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Dear Frederick,

Well it's official. The Osprey have headed South, the marsh grasses are starting to lose their greenery and undoubtedly you have noticed that the evenings are getting colder while the angle of the sun has slipped into that familiar rythym that spells the end of summer and a new season is upon us. We still have some outdoor activities planned, so stay in the loop, as it ain't over yet.

Roughnecks

About Us

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Your tax deductible donation will help support the grassroots independent voice for water quality in Maryland's longest and deepest intrastate tributary.

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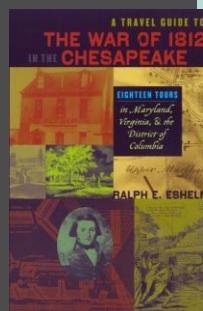
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At Nottingham we are winterizing the place, putting boats into storage and digging in for what some have forecasted could be a severe winter. On the advocacy front, we have about **11 separate enforcement and advocacy actions** underway with the goal of reducing pollution, demanding regulatory compliance, and assisting communities connected to the river to regain control and influence over the present and future of the Patuxent River. Details of our activities can be found in the published newsletter schedule to go out to dues paying members only during this October. Also, the Fall is typically our membership renewal season so if you have not done so already please go online or mail us a check to renew your support for grassroots, community based citizen advocacy with the sole purpose of protecting, conserving and restoring the water quality of the Patuxent.

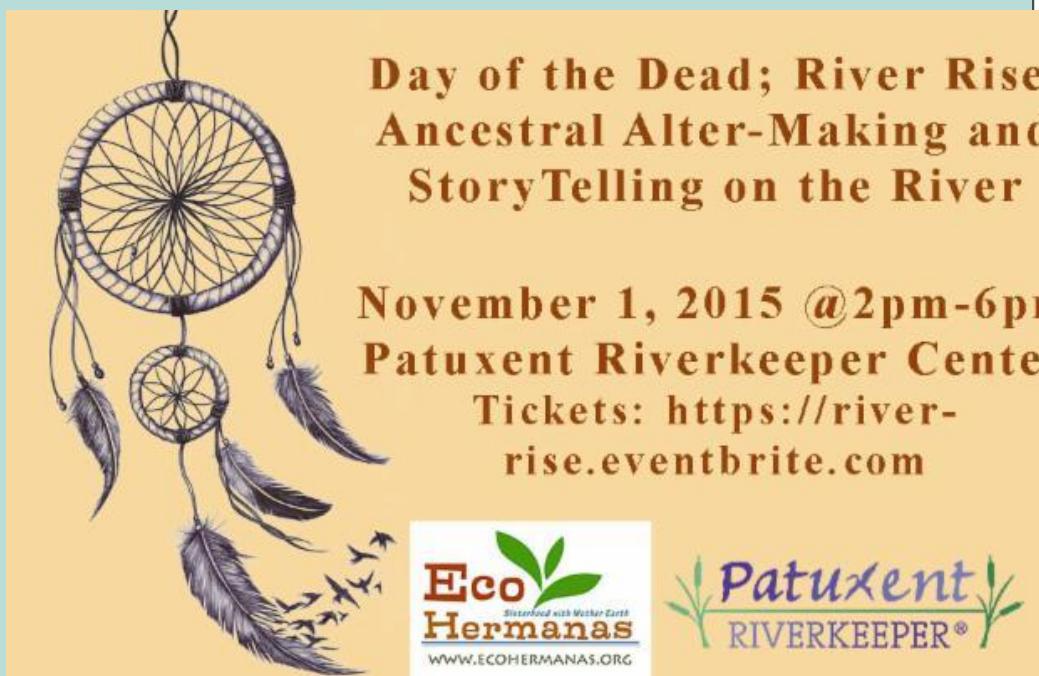
Please consider adding your grassroots voice to the chorus of empowered citizens demanding the clean water to which we are all entitled.

Don't forget to check out our newly improved [website](#) and our Facebook page to stay in the loop on new actions and events. Want to find out where to paddle on the Patuxent when the weather is right? Go to [the Patuxent Water Trail website](#).

See you on the river!

Sincerely,

Patuxent Riverkeeper



Celebrate the Ancestors on the river: Join Rabiah Al Nur (Spring of Light) in the creation of alters that channel and bring to life the story of your ancestors, Local storyteller Penny Gamble Williams will provide us the foundation on how to share lively stories of the the ancestors and we will share into the evening stories from our past, present and future along the banks of the Patuxent River next to a bonfire. The Patuxent River Keeper will host us and provide refreshments and snacks. Location is: Patuxent Riverkeeper Center; 17412 Nottingham Road, Upper Marlboro,MD 20772 . Bring symbolic offerings for your ancestors to add to the alter (photograph, shell, a rock, foods, beverages, dress warm/bring a blanket.

Donation \$10 per person (No one turned away for lack of funds)

Tickets at: <https://river-rise.eventbrite.com>
For more information contact: (202)439 7724

Shuttle departing from DC Fort Totten Metro Station (extra charge)

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**CALVERT
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**Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11,
2015**

Patuxent River Appreciation Days (PRAD) is a festival, which creates awareness, recognition, and promotion of the economic, social, recreational, cultural and historical impact of the tributaries and environs of the Patuxent River and the basin through which it flows. The festival has been held annually on Columbus Day weekend since 1978. The festival brings together, and reflects the continuing commitment of the community, Calvert County Commissioners, the Calvert Marine Museum, and other organizations which share a desire to preserve the Patuxent River and to celebrate its positive influence on the area's quality of life, in the past, present and the future. By bringing these people together in public forum annually, PRAD hopes to continue the interest in the support of the environmental programs and tourism activities surrounding the Patuxent River and its tributaries.

**NO ADMISSION FEES, NO PARKING FEES, FREE BOAT RIDES,
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, AND LIVE MUSIC!**

One of the highlights of PRAD takes place on Sunday the 11th, in the form of a parade, which steps off at 2:00 p.m. Participants include dignitaries, Shrine

Units, the American Legion, local high schools and various other non-profit organizations.

**This event might get cancelled if the weather is bad.
Please check their web site to verify before attending:
<http://www.jugbay.org/>**



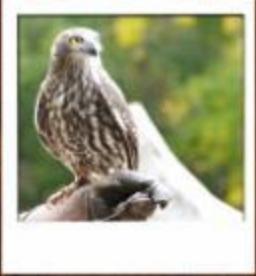
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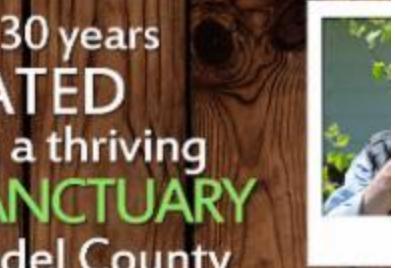
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Our Common Home

An Interfaith Experience of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si"

The Patuxent River BRING POPE FRANCIS' RECENT ENCYCLICAL TO LIFE in the Chesapeake Bay watershed with an experiential, interfaith series for young adults to bring awareness and advocate to take action for clean water. Young adults (20s and 30s) of any faith are encouraged to join us this fall for an amazing 3-part series designed to strengthen our understanding of Pope Francis' encyclical teachings and how to relate his call to action in our everyday lives. Attendees will gain knowledge about our relationship with water, local threats to clean water, and how to actively respond to the profound ecological moral challenges of our time.

Praise and Lament Tour

Sat. October 17, 10am-3pm * Enroll by October 10

Experience the beauty of creation and encounter the challenges it faces during this Kayaking journey through the serene Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary. Explore our relationship with water and all of creation through the lens of faith.

Environmental Justice

Sat. October 31, 10am-3pm * Enroll by October 24

Patuxent Riverkeeper leads paddlers through a complex case study in Southern Maryland. Enjoy the ecology, engage with the local community, and consider the interrelationship of environment, community, economy, and justice.

Responding in Faith

Sat. November 14, 10am-3pm * Enroll by November 7

Witness a faith community working to heal creation.

Join in the panel discussion with environmental and faith leaders on authentic, faith-based advocacy. Reflect on scripture, prayer, and Pope's Francis' writing. Gain confidence and tools as a public advocate.

Space is limited to 20 young adults per program.

\$20 per session / \$45 for series. Financial assistance is available.

Bring your brown bag lunch. Carpools available.

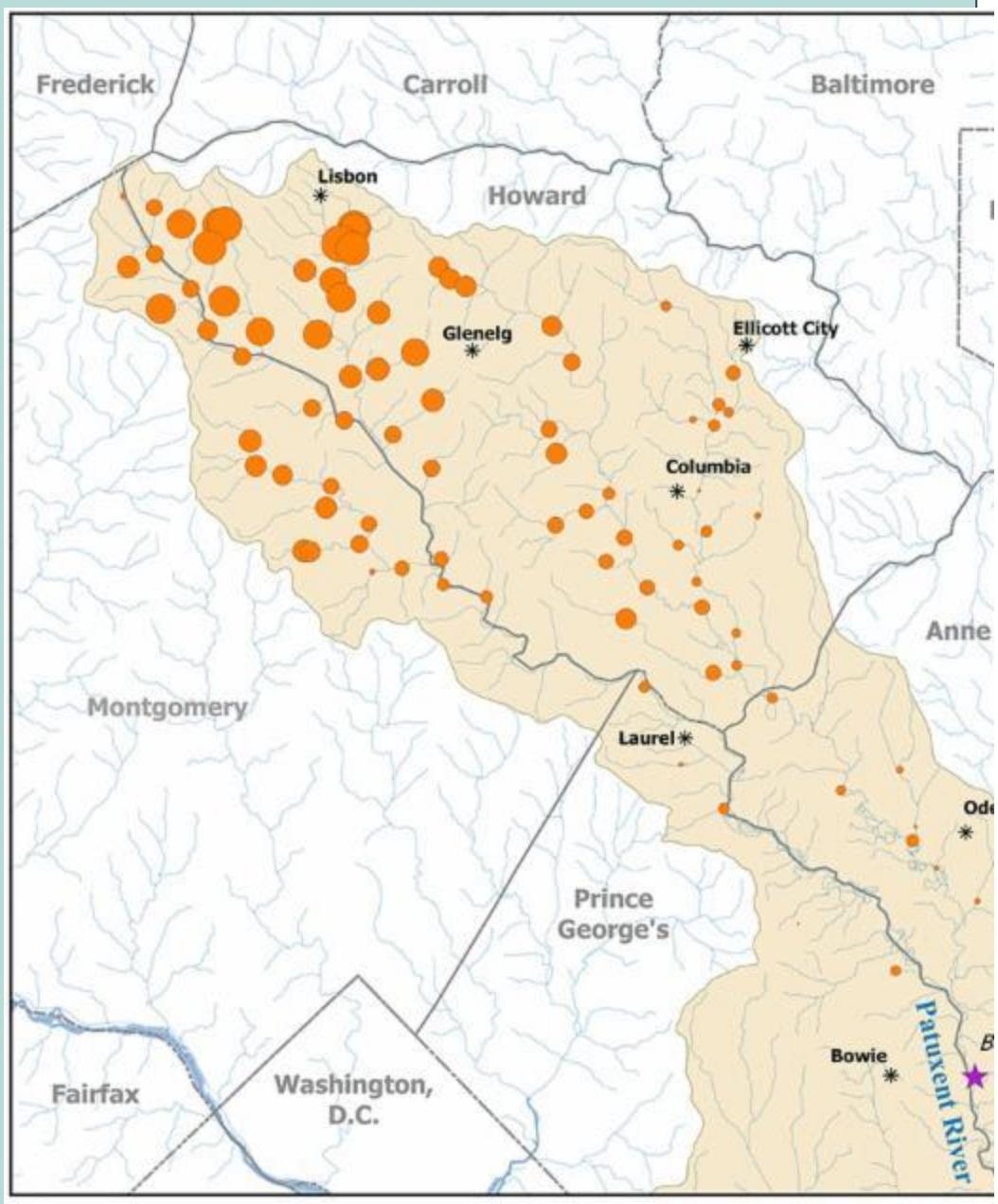
For registration and additional information, please visit

www.interfaithchesapeake.org/commonhome or call (410) 609-6852.

Hosted by Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Franciscan Action Network, Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Young Adult Ministry & Patuxent Riverkeeper

Water Testing Results for the Northern Patuxent Corridor

Water testing volunteers spent this past Spring sampling in the Northern and urbanizing sections of the Patuxent and the data reveals some notable Nitrogen hotspots in the Patuxent waterway. Volunteers are presently researching the possible sources. An initial map is displayed to help the public better understand where the data reveals problem areas. Want to test water near you? We run these programs seasonally. Get in touch if you want to know more.



Legend

- Patuxent River Basin
- Counties
- Streams

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- 1.01 - 2.00
- 2.01 - 3.00
- 3.01 - 4.00
- 4.01 - 5.00
- 5.01 - 6.33



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Roughnecks Wrap-up!

In Saturday, July 25th, Fred, Katie, and two of our hearty and fearless volunteers, Mike and Ken, paddled roughly 4.5-5 miles between the Davidsonville and Queen Anne Canoe Launches, clearing routes through some of the worst snags along the way.



Here are Katie, Ken, and Mike tackling a snare of dead vines and branches caught under a fallen tree that crossed the river.



And here are Mike and Ken sawing at one of the many paddle hazards we found.

If you are interested in participating in water trail maintenance, please contact Fred at fred@paxriverkeeper.org or at **301-579-2073 ext. 7.**

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