

# Smoke Signal

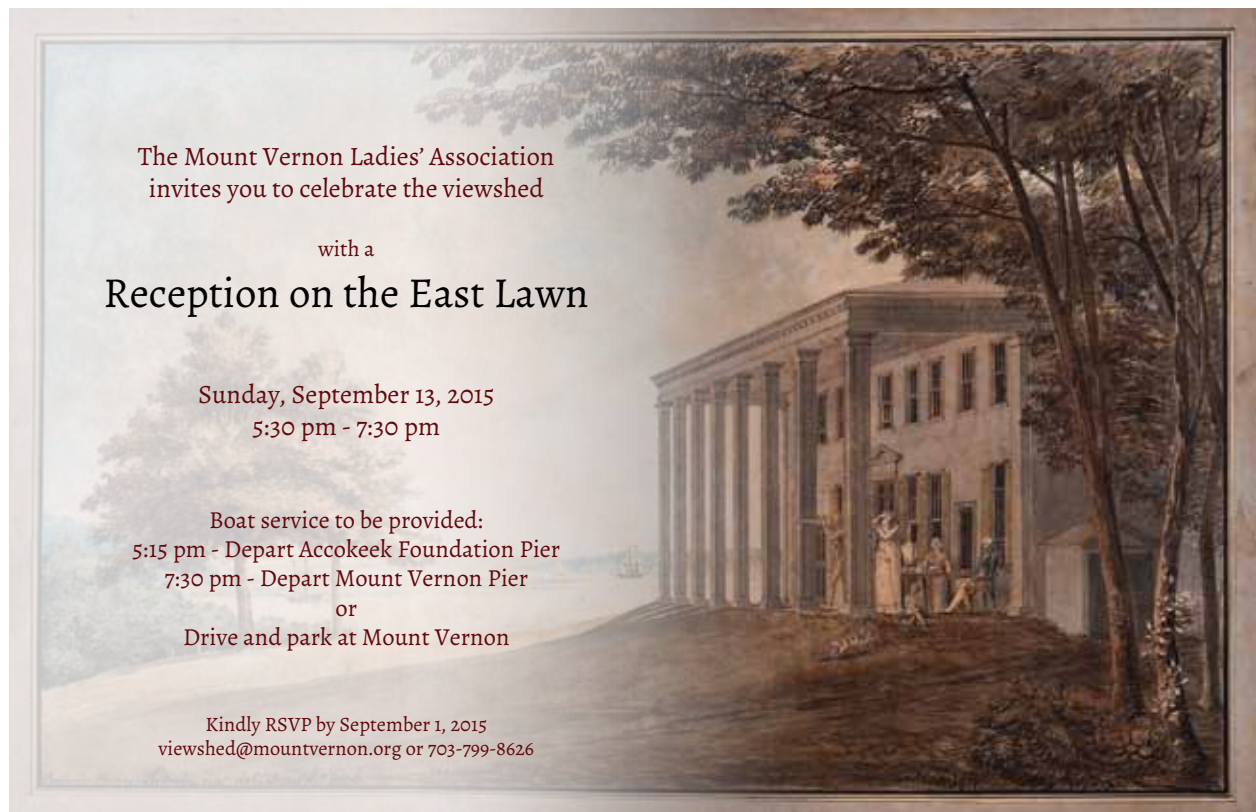


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The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association  
invites you to celebrate the viewshed

with a

## Reception on the East Lawn

Sunday, September 13, 2015  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Boat service to be provided:  
5:15 pm - Depart Accokeek Foundation Pier  
7:30 pm - Depart Mount Vernon Pier  
or  
Drive and park at Mount Vernon

Kindly RSVP by September 1, 2015  
[viewshed@mountvernon.org](mailto:viewshed@mountvernon.org) or 703-799-8626

## Note from the Moyaone President

Jon Rietmulder  
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### July 2015

Charles Wagner, an original member of “Fergie’s gang,” wrote poignantly about the Fergusons: Mrs. Fergie said she wanted to create a community of congenial, friendly, energetic people interested in and sensitive to its orderly development. One member later observed that it was a group of strong-minded individualists who could seldom agree on anything, who when real issues loomed,

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## Summertime at Mount Vernon

Esther White, Director of Historic Preservation

### July 2015

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13 when the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association will host a reception on the east lawn from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to celebrate the ongoing partnership between Mount Vernon and the Moyaone Association. Boat service will be provided, departing the Accokeek Foundation pier at 5:15 pm, and returning from the Mount Vernon pier at 7:30 pm for the trip home—or you may drive and park at Mount Vernon.

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## PG County Police Department Partners with Social Network “Nextdoor”

—Kent L. Hibben, Public Affairs Chair

The Prince George’s County Police Department will team with private social network Nextdoor to engage with that county’s Nextdoor subscribers with one-way public service/safety messages. Nextdoor does NOT share recipients’ emails with the sending agency, nor does the agency have access to the threads of the Nextdoor community(ies).

The roll-out of this partnership began July 9. For more information, see the website: <https://nextdoor.com/agency/>

Nextdoor subscribers can opt out of any of these public agency sourced messages (adjusting the settings just as when seeking to block select neighbor-to-neighbor postings: <https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/portal/articles/1006077>).

Emergency broadcasts can still be sent to all Nextdoor subscribers, to ensure urgent messages get the broadest dissemination.

The Nextdoor Moyaone Reserve leaders have been in communication with the Nextdoor points of contact, to ensure the privacy of our exchanges is maintained. Please share any questions/concerns with Public Affairs Chair Kent Hibben at: [KentLHibben@gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@gmail.com).

This new influx of information has reinforced the need to make the boundaries of our and the adjoining nine Nextdoor neighborhoods more distinct. The Nextdoor point-of-contact who is stationed in DC is going to be tapped to help with this process.

*In 2014 the Moyaone Association Public Affairs Committee launched the private online network Nextdoor Moyaone Reserve. On the site, neighbors can share community events, recommendations, items for sale/free, crime/safety concerns, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better. If you would like to join, or want more information, contact Kent Hibben ([KentLHibben@Gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@Gmail.com)).*



A young buck eating azalea bushes on Reserve Rd. Photo: Hsin-I Russell.

## The Prince George’s County Police Department Joins Nextdoor

—Chief Mark Magaw, Prince George’s County



I am pleased to announce that starting today (July 9, 2015), the Prince George’s County Police Department will begin using Nextdoor for Public Agencies, Nextdoor’s government interface to occasionally communicate neighborhood specific information in an effort to facilitate virtual neighborhood watch and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

Nextdoor is a tool for us to effectively share crime prevention and safety updates, free events, and emergency notifications. You can expect to receive hyperlocal crime and safety updates from the Prince George’s County Police Department on Nextdoor, but your Nextdoor website is still kept private to only those who live in the neighborhood and who have a verified address. Messages from the police department will be filtered in the “City Agency” tab on the left-hand navigation bar.

Please be aware that Nextdoor is not the appropriate way to request emergency services, police services, report criminal or suspicious activity, file a report, etc. If you require emergency services, please call 911. We do not monitor Nextdoor 24/7.

We look forward to using Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Prince George’s County.

## Weigh In on Area Roads Congestion

From trails to rails—here’s a new chance to ease the pressure on 210: The Southern Maryland Rapid Transit study is a proposed 18.7-mile route along the MD 5/US 301 corridor between the Branch Avenue Metro station and the Waldorf/White Plains area in Charles County. The study is to determine where the route should be constructed with special consideration given to crossing the Capital Beltway, station locations, and should it be light rail or bus rapid transit.

Submit your comments by July 17, 2015 via email ([smrt@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:smrt@mta.maryland.gov)), website ([www.mta.maryland.gov/smrt](http://www.mta.maryland.gov/smrt)), or mail (Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Study, Maryland Transit Administration, Project Manager, Project Development, 6 Saint Paul St. 9th floor, Baltimore, MD 21202).

## Summer at the Moyaone Pool

**Moyaone Community Pool** (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) is open daily 11 am–8 pm for general swim. Lap swimming is 7:30–9 am M–F and 9:30–11 am on weekends. The swim team practices on Mon., Wed., and Fri. mornings 9–11 am and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5:30–8 pm. A portion of the pool is reserved for general swim during evening swim team practice. We stay open Tues. and Thurs. evenings 8–9 pm for adults only during swim team season.

Membership to the pool is included in your consolidated fee. For more information, contact Rhonda Hanson (Pool Membership/Manager): [Rhondaaccps@gmail.com](mailto:Rhondaaccps@gmail.com); 301-292-6321.



# Moyaone President Urges Community Support



*The pavilion at the Wagner Community Center, shown here under construction in 2013, was the work of a volunteer team of Moyaone residents led by John Hollyfield.*

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they closed ranks. Mrs. Fergie remarked that anybody who bought land and moved way out here was bound to be a little crazy. —G.L. Hanssen, *The Moyaone Reserve*

Does that sound familiar, a bit like our community today? I think so. Here, unlike most places I've lived, we have an active community bound together by more than just geography.

How active? In the span of a month, I can go to a picnic with my neighbors at our new pavilion, enjoy wine tasting at the Hard Bargain Farm, get fresh produce from the Ecosystem Farm, see a play at Theater in the Woods, swim in our community pool,

bike and hike miles of our private roads and National Park trails, peruse the Moyaone market, and enjoy fantastic live local music at a Concert in the Woods at the Hard Bargain Amphitheater. All without passing through a single traffic signal.

## Four Ways to Support Your Community

I think Alice Ferguson would be happy with the state of the legacy she left us. But an active community requires active support. It needs your financial support and your participation. Here are four ways you can support your unique community:

- **Pay your Moyaone Association annual dues.** The annual consolidated fee covers year-round maintenance of our roads, access to, and upgrades for the community center, playing fields, pavilion, playground and barbeque area as well as swimming pool membership for your entire household. If you aren't sure if you are current on your dues, or if you have any questions, please email me at **MoyaonePresident@gmail.com** or call me at **301-203-0504**.
- **Become a paid member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation.** They provide outdoor experiential education for thousands of children and work to address the trash problem through the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative. On top of that they are great neighbors and sponsor wonderful events on the Hard Bargain Farm. Go to **www.fergusonfoundation.org**
- **Become a paid member of the Accokeek Foundation.** Operating the National Colonial Farm and the Ecosystem Farm, they cultivate passion for the natural and cultural history of Piscataway Park and a commitment to stewardship and sustainability. Go to **www.accokeekfoundation.org**
- **Join your neighbors at upcoming events.** Come on out to a picnic, a performance, or a work crew helping to maintain and improve our facilities.

A community doesn't just exist, it happens. Please help us continue to make it happen.

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## Summertime at Mount Vernon ... and an Invitation in September

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See the invitation on page 1. I hope everyone will be able to join us—it should be a fabulous evening.

Now that summer is upon us, did you know it's a wonderful time to visit Mount Vernon? A little known fact is that visitation drops off during July and August—I guess people prefer to be in the air conditioning or at the beach. Because the crowds are gone, visitors have a much more relaxed experience. One of my favorite spots at Mount Vernon, the Pioneer Farm area, is perfect in July. College students from across the country help staff the area demonstrating farming methods from George Washington's time. The best part, however, is the demonstration of treading wheat in the 16-sided barn. Washington designed the two-story, circular

barn as a more efficient place to process his wheat crop. Wheat was spread on the upper floor and horses trotted over it causing the kernels to separate from the stalk. The small seeds of wheat fell through gaps between the floor boards and were easily swept up on the bottom floor. The wheat was then sent to the gristmill for processing into flour, which was shipped throughout Virginia, the Caribbean and to Europe.

During July and August visitors can watch this process every day at 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you at the reception on September 13! (Please RSVP by Sept. 1 to **viewshed@mountvernon.org**; or call **703-799-8626**).

## George L. Hanssen 1927–2015



George L. Hanssen of Mitchellville, MD, formerly of Accokeek, died on June 14, 2015 from lung cancer at the age of 87.

George, a retired oceanographer, had worked at the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, Suitland, MD. He conducted environmental studies and participated in worldwide field projects in support of naval operations. George pioneered the use of small computers

for forecasting ocean acoustic conditions and their effect on the performance of Navy antisubmarine systems.

He lived a life of easy affability, wisdom and kindness. He loved working in his vegetable garden and fruit orchard. He was a history buff and published a book chronicling early Accokeek.

George is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Ruth B. Hanssen, their children Ronald A. Hanssen and his wife Mary B. Hanssen, Lorraine A. Collins and her husband Joseph F. Collins, and Helen M. Hanssen. Five grandchildren and five great-grand children also survive him. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Austin A. Hanssen, six sisters, and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society online at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Services and interment private.

—Published in *The Washington Post* on June 17, 2015

## Fergie's Gardeners to Meet July 18

—Betty Mitchell, *Fergie's Gardeners* Co-Chair

Fergie's Gardeners and friends had a great time at the garden tour last month. Thanks to Shirley and Frank Nicolai for hosting and sharing their wonderful place. The rain stopped just as the tour began, permitting us to walk the grounds all the way down to the river.

The Fergies are meeting again on Sat., July 18 at 8:00 am at the Alice Ferguson Gardens (located at the farmhouse, headquarters for the Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek) to help with the maintenance, followed by a hearty breakfast.

If you would like to join us in any activity, you will be most welcome. If you would like to become a member, please contact Doris Sharp ([dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org)).

## Residents Near Reagan National Airport Bring Noise Complaints to FAA

A news report on radio station WAMU reported on complaints made by local DC area residents to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials about aircraft noise at Reagan National Airport. The meeting, held July 8 at the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, was the latest effort by officials to listen to residents' complaints and offer potential solutions. The news report was aired July 9. For more information, see the WAMU website ([http://wamu.org/news/15/07/08/keep\\_it\\_down\\_residents\\_near\\_reagan\\_national\\_brings\\_complaints\\_to\\_faa](http://wamu.org/news/15/07/08/keep_it_down_residents_near_reagan_national_brings_complaints_to_faa)).

## Two Maryland Airport Hearings on July 13 and 16 Allow Public Input

—Jim Long

There are two upcoming public hearings on Maryland Airport in Bryans Road—July 13 (county) and July 16 (federal). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has pumped \$20 million into expanding this private airport without concern for environmental or social impacts. The Charles County development machine wants to leverage the expansion to develop land around the airport with taxpayer subsidies.

### Charles Co. Planning Commission Holds Hearing July 13

On Monday, July 13, the Charles County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on a Land-Use Study (LUS) for the Maryland Airport in Bryans Road. The LUS was written at the bidding of developers as part of the comprehensive plan revision. It promotes industrialization of forested land by boosting the failed Cross County Connector and the failed tech park, and retaining an unreasonably sized industrial zone in forest draining to Mattawoman Creek. To avoid conflict with residential development, a primary goal of the LUS, it could have recommended land conservation instead of industrialization that competes with revitalizing Indian Head. The LUS also could have proposed returning Bryans Road to a mixed-use village, but instead embraces the dense zoning for 8000 new housing units under the new flight path. The voice of citizens urging conservation instead of industrialization is needed to preserve our rural character and protect Mattawoman Creek. Monday, July 13, 6 pm (sign-up to speak earlier), Charles County Government Bldg., 200 Baltimore St., La Plata.

### FAA Holds Hearing on July 16 in Indian Head

On Thursday, July 16, the FAA will hold a hearing at the Indian Head Pavilion on a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Maryland Airport in Bryans Road. FAA approval of the Supplemental EA would enable completion of a runway lengthening to allow use by larger aircraft and jets. Approval would trigger long-term impacts, such as industrial development, road widenings, and aircraft noise that would be staggering for Mattawoman Creek and the region. Yet both the original EA and this supplemental EA shirk the responsibility to examine these "indirect and cumulative" adverse effects. Recognizing these impacts, the National Park Service called for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) when commenting on the original EA, which was approved with no public awareness. Now is the time for a public outcry to call for the full study of impacts that an EIS would afford: Thursday, July 16, 5 pm, Town of Indian Head Pavilion, 100 Walter Thomas Rd., Indian Head. Public testimony begins at 5:30 pm. Please attend even if late.

For more information see the website ([www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org](http://www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org)), or contact Jim Long, 301-283-0447.

### SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:

Ruth Gaumond, 301-203-1189; [moyaonenews@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonenews@gmail.com)

Next DEADLINE: Aug. 5 for AUGUST issue of *Smoke Signals*

# *French Wine, Hors d'oeuvres, and Live Music*

*August 1st, 7 pm until... Open bar*

*Moyaone Pool Deck*

## *PARISIAN LIGHTS*

### *A Stroll Along the Seine*

*Parisian inspired attire of any period welcomed*



*Advanced Reservations: Marylee Phelps [mlgp42@msn.com](mailto:mlgp42@msn.com)*

*\$35/person - \$40 at the door .*





*Dancers go wild, colonial-style, at the National Colonial Farm. Photo: Accokeek Foundation.*

## ***Summer Party at the National Colonial Farm, July 25***

**Saturday, July 25, 6–8 pm, National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek**

You're invited to the Bolton's Laurel Branch Bash Member Appreciation Event. Enjoy a beautiful summer evening on the lawn of the Laurel Branch Farmhouse as we bring together the best of the past and the present. It's been a long summer of planting, weeding, and picking horn worms, so the Boltons are throwing a party to unwind and let loose. The Accokeek Foundation invites you to join us on Saturday, July 25 for modern food, colonial cocktails, music, and games with the Boltons on the National Colonial Farm.

Meet the Boltons and taste some of their favorite libations. Play lawn games through the ages—from track ball to bocce ball. Grab some BBQ and enjoy a Potomac sunset on the boat dock. This event is for members and volunteers and their families. To register and for more information, call **301-283-2113** or see the website at: <http://accokeekfoundation.org/event/the-boltons-laurel-branch-bash-a-member-event/>

## **Lynn Hollyfield at Mt. Aventine, July 12**

The Mt. Aventine First Annual Summer Music Fest continues on Sunday, July 12, at 2 pm with a performance by acclaimed folk singer Lynn Hollyfield, accompanied by her recording artists. Bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy the afternoon on the lawn of the lovely Mt. Aventine overlooking the Potomac in Chapman State Park. Park gates are open 1–5 pm for trail walks, manor house tours, children's crafts, refreshments. Concert inside in case of rain. Free, donations suggested. The park is at 3452 Ferry Pl., Indian Head, MD. For more information: [www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org); **301-753-6664**. Music Fest is supported in part by a grant from Charles County Arts Alliance, SMHAA, and SMECO.

**Coming Sunday, August 9**—Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus, Southern Maryland's famous original barbershop group.



*Linwood Taylor (left) and Steve Wolf. Photo: Stuart Dahne Photography, 2013.*

## **Blues Night at Hard Bargain Farm on Saturday, July 11, 8 pm**

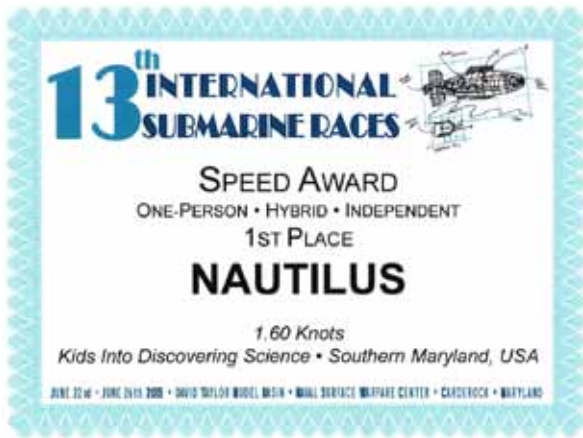
*with Memphis Gold, Linwood Taylor, and Steve Wolf*

**Alice Ferguson Foundation Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek**

This special concert will feature the music of Memphis Gold, who has graced the cover of numerous blues and music publications. His music is real and heartfelt. Linwood Taylor is tuned into Howlin' Wolf, Jimi Hendrix, and Muddy Waters, as well as Freddy King, Albert King, and Albert Collins, just to name a few. Steve Wolf has backed many of the finest R&B artists in the mid-Atlantic. Steve has been a fixture on the Washington, DC music scene for decades. He is one of the finest bass players on the East Coast.

Tickets: Admission: \$15; Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) Members/Students \$12. Refreshments available for sale. Proceeds benefit the AFF education programs. For more information, contact Doris Sharp (**240-766-8830**; [dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org))

# Young Scientists Say “Thank You” to Community Supporters



—Paola Addamiano-Carts

Once again a group of local youth designed, built, and competed in the International Submarine Races held at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division. The competition drew 25 human-powered submarines from seven countries. Our local group, Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS), won the coveted Spirit of the Races award and completed the course twice, clocking in at a top speed of 1.6 knots. The sub was designed to move under non-propeller propulsion using a “Fibonacci screw,” and our scale model worked well in the pool. However, as manufactured and installed, the full-size propulsion system provided little forward thrust. Fortunately, other teams at the races offered their help. In particular, the University of Washington helped us install a propeller designed for low rpm but intended for a shaft rotating in the opposite direction of ours. This put us in the “hybrid” category — having both non-propeller and propeller systems on the sub—and both pilots were able to guide the sub down the 100-meter course. In fact, we set a new speed record for the hybrid category: 1.60 knots. This was a wonderful end to a year of good hands-on science learning.

Of course, KIDS did not act alone. We had a lot of community support and we’d like to say, “THANK YOU!” to all our fans. In particular, these people and local businesses were notably generous:

- John Hollyfield (instruction, advice, materials)
- Sterling Shilling (welding)
- Aaron Ackley (mechanical know-how)
- Hans Haucke (physics know-how)
- Rob Gruwell (loan of equipment)

## Moyaone Association Board

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Marty Carts and KIDS teams member Teddy conduct buoyancy testing at North Point High School pool in Charles County. Photo: Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS).

- Rick Franklin (donation of materials)
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- Fusion Fiber (instruction and advice)
- Rhonda Hanson and the Moyaone Pool (use of facilities)
- Charles County Parks & Recreation (use of facilities)
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- Lowe’s, Waldorf (discount on materials)
- West Marine, Alexandria (discount on materials)
- Quality Printers (discount on services)

KIDS would also like to thank the many people who generously gave cash donations or encouraged us along the way. You know who you are, and we couldn’t have done it without you!

## NOTICES

**PLEASE JOIN IN YOGA, PILATES, AND STRETCH** at the Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. July through August.

- Mondays 9–10 am: Yoga (intermediate)
- Tuesdays 9–10 am: Pilates (all levels)
- Wednesdays 5:45 pm: Stretch (beginner)
- Thursdays 9–10 am: Pilates (all levels)

5 pack of classes \$50; 10 pack of classes \$90; or walk-in \$12 per class, check or cash only. Please contact Maria at: [mariafemia@hotmail.com](mailto:mariafemia@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

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