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Doris Sharp to be Honored on Sunday, September 11

*Lori Arguelles, Executive Director
Alice Ferguson Foundation*

After nearly 30 years of gracing the Alice Ferguson Foundation with her special touches and many talents, Doris Sharp is retiring and moving to North Carolina with her husband Earl. Please join us for a “Doris Day” on Sunday, September 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., as we celebrate someone who has been an integral and important part of the fabric of our community for nearly three decades.

We have a special day planned for this special lady, including performances by some of Doris’ favorite local musicians and, of course, some time to share your favorite Doris story.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation will be supplying a Gerard’s cake and white wine spritzers. If you would like to bring a side dish to share or make a donation toward the main entrees, or would like to contribute to a gift for Doris, please contact Brenda Wright at Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road (301-292-5446; bwright@fergusonfoundation.org).



New Email Address for National Park Service Easements

The National Park Service has created a new email address for you to use for questions about easements and for requesting permission to remove trees. Send email to:

PISC_Easements@nps.gov

Please note: you may continue to email park staff directly, but this address will be the preferred long-term email address to use as it can be maintained through staffing changes.

SEND NOTICES FOR SMOKE SIGNALS TO:

Ruth Gaumond, 301-292-1189; moyaonenews@gmail.com

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Celebrate Labor Day Weekend with a Picnic at the Moyaone Commons

Sun., Sept. 4, 4:00–8:00 pm. Moyaone Commons, Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. See page 4 for details.

Charles County's Visionary Land-use Plan Marred by Past Approvals

One is to be challenged at Board of Appeals, October 11

by Jim Long

Public exertion during a five-year battle finally met success on July 12, when a majority of Charles County's elected officials adopted a visionary comprehensive plan. By responsibly directing growth and conserving natural areas, Commissioners Murphy, Robinson, and Stewart are moving the county away from decades of sprawl development that has jammed commuter routes, crowded schools, leveled forests, and harmed Mattawoman Creek with polluted runoff.

Unfortunately, many projects remain "pipelined" in various stages of approval. A local one of great import is Guilford, located on 183 acres of stream-laced forest in Bryans Road. Guilford would change the character of Bryans Road with 438 housing units, including 140 apartments, 171 townhouses, and 127 detached houses. As a leftover from the failed Cross County Connector, it would increase traffic on rural Billingsley Road by a whopping 60%, but this wasn't properly considered when a preliminary plan was approved. It also threatens Mattawoman Creek and a globally rare magnolia bog.

Public exertion is again called for. Please attend to watch a challenge to Guilford on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm before the Board of Appeals at the Charles County Government Bldg. in La Plata. Learn more at www.mattawomanwatershed.org or contact Jim Long, 301-283-0447.



GOT 5 MINUTES FOR THE DEER CENSUS ON SUNDAY?

What: Second monthly
DEER COUNTING DAY

When: This Sunday, August 28
7:00 pm to 7:05 pm

How:

- Look out your windows
- Count any deer (zero is a valid number!)
- Report results to the counting at **MoyaoneDeerCensus.org**

We need your help:

- Remind your neighbors!
- If you can't be home, LET US KNOW!
We can provide a volunteer.

Got Questions? Comments? Contact us at info@MoyaoneDeerCensus.org.

Gators Wrap Up 2016 Swim Season

—Michelle Sullivan

The Accokeek Gators Swim Team wrapped up a season filled with anticipation and successes. The Gators finished second in the E Division and received the Most Improved Award from Princemont Swim League.

It was a record-breaking season for the Gators. Pool records were broken by Garrett Sullivan in the Boys 10 & Under 25M Fly and Micah Dixon in the Boys 15-18 50M Backstroke. Micah also set the team record in the backstroke. In addition, team records were shattered by the Boys 18 & Under 200M Medley Relay team of Micah Dixon, Teddy Schwalm, Jermaine Thompson, and Jared Simon as well as the Girls 18 & Under 200M Medley Relay team of Brianna Evans, Emma Hollyfield, Freedom Morant and Rachel Nueslein.

According to Data Manager Laura Gillespie, no records were broken in Divisionals or All-Stars. **HOWEVER . . .**

Since All-Stars was swum in a Yards pool (a rare thing these days), and our record board has no records for the first two events (since those events were later



additions), the Boys Medley Relay SET a record (by virtue of there not being one there before). Therefore, Micah Dixon, Teddy Schwalm, Jermaine Thompson, and Joshua Addison will go on the Accokeek Pool record board for the Yards record.

Many in the Moyaone Community came out to support the team at home meets. It means so much to the children and parents to have the support, so a **BIG THANK YOU** to those who came to the pool to cheer on the Accokeek Gator Swim Team (AST).

KIDS Team Gears Up for 2017 International Submarine Race



(left) North Point High School student Garrett Hayes on the pool deck works with the drivetrain he designed and prototyped. (right) Justin Schwalm and Bryce Sullivan conduct a test in the pool to time how long it would take to replace the propeller blades. Garrett Sullivan acted as timer and hand signal coordinator on the pool deck.

*Maya Civil
Kids Into Discovering Science*

Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS) would like to say a big thank you to the Moyaone Pool for allowing us to conduct our science experiment at the pool. We are getting ready to build another submarine to participate in the 2017 International Submarine Race. Last Saturday morning, we tested a prototype drivetrain built by one of our high school scientists along with our in-water propeller. Observers, a documentation crew, and in-water support positions were staffed by elementary and middle school students. Next up will be: Snorkeling lessons! Thanks again for your support.

For more information about KIDS, please visit our website: kidsinscience.org

—Maya Civil, Justin Schwalm, Bryce Sullivan, and Garrett Sullivan are all on the Gators swim team.



KIDS Team Nautilus at the June 2015 International Submarine Races. Photo: S. Peterson.

Music Events

Davies Concert Series, Sunday, Aug. 28

Osman Kivrak, artistic director of the Davies Concert Series and a local resident, announces the annual fundraising concert of the Davies Concert Series. The event, free and open to the public, will be this Sunday, August 28 at 4:00 pm, and will be held at Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs (<http://dmuuc.org>).

It will be a fun afternoon of music, dance and poetry. Performers will include Lydia and Andrew Kivrak, Abigail Gerstman, Tima and Kerrington Banks, Charles Lady, Robert Palian, Hiram Larew, Khari Shelton, Meredith May, Connie Coombs, and Ruth and David Phillips. Light refreshments will be served.

This year Davies Concert Series is celebrating its 45th year.

Concerts in the Woods, Saturday, Sept. 10

Lynn Hollyfield with Dave Abe, Keely Hollyfield, and Jimmy Brink will perform at the Hard Bargain Farm Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek (www.HardBargainFarm.org/).

Admission is \$15, or \$12 for members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation and students. Refreshments available. Performances are held at Hard Bargain Farm Amphitheater (an outdoor amphitheater). Comfortable clothing and bug spray are highly recommended. In case of inclement weather concerts will be moved indoors.

This concert series is supported by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Proceeds benefit the education program of Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center.

Labor Day Weekend Picnic at the Moyaone Commons



**Pulled BBQ chicken, chopped pork,
and vegetarian options**

Sunday, September 4

4pm – 8 pm

\$10/adult; \$5 children under 12

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

Drinks sold separately

Wood –fired pizza \$4 a pizza, \$1/slice





Saturday, September 17
A Midsummer's Night Dream
by the Moyaone Pool



MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM
AT THE MOYAONE POOL

Saturday, September 17, 7 pm

Socialize with friends, family and neighbors poolside under the moonlight and stars while enjoying open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and music at a party themed after William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Vegetarian options available. Costumes welcome. Party proceeds benefit improvements to the Moyaone Commons.

The Moyaone Community Center on the Pool Deck
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$35 per person online before Sept. 3

\$40 per person online after Sept. 3, and at the door

Please use the following website to pre-register for the event:

<http://www.moyaone.org/#!/midsummer/rxujz>



September Activities at the National Colonial Farm

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park
3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek



Sunflower maze at the Ecosystem Farm. Photo: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.

Summer Sunflower Maze Now Open

Come check out the Summer Sunflower Maze at the Ecosystem Farm! The farm and sunflower maze is open daily and is accessible via the Pumpkin Ash Trail located just off the visitor parking lot. Enjoy the sights and sounds of Piscataway Park on this 1/4 mile journey through a wooded wetland, along the Potomac River and ending at the Ecosystem Farm gate.

See what else is growing on the farm while taking in the beauty of this 8-acre sustainable farming demonstration space. But don't wait! The sunflower beauty won't last for long.

Stop in the Visitor Center, 10 am–4 pm, or call 301-283-2113.

Green History: Waste Not, Want Not—Saving Our Foods (Sat., Sept. 3)

The National Colonial Farm presents the next in the Green History interpretive program series, *Waste Not, Want Not: Saving Our Food*, on Sat., Sept. 3, 11 am–3 pm. This month's interpretation on the farm is all about food—more specifically food waste. Travel back in time to rediscover the lost arts of food preservation, composting, and good old-fashioned resourcefulness from the residents of the farm. This event is free and open to everyone. Green History interpretation takes place on the National Colonial Farm weekends through December. There are four themes in the series: soil health, water conservation, food waste, and energy conservation. *Waste Not, Want Not: Saving Our Foods* continues through October 16. <https://www.facebook.com/events/311186869229331/>

Permaculture Design Certificate Course (starts Sept. 24)

Join instructor Patricia Ceglia for this 72-hour certificate course on Permaculture Design hosted by the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park. Participants will learn:

- A step-by-step design process that taps your creative genius
- Observation and site analysis to identify natural resource opportunities
- Identification of microclimates and natural patterns
- How to restore bioregional ecosystems, watersheds and natural diversity

- Zone planning for energy efficiency
- Stormwater harvesting, management and remediation in the landscape

COURSE SCHEDULE: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am–6 pm

Fall 2016: Sept. 24–25, Oct. 15–16, Nov. 5–6

Spring 2017: March 25–26, April 22–23, May 20–21

Course fee \$80/day (\$1,060 total); <http://permaculturedesign-education.patriciaceglia.com/>

Homeschool Day (Thur., Sept. 29)

Maryland's early settlers had to be clever and resourceful to survive and thrive without today's conveniences. Learning some of these lost skills is fun, and can improve our health, our brainpower, and the planet! On Thurs., Sept. 29, 10 am–noon, homeschoolers will make their own embroidered handkerchief to save a tree, calculate calories burned by moving a zig-zag fence, help conquer food waste by learning the science of food preservation.

Colonial costumes are encouraged. Special fire-building workshop for children over 7 years. Beginning promptly at 10 am, this program is a great way to integrate history, environmental science, and physical fitness. Program fee: \$8 per student. <https://www.facebook.com/events/661217834032124/>



Taste of Fall Farm Dinner. Photo: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.

Taste of Fall Farm Dinner (Sun., Sept. 18)

Join the honorary event chairs, Senator Mike Miller and Delegate Elizabeth Proctor, at the 2016 Taste of Fall Farm Dinner in celebrating the extraordinary legacy of Delegate James Proctor and his support and advocacy for education in Prince George's County and the State of Maryland. Proceeds from this event will support the Accokeek Foundation's agriculture education programs including the Agriculture Conservation Corps and AgLab.

The dinner, hosted by the Accokeek Foundation and served on the National Colonial Farm, includes a cocktail reception with a live jazz trio, local chef demonstrations and appetizers, dinner provided by Susan Gage Caterers with wines by The Vineyards at Dodon, and a silent auction with fabulous gifts and services.

Tickets are now on sale. Cost is \$175 per person. Individual tickets available online: <http://accokeekfoundation.org/events/taste-of-fall-dinner/>



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