

# Smoke Signals



## MOYAONE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### President's Note

—Jon Rietmulder  
[moyaonepresident@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonepresident@gmail.com)

#### Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Moyaone Association will be held on Saturday, May 6 at the Wagner Community Center. Registration starts at 3:30 pm and the meeting starts at 4:00 pm. We'll be electing new officers and getting updates from all the various committees. There will be an official notice with more details closer to the meeting date but please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee of Sheryl Romeo, Kent Hibben and Bud Wareham for putting forward the following slate of candidates for the Moyaone Association Board:

*President* – Ben Kirkup

*Vice President* – Jon Gillespie

*Secretary* – Theresa Abell

*Director at Large* – John Mitchell

(Still serving as *Treasurer* — Jamie Kucab)

For *Financial Trustee* – Nancy Weiman

(Still serving as *Financial Trustees* are Michael Cohn and Charles Gaumond)

#### 2017 Moyaone Association Dues

Thanks to those of you who have paid your 2017 dues. Because Jamie got the invoices out early this year we're currently running slightly ahead of last year but still have an awful lot of dues to collect. If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 I encourage you to do so now.

After the membership meeting in May we will be publishing the list of paid Moyaone Association members in *Smoke Signals*. This way we can all thank those of our neighbors who are supporting our community.

#### Mount Vernon RSVP Deadline Is April 10

Don't forget to RSVP for the Mount Vernon reception on April 30. **RSVP by April 10.** See notice, above right.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association  
invites you to celebrate the viewshed  
with a

### *Reception on the East Lawn*

**Sunday, April 30, 2017  
5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Round trip boat service to be provided:  
5:00 p.m. - Depart Accokeek Foundation pier  
7:30 p.m. - Depart Mount Vernon wharf

or

Drive and park at Mount Vernon

Business casual attire

Kindly R.S.V.P. by April 10, 2017  
[viewshed@mountvernon.org](mailto:viewshed@mountvernon.org) or 703.799.8626.

Please include intended method of  
arrival and special mobility needs.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
**MOUNT ★ VERNON**

### Moyaone Association Board

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*The Potomac River Watershed Cleanup takes place on Saturday, April 8, this year. Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation.*

## Join the Alice Ferguson Foundation on April 8 for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

Each April, the community comes together for the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. So far this year, we have had more than 200 cleanup events scheduled across the region! Join us on Saturday, April 8 for a cleanup at Hard Bargain Farm to help clean up the shoreline of the Potomac River.

We will have special micro plastic trash collectors for the kids, and it's a great opportunity to get outside, meet new people, and make a difference.

If you anticipate bringing a large group of people, please RSVP to Hannah ([hseligmann@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:hseligmann@fergusonfoundation.org)). Learn more about the event and see registered sites near you: <http://potomac-cleanup.org>

## Alice Ferguson Foundation Honors 2017 Volunteers of the Year

—Varya Zhigilei, Communications and Marketing Manager

This month, the Alice Ferguson Foundation announced and honored its 2017 Volunteers of the Year: A great hurrah goes out to April Weimer and Richard and Susan Fortgang!

April Weimer has been a member of the all-volunteer Hard Bargain Players theater troupe for 12 years, serving as a huge part of this local theater tradition from 2004 to 2016. If you've been to the amphitheater, you've probably seen her in action. She has participated in and supported 19 shows, in roles as varied as stage electrician, stage manager, and director.

Long-time local Accokeek residents Richard and Susan Fortgang have been an integral part of the Accokeek community for more than 40 years, and have always been willing to help out and volunteer at Hard Bargain Farm events. Richard is an army veteran who consults for the Navy and Susan is a veteran teacher, with 30 years teaching in Prince George's County high schools under her belt. They both love the outdoors and spend many hours exploring the woods and countryside with their two dogs.

## Moyaone Pool Needs Volunteers

—Rhonda Hanson, Pool Manager

### Volunteers Needed for Moyaone Pool Committee

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the policies, procedures, and activities at the Moyaone Pool? We are planning to expand the Pool Committee this year. Contact Rhonda Hanson, Pool Manager, to volunteer. The committee is responsible to the Moyaone Board of Directors.

### Getting the Pool Ready for Opening

We will be removing the pool cover on Sunday, April 2 at 1 pm. This takes about 10 to 12 people. Also, help is needed to sweep, weed, clean and otherwise prepare the pool for opening on May 27. If you can help, please email Rhonda Hanson at [rhondaccps@gmail.com](mailto:rhondaccps@gmail.com).

## BEERS AND CHEERS

Mark April 22 on your calendar for the second Annual Beer Tasting. Many styles and types of beer will be available. In addition our brew masters will be eager to discuss brewing techniques and strategies with you. This will also be a terrific time to socialize with friends and neighbors.

Date: Saturday, April 22

Time: 7 pm

Where: Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road

Cost: \$10 per person

Snacks will be provided. All proceeds will go to improving the Moyaone Community Center.

If you brew beer of any quantity or style and are willing to contribute to this event, please contact Mary Lee Phelps ([mlgp42@msn.com](mailto:mlgp42@msn.com)). Hope you will join us and raise a glass.

## April Programs in Chapman State Park

—Linda Dyson

Several programs will take place at Chapman State Park in April. Check the website for details ([www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org)). Beginning on April 1, the Mount Aventine Manor House will be open for tours from 1 to 4:00 pm each Sunday. Chapman State Park is located at 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD.

April 1, Seasonal "Wildflower Trail" will be open and marked

April 8–9, "Seeds of Hope" exhibit on sustainable living will be on display in Mount Aventine, 1:00–4:00 pm each day

April 23, Annual Business Meeting and Reception, 1:00–4:00 pm. All are welcome. Review programs and activities planned for the year, and tour the kitchen wing under renovation.

April 28, Audubon trail walk with Audubon naturalist, 8:00 am.

### SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:

Ruth Gaumond, 301-292-1189; [moyaonenews@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonenews@gmail.com)

**Next DEADLINE:** May 20 for June 2017 issue of *Smoke Signals*



## Comment Online for the Mallow's–Potomac Marine Sanctuary by March 31st

—Jim Long

If designated, the Mallow's Bay–Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary will be the first in 20 years and the first for the Chesapeake Bay. The draft Environmental Impact Statement is out for public comment until March 31. Instructions for submitting comments are below.

Here the term “sanctuary” refers to protecting the Ghost Fleet of Mallow's Bay, the largest collection of shipwrecks in the western hemisphere. It does not refer to any restrictions on recreational or commercial fishing or fossil collecting, all of which might benefit by increased access to the Potomac River. A national marine sanctuary is an incentive to protect water quality, and brings resources for education, recreation, research, and tourism.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the sponsoring agency, is presenting four alternatives: (A) is no sanctuary; (B) extends across the Potomac; (C) extends up and down the Potomac for 52 square miles, and (D) for 100 square miles. Only Alternative D includes Mattawoman and Nanjemoy creeks and the Port Tobacco River. Hence Alternative D offers additional attractions and many advantages for fulfilling the goals of National Marine Sanctuaries—for education, recreation, tourism, and research. It also includes the town of Indian Head, and could contribute greatly toward its revitalization as a tourist destination while also alleviating pressure to mar Nanjemoy's unique rural character with tourism infrastructure. More information at [www.mattawomanwatershed.org](http://www.mattawomanwatershed.org)

To submit comments online: Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and paste this into the search box: **NOAA-NOS-2016-0149**. Or click the link at [www.MattawomanWatershed.org](http://www.MattawomanWatershed.org), where there is also detailed information.

## Red Tree Farmstead Offers CSA

Red Tree Farmstead seeks CSA members for a pickup in Accokeek. We are a small, diverse, Certified Naturally Grown farm in Charles County, growing a delicious and beautiful assortment of vegetables and herbs, with occasional fruit and mushrooms. We also offer an additional free-range egg share. The boxes are typically 8 items a week, with two seasons—Spring & Summer (May–September) and/or Fall & Early Winter (October–December). Questions? [redtreefarmstead@gmail.com](mailto:redtreefarmstead@gmail.com) or call 301-246-4679 ([www.redtreefarmstead.com/CSA](http://www.redtreefarmstead.com/CSA)).

## New Connector Trail Opens in Piscataway Park

Hiking in Piscataway Park just got better! This spring, thanks to a collaboration between the Accokeek Foundation, the Potomac Heritage Trail, and the National Park Service, a new connector trail has been blazed in Accokeek

By clearing almost a quarter-acre of brush, volunteers were able to conjoin the Mockley Point Trail and the Foundation's trail system, resulting in nearly 4 miles of uninterrupted views of the Potomac River shoreline.

Don Briggs, the superintendent of the National Park Service, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Network, commented on the new connector trail saying, “The new connection between the Visitor Center and Mockley Point exemplifies the concept of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, combining partnerships, opportunities for outdoor recreation, conservation, history, demonstrations of sustainability, and the exceptional roles of volunteers.”

This connector trail serves as the newest addition to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail network. The Potomac Heritage Trail is a network of 12 trails that span across D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, and link the Potomac River and the upper Ohio River basins. Established by the National Park Service, these networks of trails preserve routes used by George Washington and other early American settlers to travel from the Chesapeake Bay to the Allegheny Mountains. This network of beautiful hiking paths with historical roots is accessible by foot, bike, horse, or boat.

The new trail can be accessed from the Accokeek Creek parking area and stretches along the forest edge to the Ecosystem Farm, an 8-acre educational farm exhibiting permaculture methods of growing food sustainably. Currently, the trail is nameless and requires some further blazing, but it is open to the public and ready to be hiked. New maps, signage, and blazing are all under way. For more information, contact the Accokeek Foundation (301-283-2113; [info@accokeek.org](mailto:info@accokeek.org)). The National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road Accokeek.



## Accokeek Submarine Team Gets in Gear

—Paola Carts

Accokeek's own human-powered submarine team (Kids Into Discovering Science) is hard at work. A huge shout-out goes to neighbors and local businesses who have been supporting our efforts: Sterling Shilling for helping with welding on the submarine ground cart, Macia Construction for donation of raw materials, Knights of Columbus for meeting space, Cardinal Scientific for engineering advice and machining services, the College of Southern Maryland for marketing advice, and many more neighbors who helped in so many ways. If all goes to plan, the KIDS submarine (named Rubber Ducky) hull will be on display at the Hard Bargain Spring Farm Festival on May 6. The International Submarine Races where the submarine will compete are in June 2017 at Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock Division. Here are photos of the submarine hull under construction.



*Sean acts as guinea pig to help in sizing the hull (January).*



*Teddy and Liam assemble the wooden guide frame (February 18).*



*Foam inserted into frame and roughly sanded (March 6).*



*Daniel and Sean apply the "veiling layer" of fiberglass on the plug (March 13).*

## Music Events

**Saturday, April 29—Homegrown Coffeehouse**, Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, Education Bldg., 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Annette Wasilik, Nicole Belanus and Lynn Hollyfield; Gina DeSimone and Pat Quinn opening. Doors open 6 pm; opening act 7:15; main act 8–10. Admission: \$12. Lite fare for purchase: homemade soups, bread and cheese (served 6–7:30 pm); desserts, tea and coffee (all evening). More info: 240-305-0876.

**Saturday, May 6—Spring Farm Festival**, Alice Ferguson Foundation Hard Bargain Farm. 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Music: Noon–3:30 pm. Bonnie and Chris Aills, Lynn and Keely Hollyfield. Also, crafts, plant sale, farm animals, certified LEED building.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OPENING WITH...



# Lattes with Lambs

**April 1, 2017**

**National Colonial Farm**

**10AM to 2PM | \$10 adults; \$5 children and members\***

Showcase of barn animals • sheep shearing demonstration •  
live music • cheese-making and butter-shaking •  
wool felting • Visitor Center-Barnyard Haywagon shuttle • and a special  
knighting ceremony of everyone's favorite lamb - Nigel!

**\*General admission includes all above featured activities.**

**Additional cost for food and beverages.**



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*Accokeek Foundation is a 501(c)3 educational nonprofit organization serving the Washington D.C. metro area. Our mission is to cultivate passion for the natural and cultural resources of Piscataway Park and commitment for stewardship and sustainability.*