food was quite tasty, though pie heavy. Musicians, including Grandpa Carts on drums, provided lively bluegrass tunes. We wished one nephew bon voyage as he departed for work in Australia the next day. However, it is news from my brother-in-law, a Pennsylvania park ranger, that I'd like to share here.

An alien invasive insect, the spotted lanternfly, is encroaching on Maryland. First spotted in Berks County, PA, the insect has spread to six counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. It is a threat to grapes, stone fruit, hops, and hardwoods. Its favorite food and breeding ground is the invasive tree of heaven. After we lost over 10 white ash trees to the emerald ash borer, I'm looking at alien invasive insects with new respect.

The photos below show the insect in various life cycle stages. If you see anything that looks like this, please take a photo and send it to [badbug@pa.gov](mailto:badbug@pa.gov) and call Maryland Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection Division at 410-841-5920.



The spotted lanternfly life cycle.

## Attend Moyaone Association Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10

The Budget Meeting of the Moyaone Association membership will be held on **SUNDAY, December 10, 2017** in the Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Registration and membership renewal begin at 3:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 4:00 pm.

This important meeting has a full agenda! Along with the proposed 2018 budget, introduction of new members, and reports from our standing committees, we will receive updates on the proposed Dominion compressor station, our scenic easements, and ongoing airplane noise issues. Also discussed will be options regarding the oversight of our investment fund and revenue from the sale of residential properties owned by the Moyaone Association.

Following the meeting, we will continue with a wine and cheese social. Bring your favorite finger food or drink, catch up with your neighbors, and meet our new members. A representative from Mount Vernon will be there to hear your thoughts about the option of having viewshed plaques on our homes.

We need a quorum to be able to proceed, so if you are unable to attend please give your proxy to someone who will be there.

### Welcome and Membership Committee

The Welcome and Membership Committee will have Moyaone stickers (the green and white poplar leaf stickers) for your car at the Membership Meeting. Guest passes that hang on rear view mirrors will also be available. Also, if your contact information--name/phone/email/ mailing address--has changed since last year, please give updated information at the meeting, or contact Paola Addamiano-Carts ([CartsFamily@alacarts.net](mailto:CartsFamily@alacarts.net)).

## “Cathedral Quest” Architectural Models Exhibited at Catholic University

Catholic University's Mullen Library is currently displaying architectural models constructed by Moyaone resident Rev. Thomas D. Clay. The models of cathedrals and other buildings reflect three of his lifelong passions: sacred spaces, architecture, and paper model building.

The exhibit will be at the May Gallery, Mullen Library until January 30, 2018. The Catholic University of America is located at 620 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. Check the library website for information about hours (<http://libraries.cua.edu/about/hours.cfm>) or call 202-319-5070.







## 15th Annual Winter's Eve to be Held at National Colonial Farm, December 9

Sat., Dec. 9, 4:00–8:00 pm

*Deanna Rishell, Visitor Outreach Coordinator  
Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park*

Winter's Eve is one of the most popular events held at the National Colonial Farm each year. Guests will enjoy a special evening as we deck the farm for the holidays—colonial style! Enjoy the simplicity of the holiday season with handcrafted, earth-friendly gifts for someone special. Experience an 18th century farm by candlelight, while enjoying music and entertainment. Decorate your own wreath using farm-fresh greenery, browse the gift shop for locally made treasures, and sip hot cocoa and warm cider.

Free admission, with tickets for food, beverages, and craft-making. The National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. For more information, see the website ([accokeekfoundation.org](http://accokeekfoundation.org)).

## Open House at Alice Ferguson Foundation Celebrate the Holiday Season with Us

*Varya Zhigilei, Communications and Marketing Manager*

This year's Annual Holiday Open House will take place 4:00–6:00 pm on Sunday, December 3 at the Alice Ferguson Foundation historic farmhouse, 2001 Bryan Point Rd. Join neighbors and friends at the farm for good company, holiday cheer, and a selection of holiday favorites. Please RSVP to [specialevents@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:specialevents@fergusonfoundation.org)

We look forward to again sharing this special annual event with you!



**The Fifth Annual Moyaone Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot** began with both chilly temperatures and high spirits (*top photo*). After a group photo (*lower photo*), participants set out on a course that went along the Piscataway Park boardwalk with beautiful views of marsh and water. Many thanks to Rita Bergman and Nan Fremont for organizing the event, to Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller for route signage, and to all who participated.

### SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:

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**Next DEADLINE:** Jan. 5, 2018 for January 2018 issue of *Smoke Signals*



# CHRISTMAS at MOUNT AVENTINE

Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Pl, Indian Head, MD  
(take Rte 210 to Chapman's Landing Road)

**DECEMBER 2 and 3, 11 to 5 PM**



*Beautiful decorations, live music, mansion tours, **gift shop & bake sale**, mini-Mt. Aventine doll house, refreshments...& more.*

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC EACH DAY FROM 2-3:30**

**CRAFTS with CARRIE STAPLES noon-4**

*Crafts inspired by the 1833 book "Carols Ancient & Modern" by Sandys*

*"I Saw Three Ships..."*

**Donation of \$5.00 per vehicle requested**  
*Proceeds benefit restoration projects at Chapman State Park*



For additional information [www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org)  
[www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com](http://www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com)



**Mary Lee Huffman**  
**September 1947–September 30, 2017**

On September 30, 2017, Mary Lee Huffman passed away at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Virginia, with her caring husband of 48 years at her side, during a lengthy recovery from a bilateral lung transplant. Mary determinedly and gracefully fought to recover for the past 15 months, saying “I am not a quitter.”

Mary was born September 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and raised by USAF Chaplain father, Kenneth Hartman and mother, Lillian. During the next 18 years, Mary accompanied her parents to postings in Japan, the Alaskan Territory, and various air force bases in the South.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education from Wittenberg University, where she met her husband, Robert Michael Huffman. Mary later received her Master of Education degree from National Louis University.

For the next 47 years, Mary and Michael enjoyed together postings in Greece, Italy, Liberia, Zaire, Turkey, and Germany, interspersed with assignments in Washington D.C., Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, California, and Colorado. During those diplomatic, military, and civilian postings, Mary became known for her work with the Department of State, Department of Defense, and various U.S. Government agencies chartered with the defense of the United States. Working until her diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Mary was known for her expertise in select subjects and was often contacted for consultations.

Mary is survived by her husband, Michael; children Heather and Jonathan, grandchildren Leanne, Sandra, Shady, Adam, Jacob, Abby, Felicia, Julia, and great-grandchildren Michael and Sarah.

A memorial service is planned for a later date in Springfield, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (<http://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org>).

## **Maryland Department of Transportation’s State Highway Administration**

### **MD 210 Livingston Road/Kerby Hill Road Interchange Project Update**

#### *General Overview of Project*

This project will improve safety and address existing congestion at the MD 210 intersection with Kerby Hill Road/Livingston Road. It will maintain three through lanes in each direction on MD 210. The signal will be removed at Wilson Bridge Drive and the intersection reconfigured with only an off-ramp in the southbound direction to allow right turns to Wilson Bridge Drive.

The MD 210/Kerby Hill Road intersection will be grade-separated with median ramps leading to Kerby Hill Road and it will be realigned with Livingston Road at the interchange.

A service road will be constructed along the southbound side of MD 210 to connect Wilson Bridge Drive to the new interchange. The median crossover access south of Alcoa Drive will also be removed. A right-in and right-out in the northbound direction will allow access from northbound MD 210 to the service road leading to Alcoa Drive.

#### *For the Week of November 20, 2017*

(All work is performed emergency, manpower, and progress permitting; equipment used for construction may be disruptive.)

- Pepco has postponed the relocation of overhead power lines and installing poles along MD 210 southbound, between Kerby Hill Road and Wilson Bridge Drive.

- Crews have begun preparation for placing noise barrier wall panels between Palmer Road and Livingston Road, along MD 210 northbound.

- Miller Pipeline has completed their gas line tie-in work between Wilson Bridge Drive and Kerby Hill Road.

- Crews will continue concrete foundations for the noise barrier wall along MD 210, near Brookside Condominiums.

- Crews will begin drilling for the noise wall foundations north of Wilson Bridge Drive.

- Lane closures and permissible work hours during all phases of work for the duration of the project on MD 210, Kerby Hill Road, Livingston Road, and Wilson Bridge Drive are:

- Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and
- Overnight, Sunday through Friday, from 8 pm to 5 am
- Additional work hours and lane closure times may be necessary to expedite all phases of work to keep the project on schedule.

#### *Looking ahead:*

- Crews will begin installing posts for the noise barrier wall south of Wilson Bridge Drive, along MD 210 southbound.

For more information and updates, see the website for the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/webprojectlifecycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=PG2211116>).