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### Mission

To conserve, protect and replenish Maryland's longest and deepest intrastate waterway. Through strategic advocacy, restoration and education our goal is long term sustainability for the ecosystem of the entire Patuxent River basin and the people who rely on its future.

## Patuxent Riverkeeper E-News 2016

April,



*Osprey Return, 3/16/16*

*Tutman*

*Fred*



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Dear Frederick,

Greetings, members and friends of the Patuxent River! The Osprey are back, the marsh grasses are getting greener by the day, and we can't wait to get out on our beloved waterway. We have a lot of great events coming up this year and we look forward to reconnecting with you.

New boats are coming in for your rental pleasure and we should have our new dock in place as the paddling season begins. 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 scheduled to go out to dues-paying members later this month.

Speaking of perks for members, why not become one or renew your membership today to take full advantage during this warm season. It's easy to do [online](#) and you'll receive discounts on equipment rentals, free launches from Nottingham anytime, invites to member events and our published newsletter.

Our [website](#) and [facebook](#) page are updated regularly so check in to see what's cooking. 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

Maryland's  
longest and deepest  
intrastate  
tributary.

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### *PRK Highlight*

*Click here to listen to  
the*

*SAFSF April  
webinar Patuxent  
Riverkeeper,  
Fred Tutman  
participated in,  
"Water Pollution  
Trading: Clean  
Water at a  
Crossroads," Co-  
hosted by SAFSF,  
11th Hour Project,  
EGA, Grace  
Communications  
Foundation, HEFN,  
& McKnight  
Foundation.*

## **Save the Date!**

Join Senator Gerald Winegrad on a  
Patuxent River Spring Birding Trip

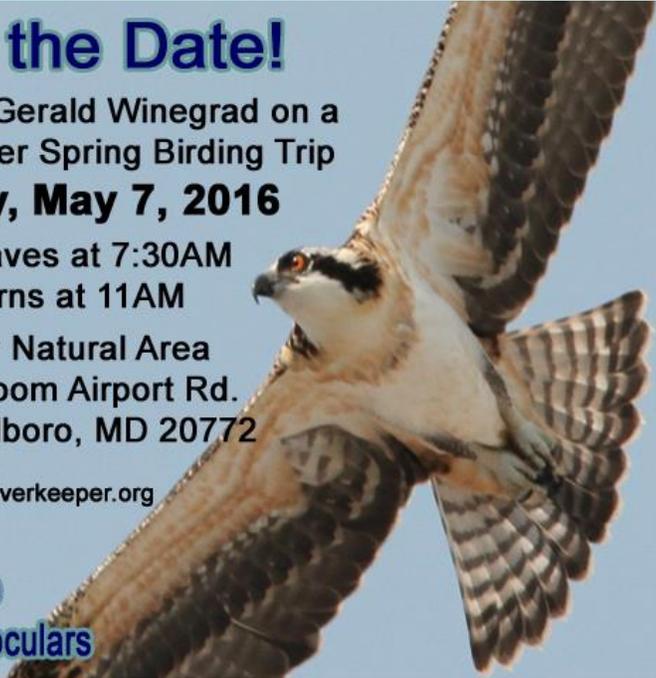
**Saturday, May 7, 2016**

Boat leaves at 7:30AM  
Returns at 11AM

Jug Bay Natural Area  
16000 Croom Airport Rd.  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

RSVP: [sonia@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:sonia@paxriverkeeper.org)

**\$5 Gas Charge**  
**Bring your Binoculars**



## **Want to get down with the Patuxent Roughnecks and get your Good Samaritan on? Volunteers needed and wanted!**

We have a wide range of water trail maintenance projects planned for this year, the creation of a new river camp site in St. Mary's County, upriver snag removal, placement of signs and marker buoys and removal of navigation hazards or blockages. To get on the notification list for summer work trips please send an email to [sonia@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:sonia@paxriverkeeper.org).



## Welcome, Sonia, Bob and Kevin!

Sonia joins us as a part-time Operations Director focusing on communications, events, and outreach. Sonia grew up on the Patuxent River in Howard County and has been working in Prince George's County since 2001. She brings a wealth of experience in the fields of education, food justice and social justice. [Click here](#) to learn more about her experience. [Sonia@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:Sonia@paxriverkeeper.org)





Bob Kaper, our Development Director, is a longtime St. Mary's county resident living on the shores of the Patuxent River. He's spent most of his career in media and public affairs as a print journalist, TV/video producer and communications director, with a frequent focus on energy and environmental issues. An avid catamaran sailor and power-boater, he's also served as a marketing and communications manager for a marine

hybrid-electric propulsion firm. [Bob@paxiverkeeper.org](mailto:Bob@paxiverkeeper.org)

Kevin McNamara is the 2016 resident caretaker at Nottingham. He lives on-site to assist with kayak launches and facilities maintenance. Kevin is a native of Maryland who grew up in the Upper Marlboro area. He attended Towson State University and is presently in the MD Conservation Corps. In his spare time he loves being around water and is a talented musician (drummer).

[Kevin@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:Kevin@paxriverkeeper.org)



## Upcoming Events

### Riverkeeper Talk

Wednesday, April 13 @ 7pm

"Is My Neighborhood Killing Me?"

Description: Your zip code may determine your life expectancy. It's important to be aware of local environmental issues, including pending legislation, to mitigate threats to our health and improve our environment.

The African American Democratic Club of Montgomery County, MD.

**Riverkeeper Talk**

Friday, April 15 @ 1pm

"Backyard Beauty, Backyard Pollution: What Role Can We Play in Environmental Justice?"

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

1313 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

**Prince Georges County Environmental Justice and Community Empowerment Summit**

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Everlasting Life Restaurant

9185 Central Ave, Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Free Eventbrite Registration Here

**Patuxent Riverkeeper Open House**

Saturday, May 21

Details TBA

**Jazz on the Waterfront**

Saturday, June 18

1PM-8:30PM

Details TBA

**PAX RIVER CAM**



*Sun Over The Patuxent*

*Photo by Fred Tutman, digital  
manipulation by Sonia Keiner*

From the looks of our live web cam online metrics, it appears we have some Patuxent River voyeurs in the house. And we totally understand; she's a beauty. Keep enjoying the view from your

desk, but be sure to come out and experience her beauty for yourself this season. Start planning your trips using our [Patuxent Water Trail website](#). And don't forget to order your navigation map [here](#).

## 'Tis the Season for Spring Cleaning



We'd like to give a shout out to the Chesapeake Paddling Association and other incredible volunteers from many walks who came out on April 4 to collect trash from the river. It's not too late to conduct a spring river cleanup near you. Need supplies and planning support? We're here to help!

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