

Enviro-News

August, 2010

Sponsored by Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement and the Natural Sciences Department

Newsletter Contents:

- [Articles- including events, courses, positions, local news, grants](#)
- [Upcoming Activities](#)
- [Tips to Help the Environment](#)

[Articles:](#)

Unwanted Pharmaceutical Dropoff

Help keep our pharmaceuticals out of our waterways and bring them to this free dropoff on **Saturday, August 7, 2010** from 9am-1pm at ECC Erie Community College North Campus (Building B, enter at Wherle Drive) 6205 Main Street, Williamsville. Please bring medications in the original labeled container (blackenout personal information). The dropoff accepts controlled substances, expired, unusable, unwanted household prescriptions, syringes, sharps containers, or over-the-counter medicines. For more information call (716) 858-6800 option 3.

Stopping the Invasion - Water Chestnut Pull-Can You Help?

Rogue water chestnut populations have virtually covered the surface of Tonawanda Creek near Ellicott Island Park and portions of the Erie Canal. This invasive, aggressive plant species overtakes an entire waterway squeezing out native plants, forming a dense layer on the surface that blocks sun from reaching fish and plants underneath. It takes people to restore ecosystem balance.

RestoreCorps, Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER's new habitat restoration program, is mobilizing volunteers in conjunction with U. S. Fish and Wildlife's Great Lakes Fish and Conservation Office (LGLFWCO) to remove the water chestnut. LGLFWCO has contracted a mechanical harvester and operator to remove plants for six days starting August 2nd, working approximately from 8am to 6pm daily. During this time, an estimated 200 metric tons of plant material (equivalent to a blue whale or a Boeing 767) will be removed from the 6 acres behind Ellicott Creek Island. Ellicott Creek Island Park ([map](#)) is off Creekside Drive, west of Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda

Volunteers are needed in two ways: From Monday, **August 2 through Friday, August 6**, between 8am to 6pm daily, volunteers are needed to off-load plants from the harvester onto a conveyor system escalating up the bankside to the parking lot, where plants will be loaded into dump trucks and transported to a compost facility. On Saturday, **August 7** from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, volunteers are needed to hand pull any remaining plants from the shoreline and from the water by canoe, kayak, and boat. Volunteers will be trained by LGLFWCO staff in proper removal techniques.

Water chestnut is on the doorstep of the Niagara River. "It's not there yet but once it gets there it has the capacity to spread exponentially, through the tributaries, and all over," says Bryan LoVullo of RIVERKEEPER. If you can help or want to be part of future RestoreCorps efforts, please contact Bryan LoVullo by calling 852-7483, extension 23 or by email blovullo@bnriverkeeper.org.

Sewage Report: Buffalo New York

The Healing Our Waters® – Great Lakes Coalition and Citizens Campaign for the Environment invite you to attend the official release of a new report documenting the success and growing need to sustainably address our region's dilapidated sewage infrastructure to keep our Great Lakes clean. A Press Conference at Commercial Slip Inner Harbor has been

scheduled for **August 9, 2010** at 11 a.m. with a reception and light refreshments at Templeton Landing Restaurant from 11:45 – 1:30 p.m. Speakers include Representative Brian Higgins (invited), Matthew Driscoll, President, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation, Jeff Skelding, Campaign Director, Healing Our Waters –Great Lakes Coalition, Dereth Glance, Executive Program Director, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Julie O’Neill, Executive Director, Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER.

The event will highlight the economic and environmental benefits of investing in green solutions and traditional wastewater infrastructure improvements and will strive to build stronger partnerships among diverse stakeholders for increased federal funding to address sewage pollution in the Great Lakes. Hear from state, federal, business and environmental leaders that are working to solve the region’s wastewater infrastructure crisis. Help in the effort to advance solutions that will help Buffalo and the other Great Lakes states update their aging sewage infrastructure.

To attend: RSVP to buffalo@citizenscampaign.org by **August 4, 2010**. The Commercial Slip is located in downtown Buffalo, in the inner harbor, at Commercial and Scott Streets, next to the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park. From downtown, take Pearl St. south, and turn left onto Hanover St./Marine Dr.

GrowWNY Website to Provide Local Environmental News

GrowWNY (Green Renaissance of Western New York) is the name for the new website <http://GrowWNY.org> which will launch on **August 11, 2010**. GrowWNY is a hyperlocal source of information about living green--powered by more than 150 organizations collaborating for our regional environment and YOU. This site is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors, cares about the environment and wants to know the best places to go and things to do to eat, live, work and play greener. Members of the Western New York Environmental Alliance will be able to showcase their organizations and events at the website. GrowWNY is a project of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and is made possible through grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources.

Buffalo ReUse Dunks Local Celebrities to Help Fund Community Projects

Buffalo ReUse invites the community to join them on Saturday, **August 14, 2010** from noon to 3:00pm for Dunk Elvis and Friends, a fundraiser that celebrates Elvis’s birthday with dunk tank shenanigans and Elvis-style treats. The event will be at their ReSource Store located at 298 Northampton St., Buffalo.

Take a chance to dunk Buffalo’s best – the organization’s founder Michael Gainer, Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, attorney Ross Cellino, comedian and local promoter Kristen Becker, Queen City Roller Girl “Izzy Hung”, comedian Josh Smith, Sherry Burns and Sally Penepinto from WGRZ-Channel 2, Chris Smith from WNY Media, and more! Look for your Buffalo favorite dressed as Elvis, a mermaid, and even a merman!

A bucket of balls will cost you \$5 and the laughs you get from dunking Buffalo greats will last you a lifetime. Dunking runs from noon-3pm. Elvis’s favorite comfort food – grilled banana and peanut butter sandwiches – will be served from noon-1pm. For more info, call Buffalo ReUse at (716) 885-4131 or email at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Designing for Pedestrian Safety Workshop

The New York State Department of Transportation is hosting a Designing for Pedestrian Safety two-day workshop in Buffalo on August 17 & 18 at Buffalo State College. The workshop will be conducted by the Federal Highway Administration and is intended to educate local municipal officials, highway superintendents, highway engineers, planners, traffic safety, law enforcement and public health officials about the proper design of streets and highways to promote pedestrian safety and mobility. This is a two day workshop; the first day is strictly classroom, while the second day participants will conduct a field exercise at a nearby intersection or highway corridor. The workshop is limited to 40 participants, and pre-registration is required. The training is free (lunch on your own), and is open to anyone interested in learning about how to improve pedestrian safety and mobility in their community. Additional information and times are available at <http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/>. To register for the free workshop, forward your name by e-mail to Eric Ophardt at eophardt@dot.state.ny.us or call (518) 457 – 0922. The deadline for registration is **August 11, 2010**.

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open for Summer Visits

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary is open Sundays in July and August from 2-5 pm for guided tours in the beautiful landscaped park. Over 400 geese, ducks and swans, over 70 baby waterfowl, 37 different species, including endangered, protected and exotic are on exhibit. See singing, dancing swans, walk with the flying birds and hand feed the geese & Koi Fish. 1,000 item gift shop. Tour the two largest covered aviaries in the U.S.. Group tours are available by appointment Monday through Saturday. Admission is Adults \$7, Seniors & Children (under 12) \$5. For information, call 716-942-6835, or visit www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com. The sanctuary is located at 5067 Lindsley, Townline Road, West Valley, N.Y. 14171.

Tifft at Twilight

Experience Tifft Nature Preserve at twilight on **Saturday, August 21** from 7-10pm with guided evening tours, music, special programming including Insects by Nightlight, Bats of Tifft, and a special appearance by acclaimed zoologist and animal conservationist Jarod Miller. Tifft-inspired art will be auctioned and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$50 and a cash bar will be available. To register, visit www.sciencebuff.org, stop by the Tifft Gift Shop or Museum admission desk, or call 716-825-6397. Payment is required at the time of registration. This event is for adults 21 and over. All proceeds benefit educational programming at Tifft Nature Preserve.

Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour

Join Penn Dixie naturalists for a nature cruise on Miss Buffalo on **September 11** from 8:30am-1:30pm. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Info and registration form are available on website at www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

Writing Home: A Sense of Place at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve

Join writer and teacher Rick Ohler of Right Field Writing Works for a two-day writing adventure on Saturday & Sunday, **September 18th & 19th**, 9 am to 4 pm & 1 pm to 4 pm. Using directed writing exercises and gentle feedback, participants will spend the weekend writing about place. Over the two sessions each writer will craft a unique Sense of Place essay that, when finished, can be published on the Western New York Land Conservancy's website. There will be plenty of time for freewriting as well as time to explore the Land Conservancy's headquarters, a beautiful 131-acre nature preserve. The workshop is limited to 12 participants, so sign up today. A fee of \$125 includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, refreshments on Sunday. More information at rightfieldwritingworks@gmail.com.

6th Annual WNY Environmental Summit-Registration Open

"This Land is Your Land: Reclaiming Your Home, Your Neighborhood, Your Community" is the theme for the 6th Annual Western New York Environmental Summit. The event is hosted by Daemen College on Saturday, **September 25** from 8:30am-12:30pm and is free and open to the public. This year's summit will feature speakers, workshops and panel discussions on issues related to improving our communities from housing to green space. Opening remarks on "Extreme Home Makeover: The Aftermath" will be presented by Aaron Bartley, Executive Director, PUSH Buffalo. Registration for the free event is available online at http://my.daemen.edu/academics/environmental_summit/. If your organization or business is interested in reserving a free informational table, please contact Brenda Young at byoung@daemen.edu.

Annual Wildlife Festival

The New York Power Authority and the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs will hold the 25th annual Wildlife Festival Saturday and Sunday, **September 25-26**, 2010 from 10am to 5pm daily at the Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092. Admission and parking are free and the show goes on rain or shine! More than 50 environmental exhibitors, outdoor educators and wildlife rehabilitators now participating including everything from reptiles to primates and birds of prey. Call 866-NYPA-Fun or 286-6661, npvista@nypa.gov or visit www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm.

Great Lakes Restoration Conference-Healthy Lakes 2010

The Healing our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition is sponsoring its 6th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference in Buffalo at the Adams Mark Hotel from **September 22-24, 2010**. The conference features speakers and field trips addressing issues important to our region. Discount registration (\$120) is available until September 10 and the fee covers multiple meals, a field trip and all conference materials. To register, visit <http://conference.healthylakes.org>.

National Environmental Education Conference in Buffalo

The North American Association For Environmental Education is holding its 39th annual conference at the Buffalo Convention Center from **September 29-October 2, 2010**. "Building Connections-Bridging Gaps" will feature speakers, workshops and field trips showcasing outdoor education and environmental appreciation. Early bird registration ends August 11. For program information and registration, visit <http://www.naaee.org/conference>.

World on Your Plate-Save the Date

The annual World on Your Plate Food Conference will be held at Daemen College on October 8 and 9, 2010. The event features two outstanding keynote speakers, Sandra Steingraber and Anna Lappé, as well as workshops and a locally sourced organic lunch. Dr. Steingraber is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Anna Lappé is a national bestselling author respected for her work on sustainability, food politics, globalization, and social change. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>.

Enchanted Forest-Reservations Open

Beaver Meadow Audubon Center will hold its Enchanted Forest Festival on October 8-10. This popular evening event with costumed woodland creatures sells out early each year. Reservations are now being accepted. Call 800-377-1520 to save your spot. Cost is \$8 (\$7 members). Info available at <http://www.buffaloudubon.com/>.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotours

Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER announces their 2010 summer and fall schedule of hike, bike, and canoe-and-kayak paddle trips designed to connect people to Western New York's extraordinary waterways, featuring the Buffalo and Niagara Rivers. Most tours are suitable for ages 12 and up, but some tours and Miss Buffalo tours are family-friendly and suitable for children 5 and up accompanied by an adult. For prices, starting times and maps to starting points, registration (pre-registration is required), visit their website www.bnRIVERKEEPER.org or call 716-852-7483 ext. 19.

America's Great Outdoors Listening Session

This past April at the White House Conference on America's Great Outdoors, President Obama signed a memorandum establishing the America's Great Outdoors Initiative to develop a conservation agenda worthy of the 21st century and to reconnect Americans with our great outdoors. There will be a public listening session to be held on **Friday, August 6**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Student Center at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. Go to <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/Poughkeepsie-Information-Session-information.cfm#> for complete information about the August 6 listening session, including how to register and how to provide input if you are unable to attend in person. Visit <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/> for general information about America's Great Outdoors and other scheduled listening sessions.

Buffalo ReUse Seeks Volunteer Coordinator

The Buffalo ReUse Volunteer Coordinator (VC) will work with a team of Buffalo ReUse staff to develop our Volunteer Program and assist with Organizational Development and Fund Raising Events. Specifically, the VC will report to the Director of Community Programs and help recruit volunteers from all regions of the community, including corporate participants. The VC will train and support volunteers, maintain a Volunteer Database, oversee efforts to recognize volunteers, design promotional materials for volunteer recruitment, as well as, seek out other innovative volunteer programs and successful development attributes we might adopt. To review the FULL JOB DESCRIPTION, visit: <http://bit.ly/bUPis5>.

Foodie to Farm Tours Feature Local Harvests

Feed Your Soul has several “Foodie to Farm” tours planned for the summer with remaining dates of **August 22** and **September 12**. The trips were started three years ago as a way to connect chefs to local harvest. The trips are now open to foodies, health practitioners, nutritionists, culinary students and everyday people interested in seeing another side of Western New York. With our unique and remarkable climate and prime soil ratings, it is no surprise that our 8,500 farms (most of which are small and family-owned) are a major contributor to our country’s food supply. In addition to a large dairy, maple and produce industry, we also are home to two wine trails, talented artisan foodmakers and a variety of farmers raising livestock. Join us this summer for one of our three farm tours, where a great lunches prepared by local chefs featuring local foods, farmer-led field walks, sampling and information about both sustainability and WNY’s unique agrarian bounty will be discovered. For info and tickets, visit <http://feedyoursoul-buffalo.com/>.

Nature Ed-Ventures Weekends

Join Nature Ed-Ventures for one of their upcoming weekends. All program fees include comfortable indoor accommodations with showers, three home-cooked meals, and all program materials and activities at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Awesome August Family Weekend is scheduled for **August 28-29**. Women’s Outdoor Weekend is **September 17-19** and activities include nature hikes, star gazing, outdoor skills, self-defense, aromatherapy, massages, and much more. Halloween Harvest Family Weekend is **October 16-17**. Fees for the family weekends are as follows: \$80 for ages 5+, \$40 for 2-4 year olds, Under 2 free. For more info, visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php>.

Fish for Pond Stocking Available for Niagara Residents

Pond owners in Niagara County can order largemouth bass, yellow perch, fathead minnows, Koi and daphnia for placement in established ponds. Ordering deadline is **August 5**. For info, visit niagaraswcd.com or call 434-4949.

25th Annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep

Join volunteers for the annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep on **Saturday, September 18th** from 10:00am – noon at Woodlawn Beach State Park. Last year over 500,000 volunteers participated in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) in 108 countries and 45 of our United States. They collected 7.4 million pounds of trash; 64% came from shoreline and recreation activities and 25% was smoke related.

Marine debris kills. Every year, thousand of marine mammals, sea turtle, seabirds, and other animals are sickened, injured, or killed because of trash in the ocean. Animals choke or become poisoned when they eat trash and drown when they become entangle in bags, ropes, and old fishing gear. The majority of entangled animals found during the Cleanup were bound up by old fishing line.

Humans have created the marine debris problem and humans must take responsibility for it. We must encourage community efforts like the Lake Erie Great Lakes Beach Sweep. This event really does make a difference -- whether it is making the local beach or shoreline free of debris or raising awareness and empowering individuals to support a healthier, more resilient ocean. For info on how you can participate, contact info@greatlakesbeachsweep.com.

Tonawanda Coke Indictment

A federal grand jury has returned an indictment against Tonawanda Coke and Mark Kamholz, its environmental control manager charging them 20 counts of environmental violations. Fifteen of the federal charges are for violations of the Clean Air Act. Five counts relate to the release of coke oven gas containing benzene into the air. The Clean Air Act violations carry a maximum five-year jail term and fines of \$250,000 for Kamholz and \$500,000 for the corporation.

Farmer’s Markets Offer Local Produce

Our Western New York growing season is here and time to make plans for your fresh veggies. If you didn’t plant your own garden or join a CSA (community-supported agriculture), you can still get fresh, locally grown produce from the local farmers. For a listing of regional markets, visit www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp.

Building Materials for Sale at The Framing Hope Warehouse

WNY AmeriCorps has partnered with Gifts In Kind International and The Home Depot to open the Framing Hope Warehouse at 635 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY. The first such warehouse in the nation, the Warehouse offers brand-new building and renovating materials to local non-profits for a fraction of what you'd pay wholesale or retail. Materials available at the WNY AmeriCorps "Framing Hope Warehouse" include lighting, doors, high-efficiency windows, cabinets, fencing, window treatments, tile, paneling, trim, and bathroom fixtures. All of the materials are first-quality and donated by local The Home Depot stores. The Framing Hope Warehouse is open every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 3 PM and by appointment Monday thru Thursday. For more information and to download a PDF of the Warehouse's complete inventory, visit <http://www.WNYAmeriCorps.org/warehouse>.

Backpacking, Kayaking and other Outdoor Courses

Preparing your backpack for a day, week-end or week adventure can be a challenge as your backpack has limited space to carry your gear, group gear and food. Setting out in a kayak requires some confidence in your ability to recover from a spill. Paths, Peaks & Paddles is teaming up with different community education programs to offer outdoor programming for the general public. Check out their offerings at <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

Explore Buffalo's History and Architecture this Summer

There are a number of wonderful opportunities to learn more about Buffalo's wonderful history and architecture. Bus tours and guided walking trips are available through several groups. The Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture is offering open-bus tours this summer. Check out their schedule at <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/files/2010-tour-sheet.pdf>. Buffalo Tours offers educational tours for Preservation Buffalo Niagara and their schedule is available at <http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/page/buffalo-tours/>.

Terracycle is Helping to End "Garbage"

As we end the holiday shopping season, it is timely to consider the amount of stuff that we accumulate and its fate when we dispose of it. Traditionally, most of our purchases end up in a landfill after serving their original purpose. Now, a new organization, Terracycle, is trying to work with manufacturers to find new lives for many of our products. Unlike traditional recycling which often breaks down packaging and remakes objects, Terracycle is trying to upcycle materials and increase their usefulness. For example, juice pouches can see a new life as purses. Watch the video at www.terracycle.net and begin collecting materials which you can ship for free and receive donations for your favorite school or charity. As discussed in the excellent book "Cradle to Cradle" (www.mcdonough.com/cradle_to_cradle.htm), nature treats waste as "food" and our ecosystems recycle their wastes. Similarly we consider the life cycle of our goods in designing them and find ways that the materials can be used as technical nutrients for future goods. If you haven't considered the amount of energy and raw materials that are used in making our stuff, I highly recommend that you watch the video "The Story of Stuff" (<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>). With Terracycle, we now have a place to send our candy wrappers, wine corks and many other items.

Master Gardener Training

The next Master Gardener training will start **September 8th**, 2010, and run each Wednesday evening 6:30 - 9:00 until December 8th. Class size is limited and priority is given to Niagara County residents. A one time fee of \$250 covers classes and a Master Gardener Notebook. For more information about the Master Gardener Program and training contact John Farfaglia at jaf21@cornell.edu.

Natural Lawn Care Guide for Homeowners

A free downloadable brochure provides step-by-step descriptions of basic measures that help maintain a healthy, aesthetically-pleasing lawn without the use of chemicals, including soil testing, fertilizing, watering, and mowing. It also includes research-based explanations of how pesticides can be harmful to human and animal health, degrade soil, pollute water, and harm wildlife. Download at <http://www.iiseagrant.org/catalog/wq/lawncare.html>.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

A range of courses in photovoltaic installation, solar hot water heating and solar power permitting will be offered across New York state in the upcoming months. Courses fill quickly, so register early. For info and registration, visit <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/>.

Stress Reducer Paddles with Paths, Peaks and Paddles

Paths, Peaks & Paddles, Inc. sponsors Stress Reducer Paddles every Tuesday and Thursday evening through the summer. Join the guides and instructors for a friendly, fun paddle and watch the sunset. On Tuesdays, trips leave their store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd., Tonawanda) at 6pm for a trip on Ellicott Creek. On Thursdays, meet at Wilson Tuscarora State Park back parking lot at 6:30pm. Join them for free if you have your own kayak or canoe, or rent one. Cost for renting a boat for Ellicott Creek is \$20 solo or \$25 tandem including paddle and required personal floatation device (PFD). For Thursday paddles, cost is \$25 solo or \$30 tandem and they deliver the boat, paddles and PFDs to Wilson. Reservations are required if you are renting a boat-call 716-213-0350. Beginners are welcome!

NOFA-NY Challenges New Yorkers to Eat Locally

Northeast Organic Farming Association of NY (NOFA-NY) is hosting its first ever Locavore Challenge to run throughout the month of September 2010. The Locavore Challenge serves multiple functions for NOFA-NY and for the organic movement in NY State. The first is as a general awareness builder, the second is as a membership recruitment initiative and the third is as a major annual fundraiser for the organization. The goal is to have more than 4,000 participants throughout the state involved in this event. For info and registration, visit <https://www.nofany.org/events/ny-locavore-challenge>. Participants register to complete the challenge and pay a nominal fee to participate.

Emerald Ash Borer Detected in Steuben and Ulster Counties

The invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been detected on private properties in the Town of Bath, Steuben County, and Town of Saugerties, Ulster County. The EAB is a small but destructive beetle that infests and kills North American ash tree species, including green, white, black, and blue ash. The first detection of EAB in New York was in the town of Randolph, Cattaraugus County, in June 2009 (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/56774.html>). Since the Randolph find, state and federal officials have implemented an extensive monitoring effort that includes the deployment of approximately 7,500 EAB purple traps with chemical lures in ash trees in high risk locations including major transportation corridors. The DEC suspects that the movement of EAB to these new areas was due to the movement of firewood, so it is important to use local firewood and not transport wood to other areas. New York has more than 900 million ash trees, representing about seven percent of all trees in the state, and all are at risk.

In 2008, New York adopted regulations that ban untreated firewood from entering the state and restricts intrastate movement of untreated firewood to no more than a 50-mile radius from its source (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html>). This was done as a precaution against the introduction and spread of EAB and other invasive species because of the documented risk of transmission by moving firewood. For more information, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/index.shtml and <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/CAPS/pdf/Emerald%20Ash%20Borer%20Poster.pdf>.

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 Rescheduled

Brush Up Buffalo 2010 has been rescheduled for **September 18**. It is not too early to plan ahead to participate. The goal for the community project is to paint 15-20 homes in one day (hard to imagine, isn't it?), so we need about 40 painters per paint team/home. That means we need approximately 600 volunteers! These homeowners, many of whom are low-income and/or elderly, just need a little help maintaining the appearance of their homes. Brush Up Buffalo is a not-for-profit organization that depends on the support of community-minded people of Western New York to make a difference in the neighborhoods that are vital to the culture, health and well-being of our great city. During its 13-year history, Brush Up Buffalo and more than 6,500 volunteers have painted more than 250 homes in the City of Buffalo. You can sign up [online](#) you can call our hotline at 250.3353 and let us know you're interested. Note: You must be 18 years or older to paint, however, minors may participate in hospitality-related activities.

Free Rabies Clinics for Cats and Dogs

The SPCA Serving Erie County will once again work in association with the Erie County Department of Health as it offers free rabies vaccinations to dogs and cats. Dogs must be on leashes, and CATS MUST BE CONFINED; please keep cats in carriers and/or on leashes, NOT wrapped in blankets or coats. Pet owners should ensure animals are wearing current identification. Veterinarians from the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society (NFVS) will administer the vaccinations to dogs and cats. For more information, please contact the Erie County Health Department at 716-961-6800. Dates and locations are available at www.yourspca.org.

Boat Launch Site Resource

Bob's Buffalo/Niagara Paddling Put-in Guide, <http://tinyurl.com/BuffaloPaddlesMap2>, is a map of places to launch your canoe or kayak in Western NY, as well as some of his favorite launch sites within a six hour drive from Buffalo. Users can zoom in for more detail, and select from the "map" mode, or view a satellite photo. Click on the symbols for more information about each location.

Calculate your Carbon Emissions

There are many websites with carbon calculators and quizzes for determining your ecological or water footprints. One of the newer calculators is not only easy to use, but has links to other carbon calculators. Pull out your most recent home energy bills and give it a whirl at <http://michaelbluejay.com/electricity/carboncalculator.html>. You can use the estimate as a benchmark for any green New Year's resolutions.

Recycle a Milk Carton. It's for the birds!

Audubon Licensing and Audubon Adventures are proud to announce the Make Your Own milk carton birdfeeder promotion in association with Stonyfield Farm. Make use of your empty milk cartons, reduce waste and help wild birds too! PLUS, kids (with permission from their parents) can submit their creations online from **April 1st through August 31st**. Five participants will be selected by Audubon to be displayed in an on-line art exhibit with their names, photos and outstanding milk carton bird feeders. The five featured participants will be posted on Stonyfield's website and Audubon's website. Beginning April 1st, please visit: <http://audubon.org/educate/kids/birdfeeder.html> for details.

Play Free Online Games and Raise Money for Charity

Now you can enjoy a few minutes of solitaire or other games guilt-free. Go to www.gamesthatgive.net and register your choice from their list of charities. As you score, your charity benefits. The Wilderness Society is currently on the list of charities benefiting from this program.

Grant Opportunities

[The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program](#) awards grants at the state and regional level for programs that give individuals access to a better life. Education grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-30. Job Skills Training grants promote professional training, counseling, and support services to help people improve their work-related skills. Health grants strive to improve access to healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles. Environmental Sustainability grants support programs that are designed to help people become more sustainable as well as programs that enhance the environment. Applications may be submitted between February 1 and **August 20, 2010**.

The Blue Moon Fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is

their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/> to take the required online eligibility test. Rolling deadlines exist for grants.

The Environmental Support Center is accepting applications for training and technical-assistance funds to strengthen nonprofit environmental organizations in areas including fund raising, organizational development, and planning. Regional, statewide, or local nonprofit organizations serving low-income or minority constituencies that have environmental issues as a significant part of the organization's agenda may apply. For more information, visit <http://www.envsc.org>.

The [Strong Communities Competition](#) seeks innovative projects and ideas that engage citizens to steer change and build strong communities. The Strong Communities: Engaging Citizens, Strengthening Place, Inspiring Change competition is open to all types of individuals and organizations. Of interest are solutions from a variety of disciplines including (but not limited to) conservation, planning, economics, politics, education, deliberative democracy and the arts, and especially encourages submission of interdisciplinary approaches. Entries are due **August 11, 2010**.

Youth Service America has extended its deadline for the [STEMester of Service](#) grant program to allow time for educators to get back to school and apply. STEMester of Service incorporates YSA's semester-long service-learning framework to engage educators and students in addressing critical environmental and disaster preparedness needs and connecting them to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curricula. The \$5,000 grant (that includes travel and training at YSA's Youth Service Institute in Detroit in October) supports teachers as they engage local partners and guide students in addressing local needs through planning and implementing sustainable service projects that launch on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (January 17, 2011) and culminate on Global Youth Service Day (April 15-17, 2011). The new deadline for proposals is **August 20, 2010**.

The [National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance's Sustainable Vision](#) grants program funds transformational education programs where breakthrough technologies are created and commercialized through entrepreneurial models for the benefit of people living in poverty in the US and abroad. Focus areas include, but are not limited to, health, clean air and water, energy, nutrition, and shelter. The grants support enrichment and deepening of ongoing programs by building and strengthening interpersonal and inter-institutional networks, and by creating new initiatives within existing programs. Proposals are due **October 15, 2010**.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking proposals to meet New York State's workforce training needs. Funding is available to facilitate workforce education within New York State in the area of energy efficiency. Proposers may develop and implement training initiatives as part of a career pathway (i.e., basic skills, technical skills, advanced skills), continuing education opportunity, college credit course, certificate program, two-year degree program, etc. Expansion of existing training programs and new programs, including curriculum development are eligible for funding under this PON. Proposers should focus on instruction that develops or enhances the energy efficiency skills of current workers or training that provides basic skills and technical training related to energy efficiency to disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed workers residing in New York State and will provide energy efficiency services throughout New York State. Proposals are due **August 3, 2010**. Info at www.nyserdera.org/funding/1817pon.asp.

In partnership with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Program Opportunity Notice (PON) 2078 seeks proposals that have the potential of reducing the carbon intensity of the existing multi-modal transportation system in New York State. For the purpose of this solicitation, carbon intensity is defined as CO2 emissions per unit of passenger or freight transport. Total available New York State funding is \$1,500,000. All, or none, of the available funding may be allocated. For technical questions please contact: Joe Tario 1-866-NYSERDA, Ext. 3215. For more information please visit: <http://www.nyserdera.org/funding/2078pon.asp>. Proposals are due **August 25, 2010**.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Program Opportunity Notice (PON) 2045 seeks proposals to support development, demonstration, and commercialization of innovative transportation products, systems and services. Proposals are due **August 19, 2010**. Visit www.nyserdera.org/funding/2045summary.pdf.

Environmental R&D: Enhanced Program Outreach and Science-Policy Integration: The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) seeks proposals from knowledgeable and objective individuals or organizations

interested in providing assistance to the Outreach and Science-Policy Communication component of the Environmental Research and Development Program (Environmental R&D). One of the principal goals of the Environmental R&D program is to provide policymakers with scientifically credible and objective information on the environmental effects of energy production and use to aid in the development of cost-effective and equitable policies to protect public health and the environment in New York. For more info on the funding please visit: <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/1958rfp.asp>. Proposals are due **August 30, 2010**.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking proposals to conduct a Curriculum Inventory, Contractor Needs Assessment and Curriculum Updates. The Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY) Act of 2009 calls for the promotion of energy efficiency, energy conservation and the installation of clean energy technologies, to reduce energy consumption and costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support sustainable community development and to create green job opportunities. As program administrator of GJGNY, the NYSERDA is, in part, responsible for implementation of energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits or improvements for residential, small business, and not-for-profit property owners. Successful implementation of the GJGNY Program depends in large part on strategic deployment of workforce development and training activities. For more information please go to: <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2034rfp.asp>. Proposals are due **August 31, 2010**.

Green Jobs - Green NY (GJGNY) is a statewide program to promote energy efficiency and the installation of clean technologies to reduce energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program supports sustainable community development and will create opportunities for green jobs. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) seeks proposals from qualified organizations interested in supporting the effective roll-out and ongoing efficiency of GJGNY Outreach activities through Constituency Based Organizations (CBOs). CBOs will encourage participation in energy efficiency programs, facilitate awareness of workforce training opportunities available through the GJGNY, and assist with regional enrollment in those efforts. For more information please go to <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2080rfp.asp>. Proposals are due **September 2, 2010**.

Corn Moon Dinner Supports Local Farms

Cattaraugus County Community Supported Agricultural farmers, artisans and chefs are hosting a dinner highlighting the region's local foods at Sojourner Farms, 943 East Windfall Rd. in Olean, NY on Saturday, August 21 from 6-9pm. Corn Moon Dinner is a grassroots fundraiser with the goal of generating interest in Cattaraugus County's many farms and ranches and raising monies to start a local food system. Reservations are available for \$75 per person and are non-refundable. Payment for reservations is by check only and must be received by **Wednesday, August 18th** to secure your seat. Directions and details about the dinner will be mailed upon payment. Please call or email [Megan Taylor](mailto:Megan.Taylor@cornmoondinner.org) (716) 373.0253 or [Elizabeth Bares](mailto:Elizabeth.Bares@cornmoondinner.org) (716) 307.1494 for your reservation. To enhance our table and provide uniqueness to the dinner we ask everyone to please bring their own plate. Your plates will be washed and dried after the meal. For additional information about Corn Moon Dinner, please email info@cornmoondinner.org.

Household Detergent and Nutrient Runoff Law

The Household Detergent and Nutrient Runoff Law (Chapter 205 of the laws of 2010), was signed into law by the Governor on July 15, 2010. This law will improve water quality in New York by reducing phosphorus runoff into the State's waterbodies. It will also reduce costs to local governments and private entities required to remove excess phosphorus from stormwater and wastewater, and will expand recreational uses of the state's waters. The sale and use of phosphorus-contained dishwasher detergents and the use and application of lawn fertilizers will be affected by the legislation.

Phosphorus impacts our environment through reductions in oxygen in water which is necessary for fish to breathe, promoting algal growth that degrade drinking water and affect recreational use. Dishwasher detergents may contain up to 9% phosphorus and can account for 9% to 34% of total phosphorus in municipal wastewater. Lawn fertilizer contains up to 3% phosphorus and can account for up to 50% of the soluble phosphorus in stormwater runoff from lawn areas.

Removing phosphorus at a wastewater treatment facility costs approximately \$1 to \$20 per pound. By reducing levels of phosphorus entering the environment, communities can save through the use of less chemical treatment and the generation of less sludge.

Cattaraugus-Little Valley Middle School Honored by National Fuel

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (“National Fuel”), the Buffalo Sabres and the National Energy Education Development Project (“NEED”) are pleased to name Cattaraugus-Little Valley Middle School the School of the Year in New York State for its winning project promoting energy efficiency in the Energy Detectives Classroom Contest, part of National Fuel’s Energy Detectives Program.

National Fuel congratulated the participating eighth grade students, or Energy Detectives, at Cattaraugus-Little Valley with an in-school event on June 14. In addition, National Fuel sponsored 16 students to represent New York State at the NEED National Recognition Ceremonies in Washington, D.C., June 25 to June 28. During the ceremonies, Cattaraugus-Little Valley was recognized for its first-place project. In addition, the school was named “Junior Level Rookie of the Year,” a national honor recognizing the work of a school that excelled above a state level.

National Fuel’s Energy Detectives Program, started in 2008, offers Western New York schools an education program for 5th through 12th grade teachers to help students become Energy Detectives by learning about energy efficiency, conservation and energy sources. The program includes hands-on classroom materials and take-home kits for participating students and their families. As part of the program, formal lesson plans integrate educational activities and community outreach projects. Next year’s Energy Detectives contest is currently being developed and will begin at the start of the 2010-11 school year. For additional information, please contact NEED at 1-866-720-2123 or by e-mail at nyworkshops@need.org.

11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science

The 11th Annual Conference on Case Study Teaching in Science will be held **September 24-25, 2010** at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Amherst. Presented by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science, this conference brings together people who are interested in teaching science using case studies. Our conference features two plenaries and a dinner talk: The Flexibility of Case Methods by Margaret Waterman, Professor of Biology, Southeast Missouri State University, Science 2020: The Transformation of Science Education for Future Scientists and Citizens: by Felicia Keesing, Associate Professor of Biology, Bard College, and Using the Power of Stories to Engage Students from Under-represented Populations: The Native Cases Initiative by Barbara Leigh Smith, Senior Scholar, The Evergreen State College, a poster session, and a number of mini-workshops organized in three tracks - one for the beginner, one for the more experienced case teacher, and a high school teacher track. If you are interested in clicker cases we have a session on how to use clickers with cases in the classroom. Early bird registration (before or on September 1, 2010) is \$500. We also offer a One Day Saturday registration rate of \$350. For more information, including how to submit your poster proposal, see the conference website at: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/conference/conference.html>.

Adjunct Instructor for Environmental Studies

The Environmental Studies Program at Canisius College seeks a part-time adjunct instructor to teach an introductory undergraduate course in Environmental Studies for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters. Candidates should have a broad knowledge of environmental studies and concerns and the ability to cover course material focused on the science of environmental problems, including but not limited to climate change, water and air pollution, hazardous waste, and other current environmental problems. Applicants should have experience in the field of environmental studies and/or environmental management, and hold a degree in a related field, preferably a MA in Environmental Studies or Environmental Science. The ideal candidate will have teaching experience or a sincere desire to teach undergraduates and a willingness to work with others to develop teaching skills. Canisius College is committed to bringing talented professionals into its faculty. Consideration of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit a CV, cover letter including statement of teaching interests and philosophy and three professional references with contact information to Dr. Erin Robinson, robinso5@canisius.edu, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208. Electronic submissions strongly preferred.

Position Available for Associate Director for the New York Sea Grant Institute

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University seeks an Associate Director for the New York Sea Grant Institute (NYSGI) to lead a dynamic, highly-rated, University based Sea Grant Extension program that addresses critical marine and Great Lakes coastal issues. Qualifications include an earned doctorate with at least 5 years.

professional outreach and administrative experience in aquatic science, natural resource or conservation management or other appropriate environmental sciences; OR a Master's degree with 10 years programmatic and progressive administrative experience in the above fields and demonstrated leadership experience. For full position description go to: <http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/article.asp?ArticleID=357> or contact Nancy at nag3@cornell.edu or call 607-255-2832. Review of applications will begin August 23rd.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

A number of volunteer opportunities are available at organizations in Western New York. Opportunities exist for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. For a listing of some Buffalo positions, visit <http://www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org/>.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Buffalo Audubon's Iroquois Observations and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. Tour leaders are desperately needed for the school year tours. The Iroquois programs take place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, NY. The For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Your help is welcome if you like birds and people! Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Buffalo Audubon Volunteer. Free training to become a volunteer will be held the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call the Center at (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot for volunteer training.

Buffalo Carshare- This new non-profit has brought car-sharing to Buffalo. Volunteers are needed for office help and promotion. Contact them at <http://www.buffalocarshare.org/volunteer.html>.

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens- Docents needed. To be a tour guide you must enjoy plants and be able to communicate with small groups. Training is provided with the next round from Sept. 8-12 from 9am-noon. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

Buffalo Museum of Science has volunteer and internship opportunities available for teens, college students and adults. For information, contact Monika McFoy, Director of Community Programs, at 896-5200, ext. 343.

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper- <http://www.bnriverkeeper.org/programs/riverwatch/index.htm> for volunteer opportunities.

Buffalo ReUse can use volunteers for many things including fundraising, graphic design, building salvage and material pickups. Join them for their fun Saturdays. To help, contact them at volunteer@buffaloreuse.org.

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Berries have been planted and raised beds will be maintained throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

Eastside Redevelopment Task Force has volunteer openings to help improve the Eastside community. For contact info and details on their vision, visit <http://www.eastsideredevelopment.org/>.

Excalibur, a private, non-profit all volunteer, charitable organization seeks competent anglers and captains to help provide free boating and fishing opportunities on Lake Erie for disabled and disadvantaged persons using the organizations new vessel. Contact Director Jim Catalano at jim@excalibur.org or visit <http://excalibur.org>

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to help impact lives of families in the city of Buffalo by building simple, decent homes. Call 204-0740 or volunteer@habitatbuffalo.org.

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is seeking volunteers for who would like to work with wildlife. 16 years or older. Call 716-652-8646. Email info@hawkcreek.org.

HOME, Inc. (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) seeks volunteers to work on various committees to further fair housing. If you would like to get involved with the work of HOME consider sitting on any one of the following committees: Development, Finance, Membership, Nominating, Program Operations & Planning, Annual Meeting or the JoAnne Champion Granger Scholarship committee. For information/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs presented in partnership with the Buffalo Audubon Society each spring and fall. Programs include: birding field trips, scope watches, owl prowls, canoe trips, hands on activities, and guest speakers. If you are friendly and love the outdoors those are all the qualifications you need to volunteer. Please contact Garner Light at 772-5110 or glight@rochester.rr.com for more information.

Lead Safe Erie County needs volunteers to help paint houses and prevent lead poisoning. For those who are interested, there is also free training for Lead Safe Work Practices Certification. Service learning students, block clubs and others are welcome. Call Mary at 716-833-2929, ext. 117.

Olmsted Parks-Volunteers are needed for tree plantings (5/2 and 5/9), special park events, office work and mailings. Please contact Sal at (716) 838-1249 x. 33 for more information on becoming an Olmsted parks volunteer.

Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center- Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are needed. Have a few hours a month to help introduce children and adults to the natural sciences? Please call (716) 627-4560.

Preservation Buffalo Niagara-Interns and volunteers are welcome. For info, visit <http://www.landmark-niagara.org/>.

Science Firsthand needs adult mentors to work with children in learning about science. All materials are provided for fun experimentation. Mentors and students meet one hour per week after school at a community center. For information, call 858-7548.

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. Call 662-1342 or email tiffriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Sunday, August 1

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Poetry and Posies (Flower Show) (East Aurora)-12-4pm Pick-up site: event is being held at Stonegate Mansion, 270 Buffalo Rd.; East Aurora. www.gardenclubsofwny.com, free.

U-Pick Blueberry Fundraising Event for WNY Land Conservancy- Support annual fundraising efforts with a U-Pick Blueberry weekend from 9am-dark at Jim & Toni Cudney's family farm at 5991 Scherff Road in Orchard Park. Come pick blueberries in their prime season. Bring your own containers. Minimum donation \$5/container. Proceeds donated to the WNY Land Conservancy. Jim Cudney is a long-time board member and currently serves as chair of the Conservation Committee. Please contact Mr. Cudney at (716) 662-9428 with any questions.

Miss Buffalo Tour with Riverkeeper- 9am – 12pm. We take a family boat ride aboard the lovely Miss Buffalo up the Buffalo River. Learn about the environmental history of the Buffalo River that was once set ablaze with burning pollution! Tour guides from Buffalo Tours will join us to give the historical perspective of Buffalo and the grain elevators. For reservations, call 716.852.7483 or Email: info@bnriverkeeper.org.

Monday, August 2

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](http://www.spcacatarmyadoptionpost.com), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Tuesday, August 3

Frogs, Tadpoles and Turtles -6:30pm. Come learn about the many frogs at Reinstein Woods, how tadpoles change into frogs, and a turtle's life in a pond. Reinstein Woods staff will present hour-long, family-friendly programs at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library on Losson Road. No registration is required. For info, call (716) 683-5959.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, August 4

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for info.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"-Miss Buffalo II cruise from 3-5pm with speaker-Dennis Galucki, [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#). Cost \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12.

Knee-High Naturalists- 10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for FORNP members. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Clean Air Community Meeting- Clean Air Coalition monthly meeting from 7-8pm at the Sheridan Parkside Community Center, 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive, Tonawanda, NY. Our August member meeting will feature updates from Tonawanda Coke, the Department of Health and action planning for our new campaign in the fall!

Thursday, August 5

Project WET Workshop- 9:00 AM to noon. Participants will receive a Project WET book with activities related to water. For educators of students in grades K-12. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Growing Green Capital Campaign Kickoff Cocktail Party-RSVP by July 30 to sharkey@mass-ave.org. Elegant cocktail party in Massachusetts Avenue Project Urban Farm from 4:30-6:30pm. Fundraiser featuring tilapia raised in MAP's aquaponic facility. 389 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo.

Friday, August 6

Bugs, Sunset and S'mores-Tiff Nature Preserve 7:30-9pm. Enjoy Tiff's 40 acre grassland while searching for some of the smaller residents of the preserve. Bug nets will be provided. Hike to the highest mound (the 2nd highest point in Buffalo!) and view the Lake Erie sunset. Afterwards, come inside the cabin and roast a marshmallow or make your own s'mores! Non-Members: \$7 per person, Museum Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338. For all ages.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am – 12pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Bring a friend Friday morning and help out with some gardening! We'll be working in a different green space each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Saturday, August 7

Wildlife Expedition-10:00am - 12:30pm at Birdsong Park, Orchard Park. Focus: This is a gentle hike through open fields, swamps, mature forests and around ponds in search of interesting wildlife and their life signs. Fees and Registration: Please contact the Orchard Park Recreation Department: 716-662-6450 or oprec@orchardparkny.org.

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Training-Free training to become a volunteer will be held at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call the Center at (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Tour Guide Training - 9:00 AM to noon. Attend this training session to become a volunteer tour guide at Reinstein Woods. No experience necessary- just the desire to share your love of nature with others! Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959.

Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens and Starry Night Garden Tour-10am-5pm; 8pm-10pm for Starry Night. Pick-up site: Maps and more will be available the day of the tour at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 311 Ontario St.; Renovation Church 567 Hertel Ave.; both in Buffalo, NY 14207. Maps also available at local businesses; Councilman Golombek's office 851-5116; or by downloading from website. Free. www.brrgardenwalk.com .

Ken-Ton Garden Tour-10am-4pm, Pick up site: Ken-Ton Aquatic Center, Sheridan Drive & Delaware Rd; Kenmore Municipal Bldg, Delaware Ave & Delaware Rd; available Wednesday, July 28th. Free.

Penn-Dixie Planets, Constellations and Perseid Meteor Shower-Gates open at 5pm with telescopes focused until 11pm. Fossil hunting, food for purchase and lots of celestial entertainment. Cost is \$6 adult, \$5 child 12 & under. Members free. www.penndixie.org for info.

Party for the Planet at the Buffalo Zoo- Visitors will have the chance to explore special stations to learn more about conservation and to take part in games and other fun activities. The youngest visitors will also enjoy meeting Fisher-Price friends, as well as viewing the hottest new toys! The event is free with Zoo admission and runs from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please call (716) 995-6133 for more information.

Hunters Creek Ridge Hike at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve-10am to 3pm, Hikers will meet hike leader John Sly at the parking lot of Hunters Creek County Park off Centerline Road and follow the western ridge of Hunters Creek to Kenneglenn, the headquarters of the Western New York Land Conservancy. This is a special, by reservation only, guided hike with an experienced hike leader, as the trails in Kenneglenn are not yet fully developed. Hikers may be hiking in staggered small groups leaving about five minutes apart. There will be frequent stops with short talks about the areas and a lunch stop. Bring a bag lunch and water for the trail. Mr. Sly is a Land Conservancy volunteer and long-time volunteer program leader for the Buffalo Audubon Society. Reservations are required for all of the hikes. Please call 716.687.1225 or email Megan Mills Weaver at mweaver@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hikes are public events and are free of charge.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Volunteer Day at Massachusetts Avenue Project-10am to 1pm. Bring water and sunblock. <http://www.mass-ave.org/index.htm>

Sunday, August 8

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloaudubon.org for directions.

Ken-Ton Garden Tour-10am-4pm, Pick up site: Ken-Ton Aquatic Center, Sheridan Drive & Delaware Rd; Kenmore Municipal Bldg, Delaware Ave & Delaware Rd; available Wednesday, July 28th. Free.

Monday, August 9

Big, Bad Bear Adventure - 10:00 AM. Celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday by learning about New York's resident black bears. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting [CatArmy.org](#) or [YourSPCA.org](#).

Gardening Mondays Lunchtime Series-12 to 1pm at Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, main floor, 1 Lafayette Square, Free and open to public. Topic is: "Bring in the Butterflies" by Carol Ann Harlos.

"Buffalo Day at Chautauqua"-The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature (C-SAAHN) is pleased to announce the first annual Buffalo Day. Ken Burns is the featured speaker at the 10:45 am to noon Amphitheater lecture during Week 7 at [Chautauqua Institution](#) themed "Sacred Spaces." It has been reported by Chautauqua Institution that Ken Burns will focus on architecture in general and Frank Lloyd Wright in particular. Mary Roberts, Executive Director, Martin House Restoration Corporation, will give a short update on the Martin House Complex at 4 pm at the Hall of Christ which will be followed by the WNET nationally aired production, "Frank Lloyd Wright's Buffalo." Ken Burns has been invited to make introductory remarks as well.

Tuesday, August 10

Nature's Circle: Tree'mendous Trees-Tifft Nature Preserve, 10:30-11:15 AM, Ages 2-3. Read a story and have some fun during an outdoor circle time at Tifft. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, August 11

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for info.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"-Miss Buffalo II cruise from 3-5pm with speaker-Dennis Galucki, [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#). Cost \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12.

Knee-High Naturalists- 10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for FORNP members. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Insects of the Night - 8:00 PM. Join us as we search for moths and other insects attracted by light and scent. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Little Tykes Mini-Nature Camp at Tifft Nature Preserve: Sunshine Fun-Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Games, crafts, hikes and more are in store for your little ones. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided. 9:30-11:30am, ages 2-3. Non-Members: \$8* per session, \$4 additional children with the same adult Members: \$24* for all four sessions (every 2 weeks through Aug. 11); individual sessions and additional children 10% off non-member price, *Pricing for one child and adult Pre-registration required. If registering for all four sessions, please call. Register online or call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. If it's raining, we'll work in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Rain Barrel Workshops- From 11:30am-noon and 1:30-2pm at Roswell Park Farmers Market ([map](#)). Learn how to save \$ on your water bill by using rain water for your garden. Meet Buffalo ReUse at the Roswell Farmer's Market for a demonstration.

Thursday, August 12

Project Learning Tree Workshop - 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Participants receive a Project Learning Tree book with activities emphasizing forest ecology and stewardship. For educators of students in grades K-8. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

“Growing Partnerships: WNY Service Learning Coalition Summer Networking Meet and Greet”- 8:30-10:30 a.m. at West Side Community Services. This networking opportunity will provide the opportunity for to create partnerships for Fall 2010 service-learning projects. Coffee and pastries will be available. Community partners who would like a table should contact eoman@daemen.edu or 839-8375.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Environmental Justice Film Viewing-Clean Air Coalition series. Visit <http://www.cacwny.org/> for details.

Friday, August 13

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am – 12pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Bring a friend Friday morning and help out with some gardening! We'll be working in a different green space each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Hike along the Niagara- Join Buffalo Audubon from 10am-2pm for a nature hike through Devils Hole State Park. This hike can be strenuous at times but will offer a variety of birding and nature opportunities. (off-site) \$5/\$3 members. Contact www.buffaloudubon.org for info and reservation.

Saturday, August 14

Operation Protect Your Home-Take advantage of this free opportunity to meet face-to-face with banks and mortgage servicers about payment programs from 10am-2pm at Bennett High School, 2885 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14214. Info on home foreclosure prevention will be featured. For details contact State Senator Antoine Thompson at (716) 854-8705.

Volunteer Day at Wilson Street Urban Farm-9am – 12pm at the Wilson St Urban Farm ([map](#)).

Double Dipping with Pollinators - 10:30 AM. Discover the special relationship that hummingbirds, butterflies and other insects have with plants and their flowers. For adults and children age 10 and older. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Bergen Swamp Sanctuary Summer Field Trip-5pm in Bergen, NY. Reserve your spot at 585-548-7304.

Canoe Trip with Buffalo Audubon – 9am-2pm. Location to be announced. \$7/\$5, canoe rental extra. Contact www.buffaloudubon.org for info and reservation.

East Aurora Park Hike- 10am-noon. Majors Park, East Aurora. Come explore nature up close-grab your magnifying glass as we explore the somewhat hidden world of nature around us. \$5/\$3 members, \$15 family (Buffalo Audubon). 441 Olean Rd, Hubbard Rd. side of Majors Park. Contact www.buffaloudubon.org for info and reservation.

Transformers-Tifft Nature Preserve, 10-11:30am for all ages. There's more than meets the eye! Not those robotic kinds...From wiggling tadpole to jumping frog, from acorn to oak, from infant to child-- my how things transform! Discover how and why things change in the natural world and then explore the trails in search of these terrific transformers! Non-Members: \$5, Museum Members save 10%! Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338

Volunteer Day at Massachusetts Avenue Project-10am to 1pm. Bring water and sunblock. <http://www.mass-ave.org/index.htm>

Monkey Business-You'll go "bananas" over this fun event, which will showcase the Buffalo Zoo's small primates! Event highlights include keeper talks and enrichment for the sakis, capuchins, squirrel monkeys, howlers, macaques, tamarins and mandrills. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is free with Buffalo Zoo admission. For more information about the event schedule, please call (716) 837-3900 or visit www.buffalozoo.org closer to the event.

Boaters Safety Class-Offered by US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 8am-5pm at McKinely Mall. Register with Bob Moscato at 681-3889. There is a fee associated with the course. For info, visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Sunday, August 15

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Bugfest at Bond Lake- Join us for a bug walk (weather permitting) at 2:00. We'll meet behind the nature center for an easy walk looking for and identifying some six-legged friends. Please bring your favorite bug jar, but all insect must be released after we get a good up-close look at them. <http://bondlake.webs.com>

Turtle Tour- Tifft Nature Preserve from 2-4pm, \$3/person or \$10 for family (free for FOT members). Meet at the cabin for a brief introduction and then head out to the wetlands for a turtle adventure. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Discussions will include native and non-native turtles, wetland restoration, the pet trade, threatened species, and more. All proceeds go to wetland habitat restoration. Call 825-6397 for info.

Monday, August 16

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Gardening Mondays Lunchtime Series-12 to 1pm at Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, main floor, 1 Lafayette Square, Free and open to public. Topic is: "Extraordinary Perennials for WNY Gardens" by Sally Cunningham.

Tuesday, August 17

Designing for pedestrian safety (two-day workshop)-The workshop will be conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and is intended to educate local municipal officials, highway superintendents, highway engineers, planners, traffic safety, law enforcement and public health officials about the proper design of streets and highways to promote pedestrian safety and mobility. This is a two day workshop; the first day (8:30am-4pm) is strictly classroom, while the second day participants will conduct a field exercise at a nearby intersection or highway corridor. The workshop is limited to 40 participants, and pre-registration is required. The training is free (lunch on your own), and is open to anyone interested in learning about how to improve pedestrian safety and mobility in their community. TO PRE-REGISTER for the FREE WORKSHOP: Candidate interested in attending this training should forward their name by e-mail to Eric Ophardt at eophardt@dot.state.ny.us or call (518) 457 – 0922. The deadline for registration is COB on **August 11, 2010**. Workshop at Buffalo State College, Bulger Communication Center.

Pond Life - 10:30 AM. Dive into the world of aquatic organisms and see what is living in our ponds! For children ages 6 to 12. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Nature's Circle: Up, Up and Away-Tiff Nature Preserve, 10:30-11:15 AM, Ages 2-3. Read a story and have some fun during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, August 18

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for info.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"-Miss Buffalo II cruise from 3-5pm with speaker-Dennis Galucki, [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#). Cost \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12.

Knee-High Naturalists- 10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for FORNP members. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Babes In The Woods - This nature discovery program is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "Insects around us" is the topic this month. Registration is required. (BM) \$5 child & adult/ \$3 each additional child. Contact www.buffaloaudubon.org for info and reservation.

Designing for pedestrian safety (two-day workshop)- See Tuesday August 17. This second day (8:30am-3:30pm) participants will conduct a field exercise at a nearby intersection or highway corridor. The workshop is limited to 40 participants, and pre-registration is required. The training is free (lunch on your own), and is open to anyone interested in learning about how to improve pedestrian safety and mobility in their community. TO PRE-REGISTER for the FREE WORKSHOP: Candidate interested in attending this training should forward their name by e-mail to Eric Ophardt at eophardt@dot.state.ny.us or call (518) 457 – 0922. The deadline for registration is COB on August 11, 2010. Held at Buffalo State College, Bulger Communications Center.

Thursday, August 19

Flying WILD Workshop- 9:00 AM to noon. Participants will receive a Flying WILD book with activities emphasizing birds and migration. For educators of students in grades 6-8. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Business Gets Green Meeting- 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Frank E. Merriweather Jr. Branch Library 1324 Jefferson Ave, Corner of Jefferson and East Utica. All are Welcome! The format for Business Gets Green includes 1/2 hour of 30 second Introductions by businesses, organizations and individuals. The Introductions are followed by 4 - 15 minute feature presentations on businesses or issues that are of special interest, usually with Powerpoint slides. Sponsored by NYS Senator Antoine Thompson, Chair of the NY Senate Environmental Conservation Committee.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Scajaquada Summit - 10:00-11:30 AM at Buffalo & EC Historical Society - Senator Thompson is gathering all stakeholders to discuss Scajaquada Creek water quality. Please email bnsenate@verizon.net for details.

Friday, August 20

Leaves & Laughs 2nd Annual Fundraiser for Re-Tree WNY- 7pm at Rob's Comedy Playhouse. Live comedy show hosted by Rob Lederman inside Dandelion's Restaurant on North Forest near Maple in Williamsville. Tickets are \$25. Buy via paul.maurer@citcomm.com or (716) 888-9766. Basket Raffle and 50-50.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am – 12pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Bring a friend Friday morning and help out with some gardening! We'll be working in a different green space each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Saturday, August 21

Power of the River Bike Tour- 1pm-4pm bike tour. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloaudubon.org for more info.

Growing Up WILD Workshop - 9:00 AM to noon. This new program provides early childhood educators with an activity guide featuring 27 field-tested, hands-on, nature based activities for indoor and outdoor fun. For educators of students ages 3-7. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Full Moon Walk at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center-8 to 9:30pm. Enjoy an evening hike through the preserve as we look and listen for the night creatures. Meet at Visitor Center. \$5/\$3 members. Call to register at 800-377-1520.

Geology Hike at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve-10am to noon. Led by Stan Radon, this hike features views of the gorge walls and a beautiful waterfall. Please be prepared to walk in the creek with shoes that have great traction. This is a great family hike on a hot August day. Stan Radon has been a geologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for 20 years and also teaches geology and environmental studies at SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo State College, and Daemen College. Please register early as this hike fills to capacity -call 716.687.1225 or email Megan Mills Weaver at mweaver@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hikes are public events and are free of charge.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Pick Up Buffalo- Join Working For Downtown to help clean up the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. Meet at the rear parking lot at Pearl Street Grille & Brewery at 9am. Cleanup is from 9am-noon and coffee and water are provided. For info, contact membership@workingfordowntown.org.

Tift at Twilight-7-10 PM, Experience Tift at Twilight at Tift Nature Preserve with guided evening tours, music, special programming including Insects by Nightlight, Bats of Tift, and a special appearance by acclaimed zoologist and animal conservationist Jarod Miller. Tift-inspired art will be auctioned and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$50 and a cash bar will be available. To register, visit www.sciencebuff.org, stop by the Tift Gift Shop or Museum admission desk, or call 716-825-6397. Payment is required at the time of registration. This event is for adults 21 and over. All proceeds benefit educational programming at Tift Nature Preserve.

Green Roof Dog House Workshop –Buffalo ReUse workshop from 10am – 12pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)). Learn how to make the coolest "woof" for your dog house using recycled building materials!

Sunday, August 22

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Monday, August 23

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Gardening Mondays Lunchtime Series- 12 to 1pm at Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, main floor, 1 Lafayette Square, Free and open to public. Topic is: "Water, Water, Everywhere" by Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers.

Tuesday, August 24

Full "Red" Moon Walk- 7:30 PM. Come out for a walk as we learn some facts about the full moon and the night sky. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Career Opportunities in the Life Sciences- 6-8PM Place: Diefendorf Hall, Rm. 147 UB South Campus, join us at this workshop to learn more about the exciting career opportunities and training that exists in the Life Sciences in the Buffalo Niagara region. Please call us at 829-3131 to register or receive more information.

Full Sturgeon Moon Stroll-Come enjoy a summer night at Tiffit Nature Preserve by July's "Buck" or "Thunder" Full Moon from 7:45-9:15pm. Nonmembers \$5. For adults. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Wednesday, August 25

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"-Miss Buffalo II cruise from 3-5pm with speaker-Dennis Galucki, [Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature \(C-SAAHN\)](#). Cost \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12.

Knee-High Naturalists- 10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for FORNP members. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30-9pm at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Rte. 219, West Valley, NY. Visit <http://www.westvalleyctf.org/> for agenda and confirmation of meeting.

Building Arbors Workshop-Buffalo ReUse workshop from 4-6pm at 320 Northampton ([map](#)).

Thursday, August 26

Aquatic WILD Workshop- 9:00 AM to noon. Participants will receive an Aquatic WILD book with activities emphasizing aquatic wildlife and ecosystems. For educators of students in grades K-12. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Friday, August 27

Nature Stories by the Campfire - 8-9:30pm . Listen to tales of nature including some Native American stories, while you roast marshmallows by the campfire. (Beaver Meadow Audubon Center \$5/\$3members). Register at 1-800-377-1520.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-9am – 12pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Bring a friend Friday morning and help out with some gardening! We'll be working in a different green space each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Movie Night in the Garden - 7pm – 10pm at 320 Northampton ([map](#)). Join Buffalo ReUse for another summertime movie in the garden. We will start the night by making some delicious blueberry snacks. This time around we have a special guest. Storyteller Lorna MacDonald Czarnota will read stories to children before the movie begins. Bring your imagination and join in the fun.

Saturday, August 28

Fairy Houses - 10:30 AM. Use natural materials to build a fairy house among the trees of Reinstein Woods. Advance registration is required; call 716-683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew.

Elmwood Art Festival-Enjoy the arts and environmental row at this annual event. 10am-6pm. <http://www.elmwoodartfest.org/>.

East Aurora Parks Hike in Majors Park"- 10am-noon. Enjoy a quiet and leisurely hike. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for info. Register at 1-800-377-1520.

Boats on the Green and in the Water-The Maritime Center will exhibit its boats on the green at the Commercial Slip from 10:00 - 5:00. Representatives will be there to answer questions and give out information regarding Fall courses and workshops. The traditional Lake Erie sailboat Scajaquada and the Electric Launch White Electra will depart the Commercial Slip throughout the day for hour-long excursions.

Wild Animal Photo Day-10am-2pm at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. What better way to capture the beauty of wildlife than through the lens of a creative artist? Bring your camera and your courage as you get an opportunity to photograph common, rare, and endangered wildlife up close, and in natural settings. <http://www.hawkcreek.org/whitepages/events> for tickets.

Compost Workshop at MAP- 20\$/person. Call for info and register with Jesse (716) 882-5327. <http://www.mass-ave.org/index.htm>

Monarch Butterfly Festival-10:00-4:00 p.m. at Jamestown Audubon Center, Jamestown. Cost: \$5/member; \$7/non-member; \$3/child. <http://www.jamestownaudubon.org/>

Sunday, August 29

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Elmwood Art Festival-Enjoy the arts and environmental row at this annual event. 10am-5pm. <http://www.elmwoodartfest.org/>.

Boats on the Green and in the Water-The Maritime Center will exhibit its boats on the green at the Commercial Slip from 10:00 - 5:00. Representatives will be there to answer questions and give out information regarding Fall courses and workshops. The traditional Lake Erie sailboat Scajaquada and the Electric Launch White Electra will depart the Commercial Slip throughout the day for hour-long excursions.

Family Movie Day at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center- Bring the whole family over to the Beaver Meadow Nature Center for an afternoon viewing of a nature film from 1-4pm. \$donation requested. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Monday, August 30

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Gardening Mondays Lunchtime Series-12 to 1pm at Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, main floor, 1 Lafayette Square, Free and open to public. Topic is: "Native Plants and Eco-friendly Landscapes" by Sally Cunningham.

Tuesday, August 31

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, September 1

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Tomato Canning Workshop-3pm – 6pm at 320 Northampton ([map](#)). Learn how to put up some tasty tomatoes with Buffalo ReUse.

Thursday, September 2

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Saturday, September 4

Zoo's Clues-Buffalo Zoo family Workshop from 10am to noon. Can you find animals at the zoo that are colorful, scaly, smooth, spiny, small, or tall? Challenge your animal knowledge as we use our senses and explore clues to learn more about the animals around us. We will investigate scat and bones, solve animal riddles, and participate in a scavenger hunt that will take us all around the zoo! [click here to download the WILD WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM](#).

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbearsw.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Volunteer Day at Massachusetts Avenue Project-10am to 1pm. Bring water and sunblock. <http://www.mass-ave.org/index.htm>

Refinishing Workshop at Buffalo ReUse-10am – 12pm at 298 Northampton ([map](#)).

Sunday, September 5

International Rock Flipping Day- Get outdoors and flip some rocks to discover what hides below. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center will offer some guidance at our family walk at 2pm as we discover what is hiding under the rock at the nature preserve. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Miss Buffalo Tour with Riverkeeper- 9am – 12pm. We take a boat ride aboard the lovely Miss Buffalo up the Buffalo River. This is a perfect River Tour for youngsters and seniors. Learn about the environmental history of the Buffalo River that was once set ablaze with burning pollution! Plus, you get two tours in one: Tour guides from Buffalo Tours will join us to give the historical perspective of Buffalo and the grain elevators. For reservations, call 716.852.7483 or Email: info@bnriverkeeper.org.

Monday, September 6

Happy Labor Day-enjoy the outdoors as summer begins to wind down.

Tuesday, September 7

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, September 8

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Thursday, September 9

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Friday, September 10

Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting- 7:30 pm. BAA member Jack Mack will MC the ever popular program, "What I Did Last Summer". Buffalo State College. Visit <http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/meetings.htm> for room number and directions.

Saturday, September 11

Homestead Festival-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-5pm. Step back to an earlier time and enjoy exhibits of hearth cookers, blacksmith, birdsof-prey, mountain men, early farming, flintknapping, and many more. New Exhibitors this year. Crafts, games & nature hikes. \$7 adults/\$5 children/under3 free. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

15th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour-8:30am-1:30pm. Ticket information and registration form on website www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

Major's Park "Wildlife Hike"- Enjoy a stroll through the East Aurora park from 10am-noon in search of signs of wildlife. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Sunday, September 12

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Special Event Day at Penn Dixie-1PM to 4 PM,. Experts will identify your fossils, rocks and minerals. Fossil collecting, viewing of sunspots and solar flares, and other activities. No pre-registrations required. Penn Dixie members free, non-member adults \$6, children 12 and under \$5, and children 2 and under free.

National Grandparents Day Stroll- Bring your grandparents and join us for a leisurely stroll from 2-4pm along the trails of the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center as we discover the many aspects of nature. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Monday, September 13

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Tuesday, September 14

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, September 15

Citizens for Regional Transit Monthly Meeting-Join us at Market Arcade (Landmark Society), 12:00 noon-1:00 PM at 617 Main Street, Buffalo. Free and open to the public.

Babes In The Woods-This nature discovery program at Beaver Meadow from 10-11:30am is for 3-5 year olds and their parents. "Sensing Nature" is the topic this month. Registration is required. \$5 child & adult/\$3 each additional child. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Thursday, September 16

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Saturday, September 18

Walk at Knox Farm State Park- Family walk beginning at 9am. Visit <http://freecal.brownbears.com/bmac> for the topic of the day. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for more info.

Penn-Dixie Astronomy Night-8pm. Telescopes available for planet and star viewing. No pre-registration required. \$2/members free. www.penn Dixie.org for info.

Observatory Public Viewing Night-Look at the stars through your own telescope or the BAA's beginning at Dusk. Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Visit www.buffaloastronomy.com for info.

Pick Up Buffalo- Join Working For Downtown to help clean up the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. Meet at the rear parking lot at Pearl Street Grille & Brewery at 9am. Cleanup is from 9am-noon and coffee and water are provided. For info, contact membership@workingfordowntown.org.

East Aurora Fish & Game Teach-Me-To-Fish-Youth fishing event to help promote interest in fishing. For info and registration, contact Dave Barus 597-4081.

Fall Birding at Forest Lawn and Delaware Park- 8 AM, Join birder and photographer David Gordon for a hike through historic Delaware Park, searching for seasonal migrants and resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please contact the Buffalo Audubon office for the meeting place and to register. 1-800-377-1520

Sunday, September 19

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

Jungle Cruise-Join the Women's Board of the Buffalo Zoo for a "Jungle Cruise" aboard the Miss Buffalo II. The twilight cruise will board at the Erie Basin Marina at 5:30 p.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. This floating fundraiser costs \$35 per person and will include snacks, beer, wine, soda and entertainment. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. For tickets or more information, please call (716) 995-6131.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets online.

Monday, September 20

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting CatArmy.org or YourSPCA.org.

Papermaking Workshop-From 9:30AM-3:30PM at the Buffalo Museum of Science. WNYLRC and the Buffalo Museum of Science are partnering to offer a hands-on papermaking workshop. This workshop is an introduction to basic, handmade papermaking using the mold & deckle technique. Participants will build their own papermaking screen mold to use in class for sheet-forming of 11 X 17 inch pieces of handmade paper. Participants will use acid-free pulp, dyes, fibers, and a variety of other materials to make paper. Basic paper casting and molding will be introduced and experimentation will be encouraged as time allows. The workshop will include a brief history of paper and papermaking techniques, and various paper samples will be available for participants to handle and discuss. Each participant will take home a mold & deckle set they have constructed, several sheets of 11 X 17 paper and casted paper projects. For info on cost and registration, visit <http://www.sciencebuff.org/calendar/detail/708/>.

Tuesday, September 21

Career Opportunities in the Life Sciences- 6-8PM Place: Diefendorf Hall, Rm. 147 UB South Campus, join us at this workshop to learn more about the exciting career opportunities and training that exists in the Life Sciences in the Buffalo Niagara region. Please call us at 829-3131 to register or receive more information.

Green Development Zones: A New Model Advances-Partnership for the Public Good forum from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. at the 237 Main St., Suite 1200. . To guarantee a seat, please email megan@ppgbuffalo.org.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, September 22

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Thursday, September 23

Moon over Tonawanda Paddle- 6:30-10pm paddle. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Ecotour. For more info and registration details, visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/ecotours/>.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Friday, September 24

Party for the Parks -Live music, great local food at the historic Marcy Casino in Delaware Park, overlooking beautiful Hoyt Lake. 7:00 - 11 p.m. \$20 members, Presale, \$25 - \$30. Cash bar, food samples. <http://www.bfloparks.org>.

Full Moon Hike- 8 to 9:30pm, Walk along the trails at Beaver Meadow in the evening to discover the nocturnal animals at the preserve. \$5/\$3 members. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Saturday, September 25

WNY Environmental Summit-Daemen College 8:30am-12:30pm. “This Land is Your Land” is theme for the 6th annual event. Free and open to the public. Registration for the free event is available online at http://my.daemen.edu/academics/environmental_summit/.

Great Egret Walk at Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area Roost – 5:30 - 7:30 pm: meet at Kanyoo Check Station.

“Small Wonders” at Warren Drive Park- Take a 10am to noon walk around the park in East Aurora to search for the miniature world of nature. \$5/\$3 members/\$15 family. Contact Buffalo Audubon at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

25th Annual Wildlife Festival- The New York Power Authority and the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs sponsor this free event from 10am to 5pm at the Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092. Admission and parking are free and the show goes on rain or shine! More than 50 environmental exhibitors, outdoor educators and wildlife rehabilitators now participating including everything from reptiles to primates and birds of prey. Call 866-NYPA-Fun or 286-6661, npvista@nypa.gov or visit www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm.

Boaters Safety Class-Offered by US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 8am-5pm at McKinely Mall. Register with Bob Moscato at 681-3889. There is a fee associated with the course. For info, visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Sunday, September 26

Family Nature Walk- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit www.buffaloudubon.org for directions.

25th Annual Wildlife Festival- The New York Power Authority and the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs sponsor this free event from 10am to 5pm at the Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092. Admission and parking are free and the show goes on rain or shine! More than 50 environmental exhibitors, outdoor educators and wildlife rehabilitators now participating including everything from reptiles to primates and birds of prey. Call 866-NYPA-Fun or 286-6661, npvista@nypa.gov or visit www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm.

Monday, September 27

SPCA Junior Cadet Story Time- Learning about animals through stories, songs, and more! From 12:00 – 12:30 pm at the [SPCA CAT ARMY ADOPTION POST](#), Walden Galleria, Upper level of the mall, near Macy's. Free for children ages 2 to 5 years! A parent or guardian must be present (and can participate!). Registration preferred, call the SPCA's Christine or Lynn: 684-0983. Learn more by visiting [CatArmy.org](#) or [YourSPCA.org](#).

Tuesday, September 28

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 240 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Wednesday, September 29

Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-2pm – 5pm at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). Need a break in your week? Wednesday is a hump day and if you need a little outdoor pick-me-up, you can join us out in the gardens. We'll be working in a different greenspace each Wednesday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow-Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm, is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. For all Audubon volunteers - even first timers! No need to register, but bring a lunch. Come give us a hand. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email info@buffaloudubon.org for info.

Thursday, September 30

"Fresh" Film Screening-The Food Matters film series concludes with an encore screening of [FRESH](#). FRESH looks at solutions to our ailing food supply by celebrating the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo. Doors open at 6:30pm with the film beginning promptly at 7pm. Tickets for each film are \$8.00 for general admission and \$6.00 for Lexington Cooperative Market members, Edible Buffalo subscribers, seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Lexington Cooperative Market at 807 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo or online at [here](#).

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:30pm – 10:00pm at 98 Colvin Ave. (near the corner of Linden Ave., in former police precinct building just north of Delaware Park) ([map](#)). Repair bikes for Buffalo Blue Bicycle; be a Bike Mechanic supervisor or conduct bike mechanics workshops. <http://www.buffalobluebicycle.org/>.

Tips for the Environment:

- 1. Bookmark the new website GrowWNY.org-**the website launches August 11 and will be a one-stop site for information on environmental activities and organizations in Western New York.
- 2. Reuse and recycle your Tips for the Environment-**we are probably all using CFL bulbs, recycling regularly and engaging in lots of earth-friendly behaviors. It's time to reuse and recycle-so I've compiled the full list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for anything you missed (www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

<http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/>

<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>

<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>

<http://www.metroyny.com/events.php>

<http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar>

Additional local blogs and websites-

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>
ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net
New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>
Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>
Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/
Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>
The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
MRodgers-FCS-Grant Resources- <http://mrfcsgreen.blogspot.com>
Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>
Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>
Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>
Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>
Buffalo First Blog- <http://blog.buffalofirst.org/>
Green Job opportunities- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Ecosentials- <http://ecosentials.wordpress.com/>
DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>.
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Tuscarora- <http://tuscaroraenvironment.com>
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs-Accepted at all Home Depot stores
Computer equipment-Accepted at all local Goodwill stores and attended donation centers
Cell Phones-Buffalo Zoo, Aquarium of Niagara and other charities
Expired or Unused Medicines- http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/water_pdf/guidance3.pdf
Uses and reuses for many items- <http://www.world.org/weo/recycle>
Drug disposal best practices- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html>
Green Cleaning programs in the workplace-<https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>.
Eyeglasses-Lions Club <http://donateglasses.net/search.html> for sites accepting donations
Rechargeable Batteries-drop offs at Office Depot, Best Buy , Target, Walmart, Radio Shack stores
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

Rochester- <http://RocEarth.com>

Toronto- <http://www.greenontario.org/index.html>

Links to area/state environmental/community sustainability organizations and regularly scheduled activities:

Adirondack Mountain Club-Niagara Frontier Chapter Meetings 7:30, second Tues. from Sept.-June	http://www.adk-nfc.org/home.php
Animal Advocates of Western New York	www.animalswny.org
Aquarium of Niagara	www.aquariumofniagara.org
AWARE-Assoc. for Wild Animal Rehabilitation & Education	www.awarewildlife.com
Bergen Swamp Preservation Society	http://www.bergenswamp.org/
Buffalo Audubon Society/Beaver Meadow Nature Center Volunteer Day every Wed. 10am-2pm at Beaver Meadow	www.buffaloudubon.com
Bond Lake Environmental & Beautification Committee	http://www.freewebs.com/bondlake/
Braddock Bay Bird Observatory	http://www.bbbo.org
Brush Up Buffalo	www.brushupbuffalo.org
Buffalo Astronomical Association	http://www.buffaloastronomy.com/
Buffalo Blue Bicycle	www.buffalobluebicycle.org
Buffalo CarShare	http://www.buffalocarshare.org/
Buffalo Earth Day	http://buffaloeearthday.com/EarthDay/
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens	www.buffalogardens.com
Buffalo Environmental Management Commission	www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/CityServices
Buffalo First	www.buffalofirst.org/
Buffalo Geological Society Meetings 7:30pm, first Fri. Oct-April, Parkside Lutheran	www.bgsny.org
Buffalo Green Fund	http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/
Buffalo Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/

Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalamaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org
Buffalo Recycles-City Information	http://www.buffalorecycles.com/
Buffalo ReUse	www.buffaloreuse.org/
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	http://budc.ecidany.com/
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	www.buoe.org
Buffalo Waterfront	http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/
Buffalo Weed and Seed	http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/
Buffalo Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/
Carvings for a Cause	www.carvingsforacause.com/
Celebrate the Waterfront	www.celebratethewaterfront.com/
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	http://ceinfo.org/
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	www.citizenscampaign.org
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	www.cectoxic.org/index.html
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	www.citizenstransit.org/
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	http://www.cacwny.org/
Clean Communities of Western New York	http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/
Clean Energy for Jamestown	http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/

Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County	http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/
Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities	www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE
Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State)	www.dec.ny.gov/index.html
Earth Spirit Educational Services	www.earthspiritedu.org
Eastside Redevelopment Task Force	http://eastsideredevelopment.org/
Eco-Island Nature Center	www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/region02/state/nylink.htm
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie Canal Trailway	www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriecountyfsc.org/
Erie County Parks and Recreation	http://www.erie.gov/parks
Erie County Soil and Water Conservation	www.ecswcd.org/
Evergreen-Buffalo State College	www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen
Excalibur Leisure Skills	http://excaliburls.org
Field and Fork Network	http://fieldandforknetwork.com/
First Hand Learning	www.firsthandlearning.org

For A Clean Tonawanda Site	www.factsowfwny.com/
Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/
Foothills Trail Club	www.foothillstrailclub.org
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp
Garden Walk Buffalo	http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/
Genesee County Nature Center	www.gcv.org
Good Going WNY	www.goodgoingwny.com
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes Program/UB	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/glp/
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org
Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Gold Development Corporation	http://greengold.org/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://habitatbuffalo.org/
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	www.hawkcreek.org
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	www.hocn.org
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	www.jamestownaudubon.org
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	www.jnkscallofthewild.org

Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	www.jssbuffalo.com
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	http://www.lwvbn.org/
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
National Buffalo Garden Festival	http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	http://Nature.org/centralwestern
Nature Ed-Ventures	www.natureed-ventures.com
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm
New Millennium Group	www.nmgonline.org/
New York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Forest Owner's Association	www.nyfoa.org
New York Power Authority	www.nypa.gov
New York Public Interest Research Group	http://www.nypirg.org/
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php
New York State Parks	www.nysparks.com
New York State Sea Grant	http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	http://www.nysawg.org/
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	http://www.greenupstateny.org/
New York State Wetlands Forum	http://www.wetlandsforum.org
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~insrisg/botany/
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	http://www.nfwhc.org/

Niagara Heritage Partnership	http://www.niagaraheritage.org/
Niagara Restoration Council	www.niagararestoration.org/
Niagara River Anglers Association	http://www.niagarariveranglers.com
Niagara River Greenway Commission	www.niagaragreenway.org
Niagara Watershed Alliance	http://www.had-e-nuff.com/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
Our Shared Waters	www.oursharedwaters.com
Our Water Future	http://ourwaterfuture.org/
Partnership for the Public Good	www.ppgbuffalo.org
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	www.pathspeakspaddles.com
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	www.penndixie.org
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/
People United for Sustainable Housing	http://www.pushbuffalo.org
Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	www.queencityfarm.org/
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm	www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org/main.html
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Slow Food Buffalo	www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org

Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
Sustainable Earth Solutions	www.sustainableearthsolutions.com
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place	www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx
UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 262 Capen Hall	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/events.html
UB Environmental Stewardship Committee	http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship
UB ERIE Program	http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/
UB Green Office	http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen
Urban Design Project at UB	http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/
Urban Roots	www.urbanroots.org/
US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District	http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY	http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Climate Action Coalition	wnyclimateaction@gmail.com
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Hiking Trails and resources	www.wnyhikes.com
Western New York Land Conservancy	http://www.wnylc.org/
Western New York Science Congress	http://wnysc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyseal/

West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideministries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Rehab and Release Center	http://www.wildspirit.org/
Wind Action Group	http://www.buffalowind.org
Working for Downtown	http://www.workingfordowntown.org/
Zoar Valley Nature Society	www.zoarvalley.org