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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

March 30, 2017

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

A River Affair

RSVP!!

[Annual River Clean Up](#)

Saturday April 8

9:00 to 11:00 AM

Contact us at

info@stmarysriver.org

301-904-2387



Sunday, June 4

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

State House Lawn
Historic St. Mary's City



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Join us for the seventh anniversary celebration of the St. Mary's River and our campaign for clean water. This event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations from local vendors. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased in advance by check or via PayPal. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the St. Mary's River. For more information email us at meghan.m.webster@gmail.com or call at (301) 904-2387. [Learn more and buy tickets.](#)





Legislation Update

Sanctuary and Fracking



SANCTUARY – Good news. HB924 passed both the House and the Senate with wide margins. This bill prohibits changing the sanctuaries until another fall survey and assessment is completed likely late in 2018. As the bill was written we would have had to stop our oyster restoration projects; the amendment - that Delegate Deb Rey sponsored - allows our restoration work, and others', to continue. The OAC's continues to move forward with discussions, and St. Mary's River remains a candidate for designation as a federal restoration partnership sanctuary.

FRACKING – More good news – First, the Governor came out in support of a state-wide ban on fracking. The House passed HB1325 by a margin of 97-40. The Senate passed the bill by a margin of 36 to 10. The governor should sign it into law making Maryland the third state in the nation to ban fracking (Vermont – legislation, New York – executive order). Recently Senator Steve Waugh was quoted in The Enterprise saying fracking was safe. He voted against the approval.



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Upcoming Events:

- CBL Science For Citizen Talks
Series Begins
Tuesday Mar. 28
7:00 pm
Chesapeake Biological Laboratory
Solomon's Island
FREE [LEARN MORE](#)
- River Clean Up
Saturday Apr. 8
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Kitts Point, St. Inigoes State Forest
FREE Please [RSVP](#)
- Earth Day on the Square
Sunday, April 23
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm
FREE Leonardtown Square
- A River Affair
Sunday, June 4
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Historic St. Mary's City

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