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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLE

Pursuant to our constitution and bylaws, the following two changes are put before you for your consideration. The required thirty day notice means that these will be voted on at our February membership meeting.

(Bylaw Change)

Purpose: To adjust the threshold at which Membership approval is required for appropriations and obligations not in the Membership approved budget. The affected section in the Constitution is **Article IV – Board of Directors, Section 4**. The present threshold of \$500.00 was set long in the past and no longer reflects the reality of the needs of the Chapter. The proposed change would raise that threshold to \$1,000.00.

Existing Language:

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 4. No debts shall be incurred, or money disbursed, without approval of the Board of Directors, provided, however, that such approval may be given by the adoption by the Directors of a budget to cover all ordinary, and necessary or regular recurring expenses. In such event, approval of each expenditure within the budget appropriation will not be required. The annual budget and all other appropriations shall be approved by the membership of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting. All appropriations or obligations not approved in the budget involving the expenditure of **Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars or more** in total shall be approved in advance by the membership of the Chapter at a regular or special meeting, in advance of the payment of funds.

Proposed Language:

Article IV - Board of Directors

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Article III Section 5 Membership (Constitution)

In the event that unusual circumstances prevent a probationary member from successfully fulfilling any probationary requirements during the probationary period and suitable accommodations are unsuccessful or are unavailable, the Board of Directors, by a two thirds majority, may suspend, excuse, modify, reduce or extend any such probationary requirements and/or probationary period. Such unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical, mental or emotion conditions, deployment in the military, employment in an unusual occupation or such other unusual circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors.

At the February Board of Directors Meeting, it was decided that the installation of new officers will be moved from the September membership meeting to the December membership meeting. All other election dates remain the same. Elections will still be held at the August membership meeting.

The purpose of the change is to give incoming officers 4 months of training on the job, especially complicated positions like the Membership Chairman and Treasurer. In the past, the incoming Membership Chairman would take over at the absolute busiest time of the year with membership renewals.

A bit of history, the Board of Directors initially served on a calendar year. During the 60's, that was changed to the September to September cycle we currently use.

Conservation (Meo Curtis)

Rain Barrel Workshop

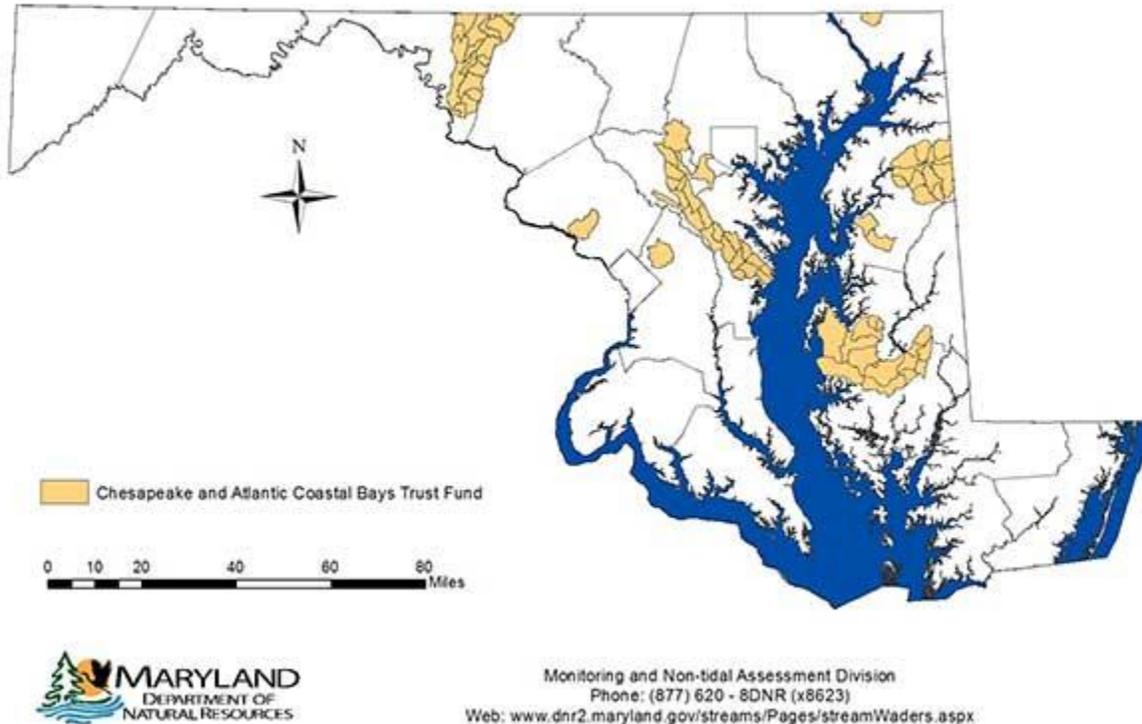
Tuesday March 7, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, in the WAC Chapter House. Learn about the problems with storm water runoff and then help reduce runoff and conserve water on your property. Take home a 55-gallon rain barrel to collect water from your rooftop. Program is limited to 25 participants, one barrel per household. This workshop is open to members and non-members. Cost for the workshop is \$10 which covers the food-grade plastic barrel and all hardware, including a diverter to connect to your downspout. You must register and pay in advance. Come to the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday 2/22 to sign up in person or send a check payable to IWLA-WAC to Jeff Deschamps, 8545 Pineway Court, Laurel, MD 20723. Please include your e-mail address so Jeff can send you an acknowledgement when your payment is received. For additional information contact Jeff Deschamps at jeff.deschamps@verizon.net.

DNR sponsored activities on Saturdays in February, closeby.

2/11 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day Statewide Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day Set for February 11 Anyone up to 16 Years Old Can Participate Young Marylanders can hone their hunting skills with the help of an experienced adult Feb. 11 for the second of two [Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Pages/JrHunters.aspx) <http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Pages/JrHunters.aspx> scheduled for the 2016-2017 hunting season.

- **2/18 Hiking with Dogs** at Seneca Creek: Bring your furry friend and join Park staff for a 2-mile hike. 1-2 p.m. A great way to get exercise and spend time with the family! Bring a leashed furry friend and join park staff for a 1.2 mile hike along the Old Pond, Great Seneca and Greenway trails. Meet at the Park Office. No cost. Name: Bethany Watts, 301-924-2127, scspnaturalist@gmail.com. Location: Seneca Creek State Park. 11950 Clopper Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878
- **2/25 Stream Waders Training** . Make a Difference in Maryland Waters! Training session for the DNR volunteer stream sampling program at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (Anne Arundel County) in Edgewater, MD on February 25th from 9:00am – 3:30pm. This year's monitored watersheds are shown in the map below. Please register no later than February 17th. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/streams/Pages/swTraining.aspx>. This training will also be useful for anyone interested in helping out with the Trout in the Classrooms events. <http://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/trout-in-the-classroom.aspx>. During 2016, helping out with this program counted as Chapter Conservation work events.

2017 Maryland Stream Waders Subwatersheds



National Park Free Admission Days

The National Park Service turned 100 years old during 2016! Celebrate the start of its second century by visiting a park in 2017. During ten days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

- February 20: Presidents' Day.
- April 15-16 and 22-23: Weekends of National Park Week.
- August 25: National Park Service Birthday.
- September 30: National Public Lands Day.
- November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend.

In Maryland, there are 6 National Parks that have admission fees.

- [Antietam National Battlefield](#) (Washington County)
- [Assateague Island National Seashore](#) (Worcester County)
- [Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park](#) (Montgomery County)
- [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#) (Baltimore City)
- [Fort Washington Park](#) (Prince George's County)
- [Harpers Ferry National Historical Park](#) (includes parts of West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland)

National Invasive Species Awareness Week. February 27 - March 3, 2017. Events across the Nation, including a series of briefings and free webinars in the District of Columbia. Learn more about why our Chapter works with local public land managers to reduce the adverse impacts of undesirable plants and animals on our natural resources. These events are intended to raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional, international and national scales. The local briefing schedule and webinar registration can be found at: <http://www.nisaw.org/>

Carroll County Workshop on Stormwater Pollution. Saturday 3/18/2017. 10 a.m.-noon.
Great Hall at Carroll Community College

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/homeowner/>. Sponsored by the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) in partnership with the Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council and Carroll County Land and Resource Management staff. Learn how homeowners can reduce stormwater runoff from their properties and prevent stormwater pollution. Experts will be staffing their exhibits set up in the Great Hall to provide you with helpful materials and answers to your individual questions on the topics listed below. Each will also provide a brief presentation (~10-15 minutes incl Q&A) at the time shown next to the topic. Come for the entire time or just drop-in for the sessions of most interest to you. Materials and presentations will be available on the County website after the workshop.

General Homeowner Best Management Practices (10:00)	Composting (Yard and Food Waste) (11:20)
Lawn Care and Landscape Management (10:20)	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! (11:30)
Septic Maintenance (10:35)	Tree Planting (11:40)
Permeable Pavement (10:50)	Stream Corridor Assessments & Stream Buffer Initiative (11:50)
Rain Gardens (11:05)	

Cleaning up for the New Year? Be safe about household hazardous wastes (HHWs).

Many products we use in our homes and routinely throw away with our trash are considered HHWs. These products are similar to regulated hazardous wastes produced by business and industry. Products which are corrosive (such as acids and alkalis), flammable, reactive or toxic (poisonous) can be found in most homes, garages and workshops. These products pose risks if used, stored or disposed of improperly.

Carroll County: The Bureau of Solid Waste schedules two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous waste. The spring pick up has not yet been announced but will be published at: <https://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/solidwaste/>

*Frederick County: To assist residents with proper disposal of hazardous wastes, the Department of Solid Waste Management hosts two free drop-off events each year for household hazardous material disposal (not for commercial waste), each spring and fall. **The next event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will take place at 8349 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704 from 8am until 12pm.***

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/3958/Household-Hazardous-Wastes>

Howard County: HHW days at Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville are **Saturdays ONLY (April - November)** from 8am to 4pm. There will be **special drop-off days** on Saturday, February 4 and March 4. Details of what is accepted can be found at:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Bureau-Of-Environmental-Services/Alpha-Ridge-Landfill/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

Montgomery County: Year-round at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=household-hazardous-waste&key=157>

Shotgun Range Roster (Steve Olsen)

March 2017

Sat 3/4 Tim Mulreany, Gary Green
Sun 3/5 Steve Myers, Paul Turska, Jake Turska
Sat 3/11 Jim Arnold, Keith Kosian, Murray Welsh
Sun 3/12 Hank Williams, Jeremy Dvorak
Sat 3/18 Roman Drews, Chris Hamrick
Sun 3/19 Joel Gross, Gerhard Bartsch
Sat 3/25 Robin Dixon, Rodger Moran
Sun 3/26 Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

Substitutes:

Bob Cumberland, Mash Efanaji, Mary Efanaji, Mark Gay, Ed Gilpin,
Murray Welsh, Steve Olsen, , George King, Gary Giambalvo, Maj Tavakoli,
Bob Reynolds, Arden Young, Jay DeVan, Frank Bis, Ron Roberson, Jay Jeffrey,
Mark Lawson, Bob Woodward, Debbi Perry

WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update—(Jesse Lim / Cheri Aker) (*RERUN*)

Important! It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND KNOW ALL WAC Rifle/Pistol range safety, conduct and rules! They are available on our website and posted at the ranges as well. <http://www.damascusiwla.org/RiflePistolRules.html> If you have any questions, please contact the WAC Rifle and Pistol Chairman, Jesse Lim via cell at 240-832-0354.

REMINDER! All WAC members and guests using our rifle / pistol ranges, must strictly sign in on the logbook located at the WAC main building PRIOR to proceeding to the ranges. The logbook box is on the lower level of the chapter house brick wall next to the emergency phone. Important! All guests must sign in and be accompanied by a current member while on club grounds. Guest not signing in will be asked to immediately leave the club grounds and considered as trespassing. Guests must be signed in with their full first and last name, and members are limited to bringing 2 guests per day. Additional guests are NOT permitted, even if they are not shooting or just observing. IMPORTANT: When you are finished using the range, you are responsible for cleaning up the range, and signing yourself out and any guest(s) in the logbook. NEW RANGE POLICY Effective February 1, 2017 -- visitor badges will be required for any guest or family using our ranges. These badges must be worn visibly at all times by the guest. Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitor badges that will be distributed with members 2017 range access cards, after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class. This class is open to WAC members and their family (as per WAC membership rules), ages 12 and up only. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor-to-student ratio purposes. Minors must be accompanied by their parent/guardian the entire time.

Open Registration Now! The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable to WAC by check.

The WAC Rifle and Pistol Range Safety Officer Committee is pleased to announce the offering of the NRA RSO (Range Safety Officer) Certification class. This class is open to WAC members. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the class size is limited for instructor-to-student ratio purposes.

The class will be held **Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 AM to 5:00PM** in the upper level chapter hall.

NRA Rifle class. The first class is an Introduction to Firearms (Rifle) session. The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable to WAC by check. This will be held **Saturday, March 4th from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM** in the upper level chapter hall.

The second class is the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class and will be held **Sunday, March 11th from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM** at the upper level of the chapter hall. This class will include classroom and hands-on instruction at the range during the afternoon using instructor provided .22 caliber rifles and ammunition. The NRA class will have a \$50 cost per person, payable by

check and in full the first day of class, March 4th.

You MUST attend the March 4th class in order to participate in the March 11th class. DUE TO STRICT NRA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, WALK-INS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

If you are interested in attending the class or have any questions, please email John Porter to receive more information and to reserve your spot porter253@aol.com as soon as possible, but no later than **February 18th**. CLASSES FILL UP VERY FAST! A limited number of spots may be available on the wait-list and will be filled on short notice after **February 25th**.

NEW RANGE POLICY Effective January 1, 2017 -- Visitor Badges

Each member that has a 2017 range access card will be provided TWO visitors badges that will be distributed with members 2017 range access cards, after receipt of renewal payments. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2017 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and will be requested to leave the property.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

If you joined the chapter on or before **February 2015** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation**.

If you need a work status update, email Nick at nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBER

The following probationary member has successfully completed probation and is now graduated to Full Member status.

Tom A. Preston

Chestnut Tree Maintenance Day

4/23/2016

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

David Jacobson, Chintan Bhavsar, Gail Merkle and Thomas Merkel

Probationary Members: (Conservation Credit)

Shon Barr, Adam Buynak, Stephen Mason, John Kavanagh, Joe Felton and Tom Preston

Wild Game Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

1/22/2017

Member: John Porter

Wild Game Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

1/24/2017

Members: Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji and John Porter

Membership Board Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

1/25/2017

Members: Mary Esfanaji and Mash Esfanaji

Wild Game Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

1/26/2017

Members: Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji and John Porter

Wild Game Dinner (Kitchen Prep work)

1/27/2017

Members: Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji

Wild Game Dinner and Auction (Set-up)

1/27/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Guy Wright, Steve McCaskill, Dan Lewis, Ian Butler, Erik Hill, Paul Bluteau, Ken Lefebvre, Henry Anderson, Chuck Limparis, Donner Limparis, Chip, Chuck Crooks and Barb Crooks

Probationary Members: (Regular Credit)

Ted Boone, Frank Colbert, Ed Maloney, Mark Mayer and Jeff Boeckl

Wild Game Dinner (Kitchen/dining room)

1/28/2017

Members: Mary Esfanaji, Mash Esfanaji and John Porter

Chapter Maintenance Day (Mostly range work)

1/29/2017

Members, Family and Nonmembers:

Al Goldschmidts, Nick Hewitt, Dale Buschling, Guy Wright, Dan Leaman, Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer,

Wendy Smith, Joseph Smith, Dean Elliott and Chuck Crooks

Board Members Meeting (Kitchen Duties)

2/1/2017

Member: John Porter

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski jimpiateski@verizon.net)

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Tim Garrity, Cheri Aker and Jesse Lim for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting and the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net and include some contact info in case there are questions. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Jim Piateski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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