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Weekly Watershed Announcements November 15, 2019

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In the News

The Bounty of the Chesapeake *(Bay Weekly)*



The tradition of Thanksgiving dinner was first attributed to the Plymouth Bay Colony in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. But the practice of a harvest or a thanksgiving dinner was widespread throughout the early colonies and especially around the Chesapeake.

The Chesapeake was by far the richest colony in America in terms of fish, waterfowl and wild game. Capt. John Smith, who first explored the Bay, spoke of being able to "walk across the water" on the bounteous schools of striped bass. Oyster beds were so numerous and large that they threatened the hulls of careless ships. Crabs choked the shallows, waterfowl darkened the skies each fall and wild turkey swarmed the surrounding forests.

To read the full article by Dennis Doyle, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Paint Out Pollution *(November 19, 2019)*



Join the James River Association and Art on Wheels to Paint Out Pollution at River City Sportsplex in Chesterfield County. Volunteers will install art and the message "Your river starts here. Only rain down the drain" on storm drains.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
9am-1pm

Please contact Justin Doyle at jdoyle@thejamesriver.org with questions. To register go to: https://form.jotform.com/93116921718964?fbclid=IwAR3587GJG5wFyw_mJgBEIEAd3Ux264oGmY6HUnEWNrd5_NiYNLyLQ-Q0xJw.

Farm Field Day (November 19, 2019)



Join the James River Association, VA Department of Forestry, Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation District and Conservation Services, Inc. to learn about managing invasive species, restoring hardwood tree buggers, live-stock exclusion fencing and rotational grazing, improving wildlife habitat and much more!

Registration is required and lunch is provided. To register, click [here](#).

Save the Date: Virginia Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference (February 26-28, 2020)



This year's conference theme "EE for Everybody" is a celebration and call to action to make environmental education accessible to everyone in the Commonwealth. Featuring workshops, networking, field trips and a day and a half of concurrent session VAAE 2020 promises to be our most exciting conference yet!

The 2020 Virginia Environmental Education Conference will be held at the Florence Elston Inn & Conference Center at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia from Wednesday, February 26th to Friday, February 28th.

For more information, go to <https://vaee.wildapricot.org/VAAE2020/>.

Job Opportunities

Natural Resources Manager

(Albemarle County Community Development Department)



The Albemarle County Community Development Department is actively recruiting a Natural Resources Manager to join our team! The Natural Resources Manager performs difficult professional work developing, coordinating and administering natural resource protection, conservation and monitoring programs.

Deadline to apply is December 6, 2019. To find out more and to apply, go to: <https://albemarleva.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=4310>.

Grant Opportunities

Virginia's Environmental Endowment announces \$3.7 million in grants

(Augusta Free Press)



The Virginia Environmental Endowment is providing more than \$3.7 million in new grants to 22 partner organizations dedicated to advancing water quality and Chesapeake Bay improvements, land conservation practices, environmental literacy, climate resiliency, and invasive species control.

These awards - together with those announced last spring - bring the total VEE grants for calendar year 2019 to over \$4 million, which is the second highest yearly amount awarded in its 42 year history. The list of awards includes \$3.45 million in grants to seven partners to directly improve water quality in the James River.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Mini Environmental Education Grant Program
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Deadline to apply is 4pm on January 9, 2020.

Provides up to \$5,000 for projects that involve students investigating a local environmental issue, problem, or phenomenon through indoor and outdoor research culminating in developing solutions and taking action in their school or community - also known as the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) model. Funds can cover costs for field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, and supplies for student projects. This grant program also funds attendance to or development of professional development trainings for educators. Projects must be complete by September 1, 2020 due to NOAA funding source restrictions. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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