



# FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1 THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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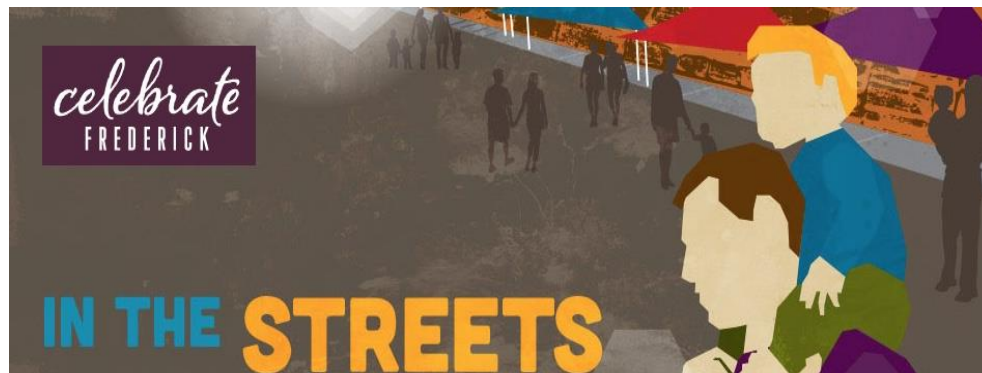
## NEWSLETTER

August 2023

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### Important Dates

07 Aug – Conservation Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	26 Aug – SOS Water Testing, Big Hunting Creek 10am
08 Aug – Board Meeting 6:30 pm	27 Aug – Youth Program practice/meeting
08 Aug – Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	09 Sept – In The Streets, Frederick Chapter Booth
22 Aug – Frederick County Sportsman’s Council 7:00pm	24 Sept – Fred Chapter Gun Raffle & Pig Roast 2pm
Clay Target shooting on Fridays	



**I.W.L.A. FREDERICK CHAPTER #1**  
*Celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary*  
**GUN RAFFLE & PIG ROAST**  
**September 24, 2023**

HELD AT  
 AMVETS FARM POST 2  
 9602A BALTIMORE ROAD  
 FREDERICK, MD 21704  
 DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm

Tickets: \$40 Donation or 2 for \$75  
 INCLUDES MEAL & ONE GUEST

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 374. Winchester SXP Camo 20 ga.  
 373. PSA AR15 .22LR  
 350. **\$200.00 cash**  
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 1. Skky CPX 9mm Pistol Stainless/FDE

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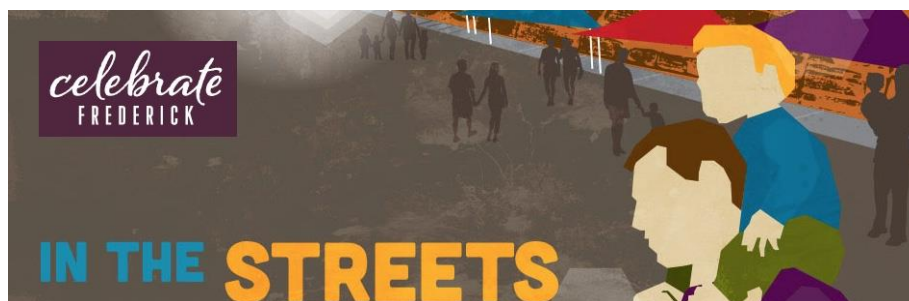
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In this month's newsletter: In The Streets, Annual Pig Roast Tickets, Ikes in Action, More environmental news at the Quantum Loophole Data Center construction site, Conservation Programs, Classes and Education, and more!

## CHAPTER NEWS

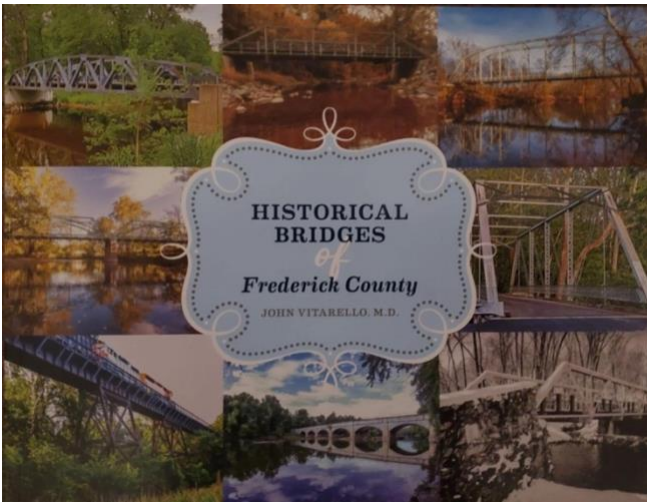
### In The Streets



We will be representing our Frederick #1 Chapter at Celebrate Frederick's [IN THE STREETS](#) event on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2023 in Downtown Frederick from 9-5pm. We will have a booth selling *Historical Bridges of Frederick County* books as well as promoting Chapter programs such as Conservation, Youth Group, Education Classes, as well as recruiting for membership. We need Frederick #1 Ikes to take shifts manning the booth over the course of the event to talk to the public about our Izaak Walton League Chapter and our mission to conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife. Please click this [In The Streets Chapter Booth](#) link to volunteer for setup and shifts at the booth.

### Historical Bridges of Frederick County

On sale now is the book *Historical Bridges of Frederick County*, written by Frederick Chapter member Dr. John Vitarello containing 99 pages of photographs coupled with information about each of the bridges and their connection to Frederick County's history. There are also driving, bicycle and fishing tour routes included to aid readers who will be inspired to seek out the bridges themselves. Each book is \$20. Purchase of each book helps fund the Frederick Chapter's conservation programs. According to Dr. Vitarello, "Individuals, service groups and charitable organizations alike have made an everlasting favorable impression on me to the point that I want to dedicate this book to local Frederick charities." Books can be purchased at the Frederick Chapter clubhouse. Please see Ben Kelkyle ([ben@kelkyle.com](mailto:ben@kelkyle.com)).



## Ikes In Action

Jake Bise, Mike Money Penny, and John Gallo embarked on a Monocacy kayak river adventure June 29<sup>th</sup>. They put out at Pine Cliff park and exited the Monocacy River at the Route 355 Bridge for a 2-mile stretch.



The river was calm and clear, and the water level measured at 1.7 feet which is good for this type of drought pattern. The fishing was excellent with more than a dozen fish caught and released, mostly sun fish and small mouth with a catfish as well. Two juvenile and one adult bald eagle were spotted as well as herons and red tail hawks. The trio leisurely floated four hours enjoying nature and the peaceful serenity around them.





Please let us know what you are doing in the outdoors, enjoying nature, and being a champion and defender of the nation's soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife. If you would like to participate in nature outings like kayaking and hiking, please let us know at [newsletter@frederickiwa.org](mailto:newsletter@frederickiwa.org).



The University of Maryland Extension identifies tree species such as [Ailanthus](#) (Tree of Heaven) and Bradford Pear ([Callery Pear](#)) as invasive, threaten the health of Maryland's ecosystems, and must be removed. Invasives compete with native tree species and often are preferred habitat for invasive insects that continue to damage our woodlands.

## Gun Raffle & Pig Roast



Tickets are on sale now for the Frederick Chapter's September 24<sup>th</sup> [Pig Roast and Gun Raffle](#) at 2pm at Amvets Post 2. One \$40 ticket feeds your whole family and a chance to win a firearm, crossbow, or cash. Over fourteen firearms including shotguns, rifles, and pistols as well as a crossbow and cash will be raffled, and we're bringing back our famous Tip Jar raffle. Our challenge this year is for every member to at least buy one ticket and sell two more. Only 375 tickets printed. More tickets; more chances! Are you up to the Pig Roast Challenge?



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With **ALL** the **FIXINS**  
&  
**Gun Raffle**




**FIG OUT WITH  
BIG BEN**  
**Sunday**  
**September 24, 2023**  
**2:00 pm**

Tickets: \$40 each or two tickets \$75. Each ticket includes a meal for the ticket holder, one guest, dependent children under 18 eat for free, and raffle drawing.

Location: AmVets Post 2 \* The-Farm \* 9602 Baltimore Rd \* Frederick \* Maryland \* 21704

Contact: Ben Kelkye, 301-401-6262

**New 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts**

Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts just in time for the Pig Roast on September 24<sup>th</sup>. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Let's show our colors at In The Streets and at the Pig Roast.



[The Recovering America's Wildlife Act \(RAWA\)](#) is a bipartisan bill that establishes a 21st century funding model for the proactive conservation of fish and wildlife. The legislation has broad support and has been reintroduced in the new session of Congress. The IWLA urges you to click on the link and contact your Senators to urge them to finally pass RAWA.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board has approved the following By-Law changes that will go to a Membership vote:

1. Membership dues payment deadline change.

Article IV - Membership/Dues, Section 4.

"Dues must be paid by December 31st or Chapter privileges may be revoked."

2. Modified two committees into one and added an IT committee.

Article XII – Committees, Section 1

- Added "Information Technology" committee.
- Removed "Book" and the responsibility has been included in the Activities and Fundraising section.

Section 1.

"The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Activities and Fundraising

Conservation

Information Technology"

3. Added Board member absence policy.

Article VIII - Board of Directors, Section 6

"Elected members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Members of the Board of Directors who are absent for three (3) regular Board meetings during their term without an excuse acceptable by the Board, may have their position on the Board terminated by Board action."

The Board would like to announce a new rule that among the current annual 24 hours of work requirement, 6 of those hours must include trail maintenance on the Chapter property in order to be eligible to hunt on Chapter property.

The Chapter Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm just prior to the regular Membership Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to observe these open meetings which address the business of the Chapter. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting.

## CONSERVATION

Our Chapter is dedicated to supporting the Izaak Walton League's [Mission Statement](#): "To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife."



Our monthly Conservation Committee meetings are held the first Monday of the month; all Chapter members are welcome to attend. Next meeting is Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6pm at the Clubhouse.

Bluebird Nesting Box check rotation (Monday – Sunday):

- Preston Wood, 8/14-8/20
- Steve Meyer, 8/21-8/27
- John Gallo, 8/28-9/3
- Al Manus, 9/4-9/10
- Josh Phipps, 9/11-9/17

## **Local Environmental News**

### Quantum Loophole Gains Floodplain Exemption

In our last newsletter, we reported the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) instructed Quantum Maryland LLC to cease all illicit discharges of ground water into [Tuscarora Creek](#) on May 22, 2023 as a result of their data center construction at the former Alcoa Eastalco Works at 5601 Manor Road, Frederick (just north of Adamstown). In a surprise to conservationists, the MDE announced,

“Based on the analytical results within the creek and creek sediments, adverse impacts to public health and the environment were not identified and creek water and sediments did not demonstrate adverse impacts from the illicit discharge. At this time warning signs from the creek can be removed.”

As of July 28, 2023 Frederick News Post reports the Frederick County board of Zoning Appeals [approved an exemption](#) to let Quantum Loophole and its subcontractors install fiber optic infrastructure through multiple floodplain sites within the county to connect their data center development to the "Data Center Alley" in Northern Virginia.

A floodplain is any area susceptible to flooding by any water source, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Administration. Floodplains can absorb thousands of gallons of excess water, helping to protect surrounding areas from flooding.

Opponents cited a need for more details about the environmental and safety implications of installing fiber optics through floodplain land and their lack of trust in Quantum Loophole. Peter Blood, an executive committee member of the Sugarloaf Alliance, brought up Quantum Loophole's ongoing noncompliance violations in Montgomery County, as well as the company's [previous violations](#) for discharging 72,000 gallons of water a day for over a month from the former Alcoa Eastalco smelting plant site. Blood said Quantum Loophole needs to do more than pledge compliance and should follow up on promises with actions.

The MDE has conducted multiple compliance inspection reports since August 2022 on Quantum Loophole's fiber optic installation taking place in Montgomery County. Since August 2022, the fiber optic project has garnered over 70 violations from the department, some of which were repeated across multiple inspection reports.

As reported last month, our [SOS](#) water testing team is determining the feasibility of pursuing our own chemical water tests on Tuscarora Creek looking for areas to safely and legally gain access to the creek.

The mission is to test samples both upstream above the construction site and below near Adamstown for an accurate comparison of data to assess any environmental impact during the data center construction.

## **Save our Streams Water Testing**



Save Our Streams monitoring occurs each month currently alternating between Ballenger Creek in Frederick and Big Hunting Creek in Thurmont. Check the date and location on our [Chapter calendar](#). Please email [stephen.meyer7@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com) if you wish to observe or participate.

Three conservation team members conducted water testing at Big Hunting Creek near Thurmont on July 3, 2023. The water quality remained in the good to excellent range with only slight increases in nitrates and chlorides over the past three tests. Water testing also was held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Ballenger Creek. Readings remain in the good to excellent range. Only minimal increases in phosphate and chloride but with reduced oxygen level. Water level is much lower than in the Spring. Slower water and less rain means less oxygen.

All water test data can be found on the [Clean Water Hub website](#). The Conservation Committee is looking for members to analyze the data and report on trends and patterns in the data including trends month over month (M/M) and year over year (YoY).

Our next test is at Big Hunting Creek on August 26, 2023. Anyone interested in participating or observing please contact Steve Meyer at [stephen.meyer7@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.meyer7@gmail.com).

Our remaining 2023 water testing schedule (all start 10am):

- Aug 26, 2023, Chemical Testing @Big Hunting Creek, Thurmont
- Sept 23, 2023, Chemical and Macroinvertebrate Testing @Big Hunting Creek, Thurmont
- Oct 28, 2023, Chemical Testing @Ballenger Creek
- Nov 18, 2023, Chemical Testing @Big Hunting Creek, Thurmont

Ikes are encouraged to participate in IWLA Salt Watch program. Frequent snow is predicted for Winter 2023/2024. You can be ready for Salt Watch by pre-ordering your test kit at <https://www.iwla.org/water/stream-monitoring/salt-watch>. Each year we oversalt during the winter leading to saltier and saltier waterways. That in turn can lead to detrimental effects to our environment, infrastructure, and drinking water!

IWLA Frederick Chapter #1 Save our Streams program provides testing and long-term water chemistry data on select streams in Frederick County Maryland. The Izaak Walton League's Save Our Streams program is the only nationwide program training volunteers to protect waterways from pollution and bring information about water quality to their communities.

If you have ideas for conservation projects, please contact the Conservation Committee at [iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com](mailto:iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com). If you would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our monthly Conservation meeting at the Chapter. Next meeting is Monday, August 7 at 6pm.





The \$6 billion per year provided by [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) conservation programs](#) is our nation's largest single source of funding to help farmers and ranchers adopt conservation systems that protect our soil, air, woods, waters and wildlife. The federal [Farm Bill](#) provides over \$31 million per year in conservation assistance through cost-share payments, rental payments, easement payments, or technical assistance provided to Maryland farmers. That funding helps farmers and ranchers be better stewards of Maryland's soil, woods, waters and wildlife, and it provides conservation and economic benefits throughout the state.

## EDUCATION

The [full schedule of courses](#) conducted at the Chapter Clubhouse for 2023 is posted on the Chapter website. Proceeds from training classes support the Frederick Chapter Youth Program. Contact Ben Kelkye ([ben@kelkye.com](mailto:ben@kelkye.com)) if you have any questions about the schedule or courses.

Below are courses offered in August 2023:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
Saturday, August 12, 2023	7:30 AM	Finish	MD State Archery	
Saturday, August 19, 2023	7:30 AM	Finish	RSO	\$175.00
Thursday, August 24, 2023	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	NRA Basic PPITH Personal Protection	\$275.00
Friday, August 25, 2023	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	NRA Basic PPITH Personal Protection	
Saturday, August 26, 2023	8:00 AM	Finish	NRA Basic PPITH Personal Protection	
Sunday, August 27, 2023	12:30 PM	4:30 AM	Youth Program	



In 2004, our Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO), Ben Kelkye, developed a method and process for Range Safety Officers to safely handle a non-functioning firearm containing a live round. A firearm in this condition cannot be moved from the firing line. Ben's method is to use a vertically mounted, 8-inch diameter, 5.5-foot long PVC pipe to suspend the firearm by a rope in the vertical pipe while capped on both ends. This allows operations on the range to continue until the CRSO, and perhaps a gunsmith, can arrive to resolve the matter. According to the CSRO, a muzzleloader firearm in a nonfunctioning live condition can have the barrel carefully separated from the stock and suspended in water for 30 minutes neutralizing the gunpowder and rendering the barrel safe for projectile extraction and cleaning.

## FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

Join Robert Patrick on Mondays at 4:30pm for a sweep down/ swab (as needed) general cleanup detail. This will accommodate removing leaves and mud tracked into the Club House and still allow classes to proceed during the rest of the week. For more information call 717-752-9369 or email: [Legendrider70@gmail.com](mailto:Legendrider70@gmail.com). Work hours will be applied to the annual requirement!

## CLASSIFIEDS / WANT ADS / NEEDS AT THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to [newsletter@frederickiwa.org](mailto:newsletter@frederickiwa.org)



Need an experienced Member to carefully cut down a dead rotting tree in the driveway circle so that it falls away from the power lines. Please see a Board Member.



Need members with experience in identifying invasive tree species on the Chapter property. The Conservation Committee, aligning with Division concerns, is exploring plans for a forestry/silviculture project to remove invasive species in our forest.



Photos wanted of Chapter clubhouse and grounds, Chapter activities, and conservation programs to be used for marketing and recruitment posters.