

# Smoke Signal



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## ***President's Note:*** **A Proper Thanks ...**

— *Michael Leventhal*  
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As soon as the announcement came that Dominion Energy decided to abandon its plans to build the proposed Charles Compressor Station at their Barrys Hill Road site, I wrote a thank you letter to Mount Vernon. It was their involvement and leadership that moved Dominion Energy to change its plans. The historic view shed would be preserved, as would our air and water.

As nice as a thank you letter can be written, it does not seem to adequately express the full debt of gratitude the Moyaone Reserve has for the role Mount Vernon has played in this matter. In thinking of what kind of gift we could send to Mount Vernon, it became clear that the best gift we – the Moyaone Association and all of the residents within the Moyaone Reserve – could give would be to become members of Mount Vernon.

Mount Vernon is a membership organization. Becoming a member is as simple as pulling up the Mount Vernon website and filling out a membership form. There are individual memberships, couple memberships, and family memberships. The costs are not very high and the benefits include free admission, discounts on dining and gifts, the Mount Vernon magazine, and other perks. And the membership is tax deductible.

Whatever level of member you choose, please add a note of thanks to your membership and that you are from the Moyaone Reserve. It is important for Mount Vernon to know that our support and thanks are more than we can say.

## **Moyaone Association BUDGET MEETING**

***Saturday, December 8, 4 pm***

Registration at 3:30 pm

Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd.

## **...and Another Dropped Shoe**

The great news over the past several weeks has been that Dominion Energy is not going to build its proposed Charles Compressor Station project and that it has also withdrawn from the lawsuit it instigated against Charles County and the Charles County Board of Appeals. However, there had been some fear over the permitting process for this project that was still active. It has since been learned that Dominion Energy requested that all of their permit requests that were pending at the Maryland Department of the Environment be withdrawn.

The only thing left to see withdrawn is the certificate for this proposed project that had been issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). At the present time, the attorneys working on a separate complaint in this case are trying to determine how to get FERC to remove their earlier approval certificate. The difficulty is that the Charles Compressor Station project is only one part of Dominion's larger Eastern Market Access Project which was given the FERC certificate approval. Hopefully this too can be achieved before year's end.

# Task Force to Stop Charles Station: *A Time for Thanks*

—Karen Hoagberg, Coordinator

As you know, on Oct. 15 Dominion Energy Cove Point LLC announced that it will not pursue construction of the controversial natural gas compressor station on Barrys Hill Road in Bryans Road.

We wish to thank the people and organizations involved in the massive effort mustered to halt the building of this compressor station including the following, who were particularly helpful:

- Everyone in the Moyaone who contributed in some way to this effort. A special thanks goes to the members of the Moyaone Task Force. This was often a grueling effort with weekly meetings to plan and implement strategy, along with many hours of work between meetings. It's truly been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated and talented people.
- The many key and instrumental people at Mount Vernon who worked so hard on this issue, including Mount Vernon Ladies Association Regent Sarah Miller Coulson, Vice Regent and Viewshed Committee Chair Virginia Dawson Lane, President Douglas Bradburn, Viewshed Coordinator Luke Pecoraro, and the Mount Vernon Viewshed Task Force.

We met with many federal, state and local politicians and staffers, but the following were the standouts. These are people who listened carefully, made themselves available to us, and helped in whatever way they could.

- Chris Van Hollen, US Senator for Maryland and Joan Kleinman, State Director for Senator Van Hollen
- Mac Middleton, Maryland State Senator for District 28
- Mike Miller, President of the Maryland State Senate
- Kris Valderrama, Maryland State Delegate for District 26 and Carol Colbeth, Legislative Aide for Delegate Valderrama.
- Susie Proctor, Maryland State Delegate for District 27A
- Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Larry Hogan
- Ben Grumbles, Secretary of Maryland Department of the Environment
- Peter Murphy, President of the Charles County Board of Commissioners

Many organizations have been supportive in this effort, including: AMP Creeks Council, Accokeek Foundation, Alice Ferguson Foundation, Charles County Conservancy, Chesapeake Conservancy, Environmental Integrity Project, 1000 Friends of Maryland, Greater Accokeek Civic Association, Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club, Mount Vernon Ladies Association, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Potomac Riverkeepers, Preservation Maryland, and Smarter Growth Alliance for Charles County.

Throughout this process we have discovered that it really does “take a village.” Those of you who wrote, phoned, or emailed lawmakers regarding this issue deserve our deepest gratitude. You amplified our message and caused our representatives to listen to us. This is truly *your* victory!



## *On Leaves and Leaving*

All fall I watched the fading, preening leaves  
In costumed clumps and spunky single acts  
Perform above waving throngs of shadow.  
Then one day, as if on cue — holding hands,  
They staged the ancient revels unrehearsed —  
Joining its grounded twin in nothingness.

And I thought: Not a bad plan for leaving.  
Maybe the end is not black after all  
But dappled light and flowing color, so  
Beautiful, so intense that we are glad  
To close our eyes, fix tight on memories  
And drop silently into the long, long  
Continuum of chroma.

—Ann Williams (1926–2018)

Mom died just as the peak of color came to the Moyaone during its small fall window of opportunity. She loved this place, these woods, her home and said that she belonged to it — “Each approach to the entrance gate triggers a two-way tug of joy, as home and heart reach for each other.” She relished disappearing into the quiet with her art and joyful solitude.

I grew up here and thought that when I left with gusto at sixteen, I would never return. But coming back home to be with Mom gave me a second chance to love the Moyaone. As an aging adult, there are altogether new appreciations, and I've tried to savor them, all of them, during my window of opportunity.

When I leave again, and it looks as if I will have to, it will not be with gusto. Mom said that a heightened sense of home is always to be cherished. I have that now. We both were lucky to have had the time, the desire, and the courage to live here and help each other — late in life but not too late.

—Jenni Williams



# 6th Annual Moyaone Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot

Thursday, November 22  
8:30 am (sharp)

Meet at the Wagner Community  
Center Commons  
2311 Bryan Point Road

Walk or run with your family,  
neighbors, friends, guests, dogs.

Join us for a cup of apple cider  
before heading home!

*(If raining, Trot will not be held.)*



Art by Sheila Cox.

## Need Pies for Thanksgiving?

—Milo Bruner



Want to help someone in need? Why not get them through the Food & Friends Slice of Life charity? Not only will you receive a high quality pie without having to spend time making it, but every pie purchased will help to deliver nearly a million life-sustaining meals this year to adults and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other serious illnesses. If you don't want pie — or would prefer to make your own — for \$28 Food & Friends will deliver pies, along with a special holiday meal, to someone in need on your behalf! My mother and I are participating as pie sellers this year. If you'd like, you can buy your pies through our page at [sliceoflifedc.org/seller/kellyandmilo](http://sliceoflifedc.org/seller/kellyandmilo).

You can choose from Homemade Apple Pie, Spiced Pumpkin Pie, Oh So Sweet Potato Pie, Nutty Pecan Pie, and American Airlines Sky Pie (chocolate and caramel). We can tell you as people who have been eating these pies for years that they are delicious.

Pie pick up date is Tuesday, November 20. You can choose from sites all over the metropolitan area. If you select the Georgetown pickup location, we can pick up pies for people local to Accokeek (Bryans Road, Fort Washington, etc.) and deliver them to you. You can get in touch with us at [planesawdust@hotmail.com](mailto:planesawdust@hotmail.com) to request this option. Thank you, and have a great holiday!

## Moyaone Coordinated Deer Hunt

2018 will be the 12th year the Coordinated (Managed) Hunt has safely harvested white-tail deer per MD Department of Natural Resources regulations\*, on participating property owners' land. A total of about 125 property owners participate each year, providing hundreds of donated meals from these harvests annually to local food pantries.

This year the scheduled coordinated hunt days will be on November 30 for permitted properties in Auburn, Apple Valley, Cactus and part of Poplar Hill areas; on December 1 for permitted properties along Bryan Point Rd and in Bonds Retreat; and on December 2 on permitted properties in Charles County.

For a copy of the FAQs, email [hbwagner1215@Gmail.com](mailto:hbwagner1215@Gmail.com).

*\*Landowners donating their property for recreational use are protected against liability by MD State Law. §5-1101. Similarly, interference with hunting is actionable through §10-422.*

# The Moyaone Moneybag

## Greed and Avarice

— Charles Gaumond



My wife, Ruth, and I recently attended Shakespeare's *King John* at the Folger theater. The *Washington Post* had given it a very good review, saying that the director had transformed a confusing and one of Shakespeare's worst plays into a production that was understandable and meaningful. When we read the notes from the director in the playbill, we came across the term *tickling commodity*, which is used in the play. *Commodity* means *profit* or *gain* and could even mean something as extreme as *greed*. *Tickling commodity*, or the lust for gain, causes the death of King John, whose sole desire is to be king. In my opinion he wants to be king, but has no plans or policies that are not directly focused on near-term goals.

Friends, Moyaoners, and neighbors, we must be aware of our tickling commodity when we attend the upcoming Moyaone Association budget meeting on Dec. 8. The danger that awaits us at the meeting is tickling greed while scrutinizing the costs of various budget categories. Beware of seeing only the costs and not the implicit benefits of each endeavor. Yes, the roads cost a lot of money. Could less money be spent? Yes it could, but the roads would be in much worse condition. My brother and his family lived in a small subdivision in Jefferson County, West Virginia. The county did not take responsibility for maintaining the roads in the subdivision and there were no enforced payments to a homeowners association. The roads developed potholes. Some neighbors said they didn't care, they'd drive around them, or the pot-holes weren't so bad on their part of the road. The neighbors who wanted to fix the roads said they weren't going to pay for their delinquent neighbors. They all lived with potholes and were mostly miserable. Is this situation what we want?

Likewise, maintaining and operating the pool is a significant expense. Personally, I don't use the pool although I've been tempted; perhaps next year. But I realize that the pool attracts many people who do not live in the Moyaone. Some of these people might consider buying my house in the future. One of my neighbors bought a house in the Moyaone partly due to the existence of the pool. I had a phone conversation with a woman who wanted a refund on her daughter's pool membership because her daughter, as it turned out, hated swimming and didn't want to be on the swim team. However, she said that it was a beautiful pool and she anticipated returning in the future for herself or possibly her daughter and herself. She was very impressed with

the pool and the neighborhood.

We also attended the "Mid-Century Modern" event in October. We had an extensive conversation with a young couple who currently live in DC in an 800-square-foot condo. They had come to see the Moyaone's mid-century modern homes — that they could afford — but they also found a vibrant community. The maintenance of our community consists not only in its physical infrastructure, but also its residents as people move away and new residents must be incorporated into the community.

When we attend the Moyaone budget meeting next month, let's not be like King John, who focused solely on *tickling commodity* all the way to his death. I hope to see you all there at 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Wagner Community Center (2311 Bryan Point Road).

## Moyaoner Jim Turner to Give Book Talk *Selma and the Liuzzo Murder Trials*



Sun., Nov. 25, 6 pm Busboys and Poets, 14th and V  
2021 14th St. NW, Washington DC.

Join us for a book talk with Moyaone resident Jim Turner, author of *Selma and the Liuzzo Murder Trials: The First Modern Civil Rights Convictions*. This event is co-sponsored by The University of Michigan Press.

In 1965 the drive for black voting rights in the south culminated in the epic Selma to Montgomery Freedom March. After brutal state police beatings stunned the nation on "Bloody Sunday," troops under federal court order lined the route as the march finally made its way to the State Capitol and a triumphant address by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But within hours klan terror struck, claiming the life of one of the marchers, Viola Liuzzo, a Detroit mother of five. Turner offers an insider's view of the three trials that took place over the following nine months—which finally resulted in the conviction of the killers. Despite eyewitness testimony by an FBI informant who was riding in the car with the killers, two all-white state juries refused to convict. It took a team of Civil Rights Division lawyers, led by the legendary John Doar, to produce the landmark jury verdict that klansmen were no longer above the law.

*James P. Turner served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, the senior career lawyer in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, for 25 years under seven consecutive Presidents of both parties. He donated materials to the Labadie Collection in 2014 and later returned to use the collection as source material for the book.*

## ***Winter's Eve, Living History at the National Colonial Farm***

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Visit [accokeekfoundation.org/events](http://accokeekfoundation.org/events) or call (301) 283-2113 for more information.

**Winter's Eve, Sat., Dec. 8, 4–8 pm.** Free admission with some ticketed activities.

Celebrate the season at the Accokeek Foundation's annual Winter's Eve celebration! Tour the National Colonial Farm by candlelight while its halls are decked for the holidays, listen to caroling around the bonfire, and roast-your-own chestnuts. Visit the crafting tent to create your own earth-friendly holiday gifts and make a wreath from greenery grown on the farm and in the gardens. Warm up with a trip to the hot-chocolate bar and spice up your cocoa with all your favorite fixings. And don't forget to stop by the Visitor Center to shop National Colonial Farm souvenirs and one-of-a-kind gifts from local artists.

**Secrets of 1770—Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am–4 pm** (last weekend for the season). Free. Uncover the intricacies of the domestic side of the 18th century with friends of the Bolton family.

Nov. 17: Colonial Beverages (mulled cider, coffee, tea)

Nov. 18: candle dipping and Teas, Tonics, & Tinctures, 11 am–4 pm

**Free Guided Tours. Saturdays 11 am & Sundays 2:30 pm.** Explore Piscataway Park with a knowledgeable educator. Travel back in time to take a look at the daily life on the National Colonial Farm, get to know endangered heritage breed livestock, or discover various ecosystems on a trail walk. Topics vary. Tours will begin at the Visitor Center and last 30 minutes to 1 hour. Weather dependent.

### ***Moyaone Association Board***

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## **Upcoming Events at the Wagner Community Center**

*2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek*

### ***Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. 10 am–Noon. Moyaone Brunch and Get-together.***

It'll be a gray January morning, but you'll be having a good time chatting with your neighbors over coffee, tea, hot cocoa and light refreshments. Children are welcome! No charge.

### ***Saturday, March 2, 2019. Annual Chili Cook-off.***

The Moyaone Annual Chili Cookoff has become a much loved event, so mark your calendar now. Moyaone culinary expertise will be on display, and pots of chili to suit every taste. More details to come.

### ***Saturday, June 22, 2019. Pool-side party.***

Music, hors d'oeuvres, and scintillating conversation with your friends and neighbors at the poolside — it'll be a great way to spend a summer evening. Details to come.

## **Dissatisfaction with Nextdoor**

*—Holly Wagner, and  
NextDoor Moyaone Co-Moderator Kent L. Hibben*

As postings by large corporations can't currently be filtered out, the enjoyment and utility of Nextdoor has markedly decreased. Neighbors leaving Nextdoor for other forums — instead of adding to its roster — is next. Instead of forcing us out by this misplaced muscling-in of non-local firms, please share with us how Nextdoor can address this concern, returning to its original strength of letting locals stay looped in with what's local. Movement back in that direction stands to regain our goodwill and our re-engagement. Bring your comments and signature to the Moyaone Budget meeting on December 8.

# CHRISTMAS at MOUNT AVENTINE

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

**DECEMBER 1 and 2, 11 to 4 PM**

**Beautiful decorations, tours,  
gift shop & bake sale, &  
more....**



## **TRADITIONAL MUSIC, 1-4**

**Saturday – John Oloughlin Duo**

**Sunday – Rosewood Duo**

## **Crafts with Carrie Staples**

**Saturday 11-4**

**Sunday 11-2**



**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)