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
April, 2016

Osprey Return, 3/16/16
Fred Tutman
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.

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
$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.
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
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

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

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
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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