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ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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Volunteers Needed to Bag Oyster Shell Saturday March 12

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From 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Bob's farm in Park Hall, we will bag 200 bushels of oyster shell in preparation for the summer oyster nursery operation. This year we plan to grow six million spat (baby oysters). We supply gloves. Bring water to drink - This event is rain or shine.



Location: 19089 Point Lookout Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. Come for an hour or stay the whole time. We need your help! More info on [Facebook](#).

Supreme Court Refuses Case - Bay TMDL Upheld -

As of February 29, we may commend the EPA and supporting groups, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, on an long-awaited victory for our beloved bay and the health of its watershed. Five years ago, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Fertilizer Institute, and the American Home Builders Association filed a case to



challenge the EPA authority to restrict pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Specifically, they argued that the EPA did not have authority to regulate farming and had used flawed science to impose the Bay TMDL or pollution diet. In the lower federal court, Judge Sylvia Rambo ruled in favor of the EPA. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case means that the lower court's ruling is upheld. The EPA can and will continue to set limits on discharges of nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment runoff into the Bay.

For more information, visit the [Whitescarver Natural Resource Managment](#) or the [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) website.

PRA Hosts Riverkeeper to Discuss Coal Ash Pond Dumping

The Potomac River Association of St. Mary's County will sponsor a presentation from Nick Kuttner of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network. He will speak about the Riverkeeper's actions to protect the health of the Potomac, in general and particular. Recently his group filed suit to stop the draining of Dominion Energy's coal ash ponds into the river from Virginia. Nick will also speak about the toxic fly ash ponds at the headwaters of the Wicomico River above Allen's Fresh.



The Potomac Riverkeeper Network has pursued legal action in this matter and our speaker will bring us up to date on that action. This event has limited seating and reservations are being taken. Tuesday, March 15, 6 pm in Leonardtown. Contact Potomac.org@verizon.net or call 301-769-3840.

It's not too late to honor Bob Lewis on his Sixtieth!

Bob turned sixty on February 23 and we hope you will support Bob with a donation.

Bob has told us he does not want any gifts for his birthday; he would like his friends and supporters to give instead to the St. Mary's River Watershed Association. Tom and Nancy Cornacchia generously pledged to match dollar for dollar every donation made in Bob's honor. So your donation is doubled!

It's not too late to get in on this donation-matching campaign - please help us honor Bob with your support!



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Suggested donation is \$60



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Upcoming Events:

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to Bag Oyster Shell
8:30 to 11:30 am, Saturday March 11
19089 Point Lookout Road, Lexington Park
- Earth Day on the Square
Noon to 4:30, Sunday April 17
Leonardtown
- St. Mary's River Clean Up
9:00 April 23
RSVP
- **SAVE THE DATE!**

A River Affair

1:00 to 4:00 June 5
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- 11:00 to 4:00 September 24
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