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President's Note

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Thanks to all of the members who attended our Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 21. So much was discussed that I can't possibly tell you about all of it here. That's why you should attend these meetings. I will try to hit some of the highlights.

Moyaone Association Finances

We took care of some core Association business. In March our Comptroller, Eric Hyten, moved out of the area and resigned. The board appointed Jamie Kucab as Interim Comptroller. Jamie dealt with a difficult transition, catching up and cleaning up many first-quarter issues. He also completed the move of our accounting system to QuickBooks Online, which gives us much greater financial visibility and will also make future transitions easier. We are thrilled to have Jamie on the board.

As Interim Comptroller, Jamie reported that our dues collection is running about where we were this time last year but our expenses are higher. We had some real snows this winter and we've also had some unexpected repairs to our heavy equipment.

A letter, written by Rita Bergman, urging all eligible residents to become members of the Association was circulated and signed by attendees during the meeting (*see page 2*).

When a large tree limb fell near the pool last summer we received about \$7,800 from our insurance claim. Recently we revisited that claim and managed to recover an additional \$11,800. Since some of the repairs are being done by volunteers we hope to get everything fixed and have a significant amount left to go into the general fund.

Purchase of Security Cameras Approved

After discussion, the membership voted on, and approved, an amended budget that includes \$9,000 for cameras to be placed at strategic locations near the entrances to the Moyaone Reserve. The cameras will be capable of capturing license plate numbers from moving vehicles day and night. The membership also approved a motion to allow the board to withdraw up to \$9,000 from our investment fund if the board deems current cash flow insufficient to cover those costs. I hope we won't need to do that but it is good

to have that flexibility should we have a cash flow problem. We will implement a camera at one location and test it thoroughly before proceeding with the remaining locations.

Mary Lee Phelps gave our Financial Trustees Audit Report. The trustees were pleased to see that a number of their 2015 recommendations have been implemented: accounting in QuickBooks Online, dues payments online, a printer for check printing, and the comptroller documenting our processes to ease future transitions. They suggested giving regular notice that payments can be made online, looking into automatic payment for routine bills, digging into a longstanding discrepancy between our accounting system and our checking account, ensuring an adequate contribution from the Swim Team, and reviewing our liability insurance. Based on this audit, the trustees determined that the Association finances are in good order.

We heard reports from each of the standing committees. Stan Fetter, Roads Committee Chair, reported on the snowy winter, wet spring and unexpected repairs to equipment. We've used 52% of our annual roads budget already. Stan received a rousing round of applause for all of his time and efforts maintaining our roads.

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May 2016

Dear Moyaone Neighbor:

Many of us in the Moyaone are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of residents who have not paid their annual membership dues. The roads are a major expense for the Association, and it is vital that the roads be maintained for a variety of reasons, including ensuring fire and emergency vehicles have unimpeded and easy access to each of the Moyaone properties. A forest fire can approach from any side, with no respect for whether the driveway faces asphalt. On occasion, we have actually plowed some of the county hard surface roads during major storms since the county sometimes puts us at the end of the list of communities to be plowed.

The consolidated fee includes many other benefits, and while we recognize that not everyone uses the pool, many, if not all of us, at one time or another, use the roads to visit one another, and to attend public/community events at the Wagner Center and the Commons. Furthermore, if it were not for the Moyaone Association coming together, we would not have FIOS in our community —no small feat! The Moyaone Association also has a voice in the larger community through our involvement and cooperation with other local organizations, including Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Accokeek Foundation, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and Greater Accokeek Civic Association.

According to the records as of May 1, here is the breakdown by neighborhood of paying members:

Street	Count	Paid Count	Street	Count	Paid Count
Apple Valley Rd	11	6	Old Landing Rd	8	5
Bonds Retreat Rd	3	2	Old Marshall Hall Rd	8	1
Bryan Point Rd	36	8	Overlook Dr	10	6
Cactus Hill Rd	15	10	Poplar Hill Rd	17	13
Colonial Rd	9	6	Reserve Rd	15	11
East Auburn Rd	2	0	Rockwood Rd	10	8
East Ridge Rd	4	3	Sanford Dr	2	1
Farmington Rd	2	1	Steamboat Landing Rd	4	3
Hidden Valley Rd	10	4	West Auburn Rd	10	7
Laurel Dr	11	3	West Ridge Rd	8	3
Old Colonial Rd	1	0			

This breakdown means that those who fail to support the Moyaone Association's budget are nearly doubling the financial cost to their neighbors. We would love to welcome you and your participation in our community. At a minimum, please make a meaningful donation to the roads upkeep – for the benefit of your community, and to protect the health and welfare of your families and your neighbors. Concerned Moyaone Members,

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Straus Sculpture Installed at Wagner Community Center

by Susan Straus

The Moyaone Association is pleased to be the recipient of a stone sculpture by Lenore Thomas Straus, now on display outside the Wagner Community Center (*see photo at right*).

Born in 1909, Lenore grew up in Chicago and studied at the Chicago Art Institute, but she was a largely self-taught sculptor whose medium of choice was stone. She moved to New York where she spent a year teaching and then came to Washington to work in the Resettlement Administration. Lenore was a young woman only in her twenties when she carved several landmark works throughout downtown Greenbelt, Maryland, for the Resettlement Administration in the late 1930s. These sculptures include the seminal pieces "Mother and Child" (c.1939), which is the centerpiece of Greenbelt's historic Roosevelt Center, a series of bas reliefs (c.1936-1937) depicting the Preamble to the United States Constitution, which were carved in place on the front of the Greenbelt Community Center (formerly Center School). In addition to these works, Straus carved large-scale animals for the playground of Langston Terrace, a New Deal-era apartment complex in Washington, D.C. Her work has been exhibited at the Chicago Art Institute, Metropolitan and Whitney museums, the Corcoran Gallery, and the Baltimore Museum.

Lenore moved to Accokeek in the 1930s where she stayed at Longview, then owned by Henry and Alice Ferguson. A large portion of Lenore's work was completed at her studio in Accokeek, where she and her husband, Robert Straus, lived for several decades and where they became friends with Alice and Henry Ferguson. Lenore created several works of art for the Fergusons including a portrait of Henry Ferguson, and garden sculptures including the Blue Rhino.

She authored two books, *The Tender Stone* and *Stone Dust*. Lenore wrote, illustrated, and printed *Stone Dust* on a printing press at her Accokeek home. Lenore moved to Blue Hill, Maine, in 1968, where she continued to carve and to explore pictorial expression in handmade paper. She died in 1988, at age 78, in her home in Blue Hill.

An exhibition of Lenore's work, "The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus," is curently on display at the Greenbelt Community Center.

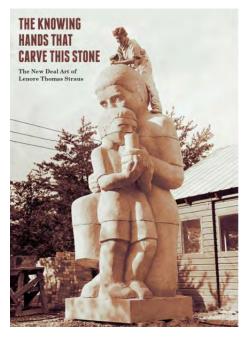
The sculpture is on extended loan to the Moyaone community by Lenore's children, Eric and Nora Straus.

Work of Lenore Thomas Straus Featured at Greenbelt Museum Exhibition

Visitors can view the current exhibit, "The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus." Greenbelt Community Center, open Monday-Saturday 9 am–10 pm, Sunday 10 am–7 pm. Free. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt. For more information: 301-397-2208; greenbeltmd.gov/arts. e-mail greenbeltmuseumedu@gmail.com



Photo: Kent L. Hibben



What ancient knowing lives within these hands?

What cells constructed from what decay?

What meandering, directionless transformations of the elements, from dust to air to linked bodies locked in love, breath-mingled, as the moist fluid creates, unknowing, the knowing hands that carve this stone?

The stone that lives when body dies again.

This passionate stone that with cold hunger consumes the carver.

In this union there is no rest.

No more completion than in that endless effort to touch another spirit within its complex cellular enclosure and blend two beings fully. It cannot be.

Each is alone.

But again and again the hands are formed that carve a stone.

-from Stone Dust by Lenore Thomas Straus



Moyaone Tee-Shirts Available

Celebrate the Moyaone in a dark-green tee-shirt (front has Moyaone name and logo; reverse has a list of trees found in the Moyaone woods). Shirts are available in standard adult and children's sizes. Email **KentLHibben@gmail.com** with "Tee-Shirt" in the subject line, with the quantity and size you wish to purchase. We need a minimum of 24 shirts to place an order; the larger the order, the lower the price.

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Accokeek Foundation Holds Homeschool Day, June 23

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Rd. Homeschool Event: Farmer for a Day Thursday, June 23, 10 am–12 noon \$8 per child, age 4 and up

What's it really like to be a farmer? If you like playing outside and using your brain at the same time, this career might be for you! Learn about the science of soil, the art of observing ecosystems, the challenge of identifying friendly vs. harmful bugs, and the joy of harvesting vegetables that you grow yourself! Conditions are always changing on a farm—so you'll have to use your best creative problem-solving skills to come up with solutions to real-life farmer challenges. You'll even have the chance to take home your own sunflower seedling. Meet the farmers at Piscataway Park, dig in the dirt, and find out if you have what it takes to grow for a living.

Preregister online (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farmer-for-a-day-homeschool-event-tickets-25673266431). For more information, contact Mary Alice Bonomo (phone 301-283-2113, ext. 28; email mbonomo@accokeek.org).



Photo: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park

National Trails Day® Paddle and Hike at Piscataway Park

Saturday, June 4, 9 am-1 pm

The land protected and known today as Piscataway Park was home to indigenous people for tens of thousands of years before Captain John Smith sailed the Chesapeake, before George Washington made Mount Vernon his home, and is still considered the sacred homeland of today's Piscataway people. Explore this indigenous cultural landscape and discover the rich natural history of Piscataway Park while paddling or hiking along the Potomac on a guided tour; be adventurous and learn how to geocache with friends and family; or just spend the day exploring this local treasure.

Kayak Tour

Departing from Fort Washington Marina, kayak tours will be led by Atlantic Kayak Company. This guided tour will include basic kayak instruction and then lead you on a journey to the Potomac and along the shoreline to Piscataway Park. See this natural and indigenous cultural landscape through Piscataway eyes! The 3-hour tour includes shore time and a time to explore the National Colonial Farm at Piscataway Park. Cost: \$20 per person; \$15 for Accokeek Foundation members; 20 person maximum capacity.

Trail Hike

Take a hike and learn about the rich cultural and natural heritage of Piscataway Park. This free guided hike follows the Potomac River, passing through a forest and tidal wetland and providing excellent views of Mount Vernon. Guided tours will begin at the Accokeek Foundation Visitor's Center. Please bring comfortable waterproof hiking shoes, a walking stick, and your water bottle. The hike is 1.5 to 2 hours with moderate level of difficulty. Free.

Sign up for both events through the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park website: http://accokeekfoundation.org/event/national-trails-day-paddle-and-hike-at-piscataway-park/

CUSTOM CSA Available

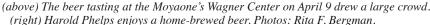
Prickly Pear Produce is a small sustainable farm in Bryans Road, MD, growing vegetables, some fruits, herbs, and flowers.

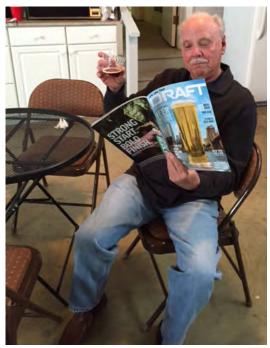


Our 2016 CSA (community-supported agriculture) is open for new members. Support local food in your community! The cost is \$560 for 20 weeks of produce, and local pickup location is onfarm. The CSA season starts in June.

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







PG County "Raincheck" Program Offers Rebates

As most of you know, we have lost many trees in our common area, some from damage, some from disease, some from the cycle of life. Through the Prince Georges County "Raincheck Rebate" program, however, we hope to get the funds to replace much of what we've lost—and enhance both the viewshed and the Moyaone Commons area at the Wagner Community Center.

The Raincheck Rebate program reimburses property owners, including homeowner associations, for the installation of projects that improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity, and improve local streams and rivers. The Raincheck Rebate program provides funds to individual homeowners (\$4,000 per property) and to homeowner associations (\$20,000 per property). There are several types of projects the program funds that could be appropriate for the Commons:

1. Urban Tree Canopy. Yes, it is true that the name "urban" doesn't seem to describe the Moyaone, but indeed planting trees here qualifies. Like city trees, our trees intercept rainfall before it becomes stormwater runoff, filter out pollutants, and absorb stormwater! Trees need to be native to the area and at least 5 feet at the time of planting. The program will reimburse up to \$150 per tree (for purchase and planting).

2. Rain Gardens. A rain garden is a planted shallow depression that uses water-tolerant native shrubs, grasses, and flowering plants to soak up stormwater, allowing it to seep into the ground slowly, and thus reducing the amount of water that flows directly into the nearest storm drain, creek, or river. The program will reimburse

up to \$10 per square foot. A rain garden must be a minimum of 100 square feet.

3. Cisterns. A cistern is a sealed tank used to collect rainwater that flows from a rooftop and store it for non-potable, exterior uses, such as landscape irrigation. The program will reimburse \$2 for each gallon of water that a cistern can store. The cisterns must hold a minimum of 250 gallons.

Theresa Abell, a Moyaone resident who has navigated the process (successfully) twice, is chairing a committee that will put together a plan to use the funds available and submit it for approval for the Raincheck Rebate program. While this effort will not include funds or planning beyond what will be funded by the Raincheck Rebate program, we want to be sure that whatever is done with the Raincheck Rebate funds allows for the future use and development of the Commons that are in line with residents' broader vision for the area. The committee is planning to move quickly, so that the plan can be drafted, approved by the board, and submitted to the program in time to be approved in time for fall planting.

There will be a meeting at 4 pm on Sunday, June 12, at the Wagner Community Center to discuss the program, the process, and residents' general visions for the Commons. Please join us then. In the meantime, please direct comments, questions, concerns, ideas to Theresa at: planting.the.moyaone.commons@aol.com.

You can find more information on the Raincheck Rebate program, for your own property and for our common area, at:

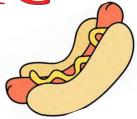
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Annual Memorial Weekend

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at the Moyaone Pool and Commons





SUNDAY, MAY 29 from 3 pm until ...

2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

- Cost: \$10.00 per person; children under 12,\$5.00
- Make your own pizza in our pizza oven; we'll supply the dough and the toppings
- Bratwurst and hotdogs on the grill
- Bring a side dish to share
- · Beer and wine for sale; free soda and juice

Open Houses at Mount Aventine, Chapman State Park

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

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

Mount Aventine is open most Sundays from 1 to 4 pm for self-guided tours. The park is open daily for walk-in visitors. See the website (**www.friendsofchapmansp.org**) for more information. Mount Aventine is located in Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head.





Spring Farm Festival Revisited

by Doris Sharp

We, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, want to express our deepest thanks to the community for all its support for our Spring Farm Festival on May 7. It turned out to be a beautiful day—no rain!—and many community members were volunteering in various capacities. Others supported the event by coming and bringing friends and families. It was the second year the Moyaone Market participated and it's becoming a tradition. The wonderful musical entertainment was provided by Kevin Grimes, The Surf Jaguars, Lynn & Keely Hollyfield, Good Gravy (Chris & Bonnie Aills who also provided sound; *see photo above*, *top*), and Across the River (Bob & Sam Carts; *lower photo*). The Barnyard String Band (Jim Rosenstock & Friends) was picking one tune after another down in the barnyard. Fun was had by all, and it's a good feeling to have such great neighbors. Thank you!

Hard Bargain Players Open the Season

June 10–25, Fridays & Saturdays 8 PM. The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon, by Don Zolidis. Director: Trey Thomas

The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine all 209 stories ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel to more bizarre, obscure stories like The Devil's Grandmother and The Girl Without Hands. A wild, free-form comedy with lots of audience participation and madcap fun. This is **NOT** your kids' fairy tale! This play contains mature content and themes not intended for children.

Contact Doris Sharp (dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org). Visit www.hbplayers.org. Performances take place at the Alice Ferguson Foundation Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek).

Moyaone Pool Opens May 28th



Current Moyaone Association members receive a Family Membership to the pool at no additional charge. Membership is open to all non-Moyaone area residents at the following rates: Family: \$475, Couple \$385, Individual \$265.

The Moyaone Pool will open on Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 am. We will kick off the season with our annual Memorial Day picnic on Sunday, May 29, beginning at 3pm.

Our weekend hours are from 11am-8pm (including Memorial Day). Our weekday hours are from 3:30pm-8pm

Monday-Friday when school is in session. We will begin our full day schedule (11-8) on Friday, June 17.

Swim team will begin practicing on Tuesday, May 31. The team will practice Monday-Friday evenings until school is out, then go to a M-W-F morning and T-Th evening schedule. The team is holding a meet and greet at the pool on Monday, May 30 from 1-3 pm. Information about the team can be found at www.accokeekgators.org.

Swim lessons will begin after school is out for the summer.

Morning lap swim will begin when the water warms to an acceptable early morning temperature. Stay posted Lap swim hours are weekday mornings: 7:30-9:00 am and weekends: 9:30-11:00 am.

Guest fees this summer are \$5.00/guest (both local and out of town).

Tara Scott joins the Moyaone Pool staff as a water aerobics instructor this summer. Come out on Sunday, June 5th at 2 pm when Tara offers a free demonstration class. Beginning on Monday, June 6, water aerobics classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. Classes will run for 4 weeks. The cost is \$65 for 8 classes. Tara is a personal trainer with certification from the National Academy of Sports Medicine. She is an aerobics fitness instructor (Body Works and Aqua Fit) at LA Fitness in Waldorf.

Our 2016 pool staff includes:: Manager: Rhonda Hanson

Assistant Manager: Keely Hollyfield

Head Guard: Carly Evans

Returning Guards: Micah Dixon, Mimi Kim, Sarah Nuslein New Guards: Antonio Herndon, Rachel Nuslein, Teddy

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Sub-Guards: Jack Bowman, Charlie Pinkard





July 10 Memorial Date Set for Gordon Watts

A memorial to celebrate the life of Gordon Dean Watts will be held at the Wagner Community Center on the afternoon of Sunday, July 10, 2016. There will be a gathering of family and friends—with pictures and memories to be shared—followed by a cookout on the Moyaone Pool grounds. Plans continue to evolve, but please save the date if you would like to join us to honor Gordon.

Moyaone pioneer Gordon Dean Watts passed away on March 11, at the age of 87.

President's Column

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Association Election of Officers

Rita Bergman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, offered a slate of candidates and the membership elected those individuals for the following positions:

Jon Rietmulder, 1-year term as President; Greg Pinney, 1-year term as Vice President; Jamie Kucab, 2-year term as Comptroller; John Mitchell, 1-year term as Director-at-Large. Karen Hoagberg continues in the second year of her 2-year term as Secretary.

Mike Cohn was elected for a 3-year term as Financial Trustee, joining Nick Wasylchuck and Charles Gaumond who continue as trustees.

Theresa Abell has agreed to chair the Commons Area Grounds Committee, a temporary sub-committee of Buildings & Grounds. Theresa brought to our attention the Prince Georges County Raincheck Rebate program that could potentially fund up to \$20k for planting trees in our commons area. The new group will examine our current and future uses of the grounds, develop a use and planting plan, and apply for a grant.

Because of the efforts of Michael Leventhal, representatives of the Moyaone Association, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and the National Park Service met recently and agreed to work together on a communication plan to educate area residents about the scenic easements. The first step will be a letter penned by Christine Smith, Superintendent of the Piscataway, Fort Washington, Oxon Hill Farm and Cove Parks. The letter is slated to go out in July.

Special Guests

We had a number of guest speakers. Christine Smith, our local National Park Service Superintendent and Lt. Green of the US Park Police joined us. Christine spoke about many of the upcoming events at our park and encouraged residents to participate. Lt. Green answered some questions from the members regarding park security issues.

SEND NOTICES FOR *SMOKE SIGNALS* TO: Ruth Gaumond, 301-292-1189; moyaonenews@gmail.com Next DEADLINE: June 27 for JULY 2016 issue of *Smoke Signals* Dave Koch, a new Moyaone resident and Chief Forester for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, gave an informative and entertaining presentation about our forest, forest succession, and forest management. For those of you who missed it, we'll have that available on our website soon. Big thanks to Dave.

Doug Ciskowski, an area resident, talked to us about the methodology for doing a deer census in the Reserve. I won't even attempt to go into the statistical analysis portion of this, but the count would entail having residents, on the same day, spotting deer on their properties and reporting via a website (*see brief description below*). This would be repeated periodically over the course of a year. Following his presentation, most of the room had hands up when asked if they would want to participate in such a count. You'll be hearing more about this. We are grateful for Doug's presentation and his willingness to spearhead this effort as lead experimenter.

After the meeting it was all wine, cheese and chatter as we enjoyed a social hour.

Moyaone Deer Census Proposed

Interest has been expressed in an independent deer census of the Moyaone area. Local volunteers propose doing one at no cost to the Moyaone Association or its members, suitable for publication.

Possible methodologies that could be used for a census include:

- 1. Cameras, thermal imaging, and satellite imaging—all expensive options.
- 2. Spotlighting—produces a minimum population count.
- 3. Point count—inexpensive and broad-ranged option.

Using the third method, the people of the Moyaone will do the actual counting. The general procedure is:

- 1. At the appointed time, spot deer around your house.
- 2. Note how many, how far, and in what direction.
- 3. Report it on a website (other means as necessary).
- 4. Repeat monthly.

Volunteers are welcome for those who cannot participate on the appointed day. Statistical analysis will be completed by local residents, who will produce a report of results in one year with quarterly updates.

Once the census website is established, more information on how to participate will be sent out.