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In The News

New study helps explain recent scarcity of Bay nettles
(EurekaAlert!)



A new, long-term study of how environmental conditions affect the abundance and distribution of jellyfish in the nation's largest estuary helps explain the widely reported scarcity of sea nettles within Chesapeake Bay during the past few months and raises concerns about how a long-term continuation of this trend might harm Bay fisheries as climate continues to warm.

To read the full article from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Join us for the Middle James Roundtable Annual Meeting
(October 25, 2018)



Join us for our annual meeting at Goochland's new Historic Central High School. Speakers include. Anne Jennings, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources, Wood Hudson (Local Stream Bank Restoration), Todd Janeski (VCU Oyster Restoration Project), Ben Watson (James River Watch), Justin Doyle (JRA) and Kevin Orlosky (Art On Wheels).

For more information on our meeting, click [here](#). For the meeting agenda, click [here](#). Attendance is free but registration is required. To register visit: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=6m5cyfeab&oeidk=a07efnv72a2eef2c212>

James River Association Events

(October and November 2018)



.To learn more about these events and others see <https://jrava.org/>

- ++ October 6, 2018 -- Tireless James -- Multiple locations
- ++ October 6, 2018 -- Explore Powhatan Creek - Williamsburg
- ++ October 10, 2018 -- James River Rx: Connect to Nature - Richmond
- ++ October 13, 2018 -- Lynchburg Tree Workshop - Lynchburg
- ++ October 22, 2018 -- Invasive Species Removal - Richmond
- ++ October 25, 2018 -- Annual Meeting and Oyster Roast - Richmond

Virginia Waterways Cleanup Event

(September 1-November 7, 2018)



Multiple locations across Virginia. There are more than 70 cleanup opportunities scheduled thus far. Help clean local waterways and collect data about trash & litter in the waterway. Consider hosting a site or volunteer to help with a cleanup. This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup.

About the Virginia Waterways Cleanup

- * This statewide event is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup!
- * This annual statewide event not only cleans our waterways, it also collects valuable data about trash & litter in our waterways
- * More than 104,000 Virginians have volunteered in Virginia since 1995
- * It is hands-on stewardship of our water resources
- * You CAN make a difference! Volunteer, lead a cleanup, or help support this important statewide effort by contributing to CVW.

Join Clean Virginia Watersheds for the 24th Virginia Watersheds Cleanup. This annual event is an affiliate of the global International Coastal Cleanup. Local community groups will be cleaning up local parks, streams and rivers throughout the state. Consider hosting your own site or volunteer at someone else's!"

For more information, click [here](#).

Job Opportunities

Conservation Education Specialist

Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District)



ROBERT E. LEE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District (RELSWCD) is accepting applications for a full-time Conservation Education Specialist. Primary duties of the position include coordination and promotion of the development of conservation education projects and activities by school and community groups and maintaining a strong public relations effort for the District. The position does require occasional evenings and weekend travel. Applicant must possess the ability to multi-task, communicate effectively and work independently. Computer application skills and grant writing abilities are required. Valid driver's license and criminal background check required. Applicant should be a graduate from an accredited four year college with a degree in education, agriculture, natural resources or related field and/or equivalent experience. Salary based on qualifications/experience. VA State application form and full job description is available at www.releeconservation.com. Send cover letter and application to Robert E. Lee SWCD, 7631-A Richmond Hwy., Appomattox, VA 24522. Applications must be received or post-marked by October 15, 2018. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed State application. RELSWCD is an equal opportunity employer.

Grant Opportunities

Mini Environmental Education Grant

Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Funds are available to schools, organizations, and agencies to support educating students about their local environment and how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program funds up to \$5,000 for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) projects. Funds can cover field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, supplies

for student projects, etc. The next deadline is January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

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