What a difference a year makes! In spring 2017, the Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park at Back Creek was in a state of disrepair. The Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park (AMMP) had recently leased the Park from the City of Annapolis and was in the beginning stages of transforming the campus into its new Education Center.

Over the last year, a team of volunteers and operations staff have worked tirelessly to transform the space into a safe and beautiful waterfront park for the people of Annapolis.

The immediate focus of these efforts has been the historic waterworks building located at the 12-acre park off Edgewood Road. The waterworks building was constructed in the 1930s during the Roosevelt Administration as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and is one of three surviving WPA structures in Annapolis.

After a herculean restoration effort, the historic waterworks building’s first floor is now open for business and in use as AMMP’s new Education Center. This floor features two classrooms and updated facilities for students. Aligned with environmental best practices, the Education Center now boasts a restored green roof, new windows, and a restored plaza area. These necessary improvements were made possible by Unity Gardens, Thompson Creek Windows, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“This first phase of the revitalization was a must for the expansion of the Museum’s education programs,” said Alice Estrada, executive director of AMMP. “A multitude of new and innovative programs are under development for both students and adults and will be available in the near future at this new campus.”

Public access to the new Park Campus is also a priority for the Museum. In step with its mission, AMMP is providing rare public access to the Chesapeake Bay with a free kayak launch site. With over a mile of scenic trails, many area residents along the Annapolis Peninsula can also use the space for hiking and dog walking.

AMMP was recently awarded a Maryland State Bond Bill sponsored by Speaker Mike Busch and Senator John Astle.

With award-winning education programs growing every year, this much needed funding will allow AMMP to continue efforts to revitalize the historic building and park area, including the restoration of the upstairs of the building into another large classroom. Once this outstanding venue for both private and public events is fully restored, the second campus at Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park will help AMMP maximize the impact on both area students and the community.

Stay tuned for new and exciting plans on the horizon at amaritime.org.

ALL HANDS ON DECK! As the Museum continues to grow and flourish, volunteers are needed to help make our spaces and events the best they can be. Interested? Email volunteercaptain@amaritime.org.
Special Exhibit

**OYSTER CANNON**

AMMP is proud to display a historic 19th century cannon from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. In 1886, this cannon was installed on the Leila, the original steam-powered patrol boat of the “Maryland State Oyster Police.” This 12-pound Dahlgren boat howitzer defended against oyster pirates during the Oyster Wars on the Chesapeake Bay. The Maryland Natural Resources Police, observing its 150th anniversary this year, is a descendant of both the State Oyster Police and the Office of the State Game Warden.

**BOARD CHANGES**

**CAROL SISCO NAMED BOARD CHAIRMAN**

The Museum's board of directors announced the election of Dr. Carol Sisco as its new chairman and Andrew Davis as vice chairman at its April meeting.

Dr. Sisco is the managing partner of Sisco Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in nonprofit financial management. She has served on the board at AMMP since 2014 and also chairs the AMMP Education Advisory Committee.

Retired Marine Corps Major General Andrew B. Davis is the chief executive officer of the World War II Foundation. General Davis retired from the Marine Corps in October 2008 after a 38-year military career. He joined the board in 2016.

**FREE CONCERT SERIES**

**TIDES AND TUNES**

McNasby’s campus | 7 PM

6/14 **Sweet Leda** Funk, Rock, Soul, & Pop  
6/21 **Mad Planet** Rock & Reggae  
6/28 **Sean Hetrick & the Leftovers** Alt Rock  
7/5 **Dan Haas** Pop & Rock  
7/12 **Dublin 5** High Energy Irish Rock  
7/19 **Timmie Metz Band** Modern/Classic Rock  
7/26 **Eastport Oyster Boys** Island & Rock  
8/2 **Sly 45** Vintage Rock to Modern Pop  
8/9 **Mike McHenry Tribe** Soul, Funk, Rock  
8/16 **Pressing Strings** American Roots

**SEPTEMBER SUNSETS**

Back Creek Nature Park | 6 PM

9/6 **Swamp Candy** Primitive Blues  
9/13 **Higher Hands** Funky Soul Fusion  
9/20 **High & Wides** Bluegrass  
9/27 **Timmie Metz Band f/ Tambo** Rock
SUMMER CAMPS AT AMMP

At AMMP Summer Camp, we foster a culture of growth and discovery. Nestled in the city of Annapolis, the Ellen O. Moyer Nature Park at Back Creek is a window to the Chesapeake Bay.

Campers develop their connection to the natural world as they investigate:

- 12 wooded acres
- a secluded cove
- nature trails
- marsh habitat

Each week, children engage in immersive activities which highlight our maritime culture, and create special memories and friendships that last long after the summer has ended.

Camps run in one-week sessions and are available for kids entering Kindergarten - 7th grade. For a complete list of summer camp offerings, visit amaritime.org.

OUR SUCCESS COMES FROM YOU!

Renew Your Membership

Day Docking
Council of American Maritime Museums (CAMM) Nationwide Reciprocal Membership
AMMP Gear

Renew at amaritime.org

Ask about our boat donation program.
Contact: development@amaritime.org
Saturday, September 15 | 5 - 10 PM

The Museum’s annual Parrothead celebration is just around the corner. Mark your calendars and reserve your VIP tickets early - this event sells out each year! Tickets will go on sale in June.