May 2015

Dear Frederick,

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteer and site leaders who participated in our 2015 Annual Clean-up! More than 245 volunteers cleaned up over 5,500 pounds of trash, and collected more than 4,400 bottles and cans!

And thank you to the volunteers who helped collect water samples for our water testing initiative. We are awaiting the results and are eager to share them with you in our report card this summer.

Also, if you have not visited our web site lately, check it out! A complete redesign and overhaul of the site was completed last month with improved navigation, refreshed content and more features. See: www.paxriverkeeper.org

See you on the river!

Sincerely,

Patuxent Riverkeeper

Check out this event on
Thursday, May 14th!
Come out to Honor an icon of Patuxent River activism!
THE ROAST OF
BERNIE FOWLER
TO CELEBRATE THE FORMER MARYLAND SENATOR

WHEN:
Thursday,
May 14, 2015
from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Cash Bar from 6:00-7:00 p.m.)

WHERE:
The Rod-N-Reel Restaurant
at Chesapeake Beach Resort
and Spa, 4165 Mears Avenue,
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

COST:
$150 PER PERSON

WHY:
Proceeds benefit
Project ECHO

HOW:
Roast Master,
Congressman
Steny Hoyer

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS, CALL OR EMAIL:
410-474-0106 • TRISHGIPSON@COMCAST.NET
Join Senator Winegrad on Patuxent Spring Birding Trip!
Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 8:00 AM
Patuxent Riverkeeper Center
17412 Nottingham Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Come and join us on a spring birding trip along the Patuxent River with former state Senator Gerald Winegrad! Known as the Environmental Conscience of the Senate, Senator Winegrad has had a life-long fascination and love of wildlife and possesses an expertise in birds and their conservation. He has travelled the world looking for birds and other wildlife, from Madagascar to Papua New Guinea and from Brazil and Midway Island to the high Alaskan Arctic.

Senator Winegrad served with distinction in the Maryland Legislature for over 16 years first as a member of the House of Delegates (1978-1983) and then as a State Senator (1983-1995). He has received numerous awards for his legislative work, including from Sierra Club, Audubon Society of the Central Atlantic States, Clean Water Action, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Maryland Public Health Association. When he left the Legislature, he became Vice President for Policy of the American Bird Conservancy in Washington, D.C.

Senator Winegrad has also been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland Graduate School of Public Policy, where he taught courses he developed on Chesapeake Bay Restoration and Wildlife Management.
Bring your binoculars and come look for birds with us! Please RSVP (so we can get a head count) no later than 5/14/15 to: info@paxriverkeeper.org

Announcing a New Paddling Meetup group: Paddle from Nottingham Saturday, May 16, 2015 @ 10am

We will launch from the Riverkeeper's facility. Rental boats are available from the Riverkeeper, and of course, you can bring your own boat. Bring a lunch and we will try to find a place to stop and eat. We will paddle in the area, perhaps downriver to Spice Creek if tides permit. Please bring or rent, and wear a PFD. Please sign up in advance by joining (www.meetup.com) the Patuxent Friends Meetup Group

Teen and Adult Leadership Paddling and Camping Trips on the Patuxent River this summer! Apply by June 1st!

For teens:

The Teen Paddle is a 5 day (with 3 nights camping) canoeing expedition geared towards high school students entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2015. There will be two opportunities to participate: July 6-10, and July 27-31, 2015. The program gives teens a chance to practice leadership & teamwork skills. Paddlers enjoy a unique, on-the-water experience that features educational programming and builds a strong stewardship ethic for the river and its natural resources. Campers end the week with a presentation to county and state leaders, friends, and family. Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation. The cost is $200. Scholarships are available. Learn more at http://teenpaddle.weebly.com/
For the adults:
This environmental leadership focused trip is a 4 day (with 2 nights camping) canoeing expedition from July 22-25, 2015. The program gives adults ages 21+ a chance to practice leadership & teamwork skills as they navigate the river, measure water quality, camp by the riverside and prepare meals together. Paddlers enjoy a unique, on-the-water experience that features educational programming and builds a strong personal connection to the river and its natural resources. Paddlers will become immersed in Patuxent River issues and explore their role in solving them. Registration is being capped at 12 participants to maintain a hands-on environment. Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation. The cost is $175. Scholarships are available. Learn more at tinyurl.com/explorethepatuxent

2015 Patuxent River Conference
Thursday June 18 - Friday June 19, 2015
Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
Day-1: Share Science, Restoration, and Management Explore the Patuxent River! What research, monitoring, restoration, and management is occurring, and where? Listen and share with your colleagues, and then join in a facilitated discussion to brainstorm and prioritize gaps and questions of concern about the future of the Patuxent River.

Day-2: Create a Patuxent River Research Plan Be part of the solution! Drawing on the information gathered on Day-1, triage research, monitoring, restoration, and management needs necessary to address the pressures facing the Patuxent River that are threatening the sustainability of its resources.

More details coming soon! For registration & abstract submission, please visit www.friendsofjugbay.org

Questions? Please call Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary: 410.741.9330

SAVE THE DATE!
(Ticket and Reservation info will be on our web site later in May)

Jazz on the Waterfront
Saturday, June 20, 2015
Patuxent Riverkeeper Center

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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
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