

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Want to join the Carnivorous Plant Club?

The WNY Carnivorous Plant (CP) Club is a budding new organization for amateur and professional CP gardeners. The mission is "To function as an educational organization interested in all phases of cultivating carnivorous plants and to aid in the propagation and dissemination in WNY." The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, potentially, year round. The first meeting is **August 2, 2011** at Lincoln Park, 299 Decatur Rd., Tonawanda 14223. Visit our [facebook page](#). or email wnycpclub@aol.com to RSVP.

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open for Viewing

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary, located at 5067 Lindsley, Townline Road, West Valley, N.Y. 14141, is open 2-5pm on Sundays in August. Guided tours of all the birds in the beautiful landscaped park are available, with over 500 flying geese, ducks and swans, over 100 baby waterfowl, 50 different species, including endangered, protected and exotic. See singing, dancing swans, walk with the flying birds and hand feed the geese & Koi Fish. Tour the two largest covered aviaries in the U.S. Group tours available by appointment Monday through Saturday. Admission: Adults \$7, Seniors & kids under 12 \$5. No pets please! For info, 716-942-6835, www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com.

Cornell Cooperative Soil Clinics

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners (CCEMG) of Erie County is providing soil clinics at the Lancaster Farmers' Market from 9am to noon on **August 6, September 3 and October 1**. CCEMG will also be at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens to provide soil analysis and answer gardening questions from 10:00am – 1:00pm on **August 13, August 27**. Paid admission is required for the Botanical Gardens. Bring your soil and testing will be done while you wait. For \$5.00, you may bring up to three different samples. Soil remediation strategies will be suggested based on the findings. Proceeds from the testing benefit the CCEMG of Erie County. For info on how to collect a soil sample, call 716.827.1584 ext. 291 or visit <http://cceeriecounty.shutterfly.com/mastergardeners>.

Accelerate Upstate Conference

A two-day conference with upstate leaders aims to develop an action plan to accelerating projects and economic growth in upstate New York. The conference will be held **August 4 and 5, 2011** with interactive panel discussions held in locations throughout downtown Buffalo. For details, visit <http://www.thepartnership.org/Expertise/AccelerateUpstate/Agenda>.

Western New York Environmental Summit Invites Exhibitors

The 7th Annual Western New York Environmental Summit will be held at Daemen College on Saturday, **September 24** from 9am-12:15pm. This year's event "Green is Green: It Makes Cents" will feature workshops, speakers and information tables to help educate the public on how to live more sustainably and save money. Exhibitors are invited to table at this free event. To reserve your table, please contact Brenda Young at byoung@daemen.edu.

Land of Destiny at Squeaky Wheel

Clean Air Coalition of WNY is screening "Land of Destiny" and hosting film maker, Brett Story, on **August 11th** at 8:00 pm at Squeaky Wheel (712 Main St. Buffalo, NY). The film is about a hard-working petrochemical town that is rocked by revelations that its workers suffer an epidemic of cancers much like in Tonawanda. Land of Destiny offers a poignant story about work, community, and struggle in an era of globalization. Event is free for members, \$2 for everyone else!

Lake Exploration Family Programs

Hands-On Science Learning for All Ages on the Tall Ship Spirit of Buffalo! Join Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education for family-fun on the Spirit of Buffalo! Lake exploration for the whole family...check out and ID live fish and other animal species, explore Lake muck, haul up sails and steer like a sailor and check out plankton in the microscope lab. This program is available each Friday from **August 12-September 2** from 10-11:30am. Cost is \$23 for adults, \$19 for kids. Appropriate for ages 6+. Reservations Required. Call: (716) 796-8393, kate@buoe.org or WWW.BUOE.ORG for info.

Annual Mum & Native Plants Sale

The Western New York Land Conservancy has announced its annual chrysanthemum and native plants sale. You can order plants until **August 17th** for pick up Saturday, August 27, 10 am to 2 pm at Orchard Glen Retirement Community, Orchard Park. Contact info@wnylc.org for more information

Erie County Hazardous Waste Dropoff

Erie County will accept hazardous wastes on **August 20, 2011** from 9am to 2pm at ECC North. Drop off your containers of pesticides, fertilizer, household cleaners, batteries and more. Check [here](#) for full list of acceptable items.

Small Business Energy Workshop

A free workshop to promote energy-efficiency for small businesses will be held from 8am-10am on **August 25** at the Byrnliff Resort and Conference Center in Varysburg. Attendees can learn how to receive incentive funding for energy-efficiency and how to incorporate cost-saving energy improvements. Register by August 22 by calling the Buffalo State Small Business Development Center at 878-4030 or the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 652-8444.

1st Great Lake Erie Small Craft Festival

Join the Buffalo Maritime Center for the First Great Lake Erie Small Craft Festival **August 26-28, 2011**. Come for a high summer paddle, row, or sail with other beautiful traditional, or wooden boats in Western New York on a Great Lake where August weather is just lovely. Registration fee includes launching, camping, an awards dinner, coffee and breakfast stuff, and some other unmentioned benefits including a guest speaker and live music. For information contact Chuck Meyer at chmsails@aol.com or Roger Allen at Roger.Allen@buffalomaritimecenter.org or by phone at (716) 881-0111.

Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts

Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts will take place **August 27** (10am-6pm) and **August 28** (10am-5pm). In addition to performances, the Artist's Market and Cultural Row, the Environmental Row features exhibits from a number of local organizations. For more info, visit <http://eafa.techriver.net/>.

Buffalo Audubon Homestead Festival

Come to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for the annual Homestead Festival on Saturday, **September 10, 2011** from 9am to 5pm. Step back to an earlier time and enjoy learning from hearth cookers, blacksmiths, mountain men, flintknappers and other exhibitors who demonstrate how life was lived in 'the good old days'. Crafts, games and nature walks will occur all day, and there will be activities that appeal to everyone in the family. Cost is \$7 for adults/\$5 for children, free for those less than 3 years of age. Visit www.buffaloudubon.com for more info.

Paws in the Park Walk

The SPCA's longest-running fundraiser, the Paws in the Park Walk presented by Keller Technology Corporation invites people to come with (or without) their dog to a two-mile walk at Beaver Island State Park on Saturday, **September 10**. The day includes lunch for participants, 40+ pet-related vendors, exhibitors, and canine rescue groups, judged dog trick, costume, and dog-owner look-alike contests, agility course for the dogs, and more. Participants are encouraged to raise pledges that directly benefit the people and animals the SPCA assists. [Info and registration here.](#)

Brush Up Buffalo

Brush Up Buffalo is planned for **September 10, 2011**. If you want to lend a hand to paint and spruce up a neighborhood, visit www.brushupbuffalo.org. Four hundred volunteers helped out in 2010 to make a difference.

17th Annual Miss Buffalo Nature Cruise and Lighthouse Tour

The 17th Annual Penn Dixie Nature Cruise and Buffalo Lighthouse Tour will be held on Saturday, **September 10, 2011**, with boarding at 8:30 AM at the entrance to the Erie Basin Marina, departure at 9 AM, and return to the dock at 12 Noon. After the cruise, participants will be provided maps to the U.S. Coast Guard Station for a tour of the Buffalo Lighthouse, courtesy of the Buffalo Lighthouse Association. The cruise will provide views from the harbor, Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the locks, and the Black Rock Canal as we travel along the Buffalo waterfront. Experts in aquatic biology, birding, fisheries, and geology will provide information on the formation of the lake and river, the fishing, birding opportunities, and features along the waterfront. The cost of the cruise and lighthouse tour for Penn Dixie members - \$22 adults, \$19 children and non-member adults - \$25, children \$22. To request information, call (716) 627-4560. Registration may be downloaded from the website www.penndixie.org or obtained by calling (716) 627-4560.

Food Matters Film Series

Sponsored by Lexington Cooperative Market and Edible Buffalo, the Second "Food Matters" Film Series offers films with inspiring stories about local communities. "What's on Your Plate" will be shown on **September 14** and "Urban Roots" on **October 12**. Info on the films is available [here](#). Films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, 341 Delaware; tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

Women's Outdoor Weekend

Join Nature Ed-Ventures from **September 16-18, 2011** for a Women's Outdoor Weekend at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Looking for some quality time away from the hustle and bustle of your busy schedule? Camp Allegany is the place to be! Again this year, we'll prepare the meals, do the dishes and let you pick what you want to do from a variety of program offerings. Activities include nature hikes, star gazing, outdoor skills, self-defense, aromatherapy, massages, and much more. So enjoy quality time with old friends and new as we create a special weekend for you. Visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php> for info.

Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion

Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion, an unprecedented interactive exhibition at the Buffalo Museum of Science (BMS) will continue through **August 28**. Entry to the exhibition is timed and includes admission to the rest of the museum's halls. The exhibition's visit to Buffalo is sponsored by First Niagara Bank and R&P Oak Hill Development, LLC. The exhibit presents 40 operational, actual-size working machines, as opposed to miniatures or static displays. The machines were designed by a modern team of scientists and artisans who used the craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time. More information about the exhibition can be found at www.sciencebuff.org.

Enriching Zoo Animals

This Buffalo Zoo family workshop is planned for **September 3** from 10am-noon. Throughout the workshop we will learn about animal behavior to prepare various treats for the animals, and then meet up with the zookeepers. Get a chance to see zoo animals on exhibit interact with treats that you make yourself! Pre-paid registration is required, and all participants are required to pay the workshop fee. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

8th Annual World on Your Plate-Save the Date

World on Your Plate, the annual event with workshops and speakers focused on sustainable agriculture and healthy food will be held **October 14 & 15, 2011** at Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY. This year's event features keynote speaker Judy Wicks (www.judywicks.com) with a Friday night film & discussion: The Economics of Happiness.

National Preservation Conference: Alternating Currents

October's National Preservation Conference "Alternating Currents" is to be held in Buffalo **October 19-22, 2011**. The conference includes workshops, speakers, field trips and more. Details [here](#).

Webinar-Structures, Building Envelopes & the Planet

New York Upstate Chapter of the US Green Building Council is offering "Structures, Building Envelopes & the Planet" as part of their GBCI, AIA & P.E. Accredited Webinar Series. This is a live-on-line webinar that you can participate in via computer from your office or home. Registration closes at the end of the previous business day for each webinar. Available times are: Wednesday, **August 3rd** 12- 2:00 PM ([Click Here To Register](#)) and Thursday, **August 4th** 11:00 AM - 1 PM ([Click Here To Register](#)). Creating buildings that actually accomplish low energy usage requires careful attention to the building envelope details. The structural elements that are part of the building envelopes can sometimes make or break a building's energy performance. This webinar qualifies for 2 AIA LU (HSW/SD), 2 P.E. PDH's & 2 GBCI CE's. Registration Fees: \$20 for Chapter members and \$30 for the general public. \$125 for unlimited attendees using the same log-in at a single site. You must use the email address associated with your Chapter membership account in order to receive the member's rate for registration.

Finger Lakes Trails and Greenways Conference

[Registration](#) is now open for the conference, Finger Lakes Trails and Greenways: Connecting communities, promoting health, and strengthening local economies, to be held Friday, **September 23** and Saturday, **September 24**, 2011 at Cornell University in Ithaca. The [program](#), including field workshops, reception at the new Nevin Welcome Center at Cornell Plantations, keynotes by nationally recognized trail advocates, and panel discussions, will offer multiple opportunities for local government and tourism officials; business, health care, and trail professionals; trail users; and grassroots activists and organizations to share their experiences and learn from recognized leaders in the field.

Halloween Harvest Family Weekend

Register early for this extremely popular Halloween-themed family weekend! The **October 22-23, 2011** weekend includes comfortable indoor accommodations with showers, home-cooked meals, and all program activities at Camp Allegany, Allegany State Park. Pumpkins, apples, cornhusk dolls, bat and owls, and other special Halloween surprises will be part of this year's spooky weekend for families with children of all ages. Fees for the weekends are as follows: \$80 for ages 5+, \$40 for 2-4 year olds, Under 2 free. Visit <http://www.natureed-ventures.com/community.php> for info.

Amherst Residents Electronics Drop-offs

Amherst residents can recycle their old computers, televisions, kitchen appliances and more at the Amherst Highway Department, 1042 N. Forest Rd., Amherst. Drop-offs are accepted from 7am-7pm on Monday-Friday with proof of residency. For the list of accepted items, visit www.amherst.ny.us. For questions, contact randerson@amherst.ny.us.

National Fuel Conservation Incentive Plan-Get Rebates for Energy Efficiency

National Fuel's Conservation Incentive Program offers residential customers in National Fuel's western New York service area a number of money-saving rebates when they replace specified appliances with energy-efficient models. Rebates are available for the following items (minimum required efficiency must be met), providing they were installed on or after December 1, 2010: hot air furnace, hot water boiler, steam boiler, programmable thermostat, and water heater. For details and program requirements, visit <http://www.nationalfuelforthought.com/rebate-conditions4.html>. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2012, to receive a rebate.

NYSERDA Incentives for Solar Hot Water Systems

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is offering incentives for solar hot water systems through the end of 2015 or until funds run out. Incentives will generally cover 15-20% of the installed cost and are paid directly to an eligible installer. State and federal tax incentives may also apply to the system, lowering the cost further. If you use an electric water heater, this may account for 20% of your monthly electric bill. For info, visit <http://www.nyserdera.org/funding/2149atta.pdf>.

Energy Audits: Free and Low Cost Options

Conserving energy simply makes sense. See if you are eligible for a free or reduced cost energy audit, funded through “Green Jobs Green New York”. As part of the new program, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has developed an incentive program for homes, small businesses, and not-for-profits wishing to save energy and related costs but might not have the resources to pay for the necessary work up front. In order to qualify for a Home Energy Audit, you must: own the 1-4 unit residential, review the income guidelines (see link below), have not had a free audit in the past and provide a fuel usage history from utility bills. A list of eligible income levels is available at: www.getenergysmart.org/Files/HomePerformance/gjgny_area_median_income.pdf.pdf. There are also limited funds available to provide energy audits for small businesses and not-for-profits. To find out if you are eligible, or if your group or company would like a presentation on NYSERDA’s energy efficiency programs, contact Gary Carrel, WNY Energy Smart Communities Coordinator at 716-652-5400 ext 136 or gcc55@cornell.edu.

The Chocolate Bunny Test: Compare your Lights

So what is the fuss over incandescent light bulbs? If you like cooking hotdogs over a light bulb, they provide an advantage over energy-efficient LEDs (light-emitting diodes). To see just how the two bulbs differ in heat given off, check out the [chocolate bunny test](#).

Solar Panel Leasing Available to Non-profits

Non-profit organizations, like churches, schools, social and community service groups, can realize immediate savings on their electric bill by leasing solar panels and generating their own electricity. With leasing, there are no up-front purchase costs and no additional charge for installation.. Solar Liberty will install a 25 kW system for no money down and lease it to the organization for \$100 a month for 15 years. Savings over previous electric bills are guaranteed. At the end of the 15 year term, the organization is free to negotiate a new lease, buy the system at a fair market price, or have Solar Liberty take the system back. All of the electricity generated by the system - approximately 26,000 kWh per year, valued at more than \$3,000 per year at today’s prices, belongs to the organization for the \$1,200 per year lease payments - the difference is money they would have been paying the utility company. This works because of some favorable incentives offered by the federal and state governments, which are set to expire on December 31, 2011. For information, please contact Contact Ryan Calalesina at ryan@solarliberty.com or phone him at 716-634-3780.

Track your Energy Usage

Earth Aid is a private energy software company with technology to retrieve utility data on behalf of virtually any household in America. The company is able to incorporate real data into their platform that enables individuals to interact with and track all of their electric, gas, and water usage in one place online. Want to see how your energy usage compares to your neighbors or individual friends? How about seeing all of the rebates and incentives offered by your area government and utilities — all in one place? Wouldn't it be nice to earn rewards for saving energy—maybe some ice cream or dinner at a local restaurant? You can do all that and much more online at www.EarthAid.net.

Partnership for the Public Good Radio Show

PPG now has a radio show, the Public Good, each Tuesday from 1:00 to 1:30 pm on WUFO AM 1080. Each week they will feature a PPG Partner or other person working toward the public good and discuss some of the region’s hottest issues. Hosted by PPG co-director Sam Magavern. Listen on your radio or at www.wufoam.com.

Buffalo Tours 2011 Season Ongoing

Buffalo Tours offers regular tours of historical sites around Buffalo! Visit BuffaloTours.org for a 2011 tour schedule and descriptions of upcoming events. The Queen City Downtown walking tour continues every Friday at 10am.

MAP Organic Farm Stand

Massachusetts Avenue Project Organic Farm stand is open for business four days a week at 389 Massachusetts Ave. Stop by for your fresh vegetables: Wednesday: 4pm-7pm, Thursdays: 4pm-7pm, Friday: 4pm-7pm and Saturdays: 11am-2pm.

Master Gardener Program for Niagara County Residents

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program plays an important part in community outreach efforts. Master Gardener Training Programs are offered approximately every two years. The next training will start in the Fall of 2011, details coming soon! 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 info about the training, contact John Farfaglia at jaf21@cornell.edu.

2011 Master Gardener Training Class for Erie County

Classes to create new Master Gardeners in Erie County will be offered on Fridays beginning September 9, 2011, from approximately 9:00 am-3:00 pm for ten consecutive Fridays, ending on Friday, November 18. (no class November 11). These classes provide instruction followed by testing in key areas relevant to the education of future Master Gardeners. To become a fully certified Master Gardener, those selected to take this course must pass a final exam with a score of at least 75%, and must complete 50 hours of volunteer service for each of the next two years. Cost is \$250 for selected applicants, and class size is limited to 30. Should you be selected, attendance at ALL classes is mandatory. Classes will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension in East Aurora. Applications at <http://cceeriecounty.shutterfly.com/66>.

Which Fruits and Vegetables Have the Highest Pesticide Levels?

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) released their 2011 Shopper's Guide to Pesticides in Produce, which ranks fruits and vegetables by their level of pesticide contamination based on research conducted by the USDA and the FDA. Food samples were washed and peeled as typically done by consumers prior to pesticide analysis. Fruits and vegetables with the highest levels included apples, celery, strawberries, peaches and spinach. Up to 57 different chemical combinations were found on peaches. For the complete list, visit <http://www.ewg.org/foodnews/>.

Citizen Science Projects: Brown Stinkbugs and Ladybugs

The Brown Marmorated Stinkbug (*Halyomorpha halys*) is an invasive species that has made its way from Asia and was first officially documented in New York in 2008. Citizen scientists are needed to help monitor the spread of these aggressive pests on apple and peach crops which sometimes congregate inside buildings looking for winter shelter. If you find a suspected Brown Marmorated stink bug, send a sample in a small plastic container for identification so we can document its distribution. to: Cornell Hudson Valley Lab, Attn: Peter Jentsch, BMSB Project, P.O. Box 727., Highland, NY 12528. Check out photos at <http://ento.psu.edu/extension/factsheets/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>. Here's a map showing current records for New York state: <http://hudsonvf.cce.cornell.edu/bmsb1.html>.

[The Lost Ladybug Project](#) invites the public to get outside to "spot" ladybugs. Your ladybug observations, once submitted to the website, become useful data to researchers who study ladybug populations, diversity, and distribution patterns. [Register online](#) to learn how you can participate.

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. To showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information.

Clean Air Coalition News

The EPA's Regional Administrator, Judith Enck, recently visited Tonawanda to announce two great victories. The first was the EPA's enforcement action on Tonawanda Coke which will lead to reduced emissions of the known carcinogen benzene by at least two-thirds. The second announcement was the awarding of the **EPA CARE grant**, which will provide \$100,000 to Clean Air Coalition of Western New York to work with residents and ensure community based air testing, and other types of community based research. A \$130,000 pollution prevention grant was awarded to the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute, which is based at Rochester Institute of Technology. It will be used to lend technical assistance to businesses in the town, conduct detailed environmental assessments of their manufacturing processes and improve operations to significantly reduce their environmental impacts.

Reduce your Stress with a Weeknight Paddle

Paths, Peaks and Paddles, Inc. (PPP) is offering their annual Tuesday and Thursday evening stress reducer paddles. Come join the guides and instructors of PPP every Tuesday and Thursday evening through October for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. On Tuesdays, we meet at the store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda) at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. On Thursdays, meet out in Wilson at the Wilson Tuscarora State Park (Route 18 East of Niagara Falls) at 6:30pm in the back parking lot. We will either take a paddling trip on either the East or West Branch of Twelve Mile Creek. To top off the evening we paddle out to Lake Ontario and watch a spectacular sunset over Toronto 38 Miles away across the lake. If you need to rent a boat, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$30.00 for a tandem for Tuesdays or \$5 more for Thursdays (which includes delivery to Wilson). The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350. All are welcome and if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. No alcohol or personal electronics use on the group paddle. For info, visit <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com>.

New Tool Library Available

A new tool library in the University Heights area is open to serve gardeners in both Buffalo and the suburbs. The Buffalo Tool Library is a collaborative effort of PUSH Buffalo, Grassroots Gardens, Buffalo ReUse, and now the University Heights Collaborative. The aim is to lend neighbors many of the tools they need to fix up and maintain their homes and gardens. [Find out how you can borrow items from the tool library!](#)

Local Government Resource for Promoting Environmental Programs

[Breaking New Ground: Promoting Environmental and Energy Programs in Local Government](#) is an essential guide for policy makers and sustainability advocates concerned with implementing sustainability initiatives. It is based on lessons learned by communities large and small with detailed analyses of the responses of more than 2100 local governments. The report provides a framework for those seeking to implement smart and strategic sustainability programs in a challenging fiscal climate and with competing policy priorities. The report offers seven recommended steps for local governments.

Climate Change Hot Spot Interactive Maps

The Union of Concerned Scientists has introduced a new, interactive way to learn about the local consequences of global warming and the solutions available to meet the climate challenge. The [Climate Hot Map](#) allows you to travel the world and explore the places (or "hot spots") where scientists have gathered evidence of climate changes that are already underway. With 60 fully referenced hot spots, the Climate Hot Map aims to share the evidence demonstrating that global warming is already under way and affecting our physical and biological world, as well as motivate action to reduce emissions and protect the places we know and love. All hot spots include detailed information, photos, and references.

What's in your Cereal?

If you believe in truth in advertising, you better read things carefully. Many of our "fruit" cereals contain very small quantities of fruit or sometimes no fruit at all. Check out the article from the Consumer Wellness Center about fake blueberries in our foods at <http://naturalnews.tv>. The following spoof is worth a viewing- [dialogue](#).

Herbicide Investigated for Conifer Deaths

Norway spruce and white pine trees are mysteriously turning brown and dying this summer in several parts of the US, and the chief suspect is Imprelis, an herbicide introduced last year for commercial use by DuPont. This post-emergent broad-leaf herbicide is used to control weeds in turf environments. It is recommended that you do not use this herbicide near conifers until it has been investigated.

Get a Charge from this Bikini

The Solar Bikini has a USB output that can charge your iPod. Thin-film photovoltaic panels do more than just cover up your unmentionables. Designed by Andrew Schneider, the Solar Bikini is made up of small photovoltaic film strips that produce a 5-volt charge into a USB connection. You can plug in your iPod (or iPhone for that matter) and get endless music playtime on a sunny day at the beach. Orders are being taken at <http://www.solarcoterie.com/>. The male version will also be available soon and will have a higher voltage output.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

A range of courses in photovoltaic installation, solar hot water heating and solar power permitting are offered across New York state. Courses fill quickly, so register early. Info at <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp>.

Giant Hogweed Hotline

Giant hogweed plants will be flowering shortly. This plant, related to Queen Anne's Lace, has sap which can cause sun-activated burns. New York State DEC has an eradication program for this plant. The NYSDEC Giant Hogweed Hotline can be reached at (845)256-3111 to report new sites, ask questions about the plant and how to control it, and connect with our statewide control project. Information on the plant is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html>.

Super Rangers and the Legion of Bugs: Dangers in our Forests

Educational material prepared for the Don't Move Firewood Campaign includes a cartoon video that is available for viewing at: <http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/videos/list/Y1sYKntstFo>. The video highlights the dangers of invasive forest species and how we can prevent their spread. There are many more resources on invasive forest species available through the Don't Move Firewood website.

Online Course in Environmental Education in Urban Communities

Cornell University's Civic Ecology Lab announces a new online course offered through EECapacity, the EPA-funded national environmental education program. This 12-week non-credit professional development course will cover novel practices and conceptual frameworks of urban EE. Applications for the course will be accepted between August 20-September 2. The course is limited to 20 participants who will complete about 3-4 hours of work weekly from September 12-December 4. For info, visit civicecology.org/course-uee.php.

New York Invasive Species Mapping Underway

New York is now using iMapInvasives, a Google Earth and GPS based system that maps invasive species. Training is ongoing statewide to increase the number of people entering sightings and increasing the database. This new map should become an excellent resource for educators, researchers and the general public. View it at <http://imapinvasives.org/>.

Teacher's Resources

[The Habitable Planet](#) is a free multimedia online course for high school teachers and adult learners interested in studying environmental science. The site provides access to course content and activities developed by leading scientists and researchers in the field. Videos, interactive online labs and an online textbook are available.

[Kids' Water Footprint Calculator](#)-National Geographic has re-tooled its popular water footprint calculator for kids! Learn about the water costs of everyday household items and tasks.

[Power Up Game](#)- If anyone out there is listening, Planet Helios is being destroyed and we need your help! The free, downloadable Power Up Game allows individuals an interactive experience to save Planet Helios by selecting energy efficient options and helping to clean up the planet. Lesson plans incorporating the game are available for teachers.

[Watersheds: Connecting Weather to the Environment](#)- free, two-hour online course from COMET® provides an understanding of watersheds as the local environment in which people's actions and decisions play against the backdrop of daily and seasonal weather to affect the quality and health of the area in which they live, as well as the larger system of watersheds of which their watershed is one part. The accompanying Watersheds PowerPoint presentation is also available for download. Notes are included and the presentation can be customized. Registration is required for access.

[Glaciers are Melting](#)- This children's educational story is based on the classic Chicken Little fable and depicts how global warming will impact the plants and animals that reside in the mountains when their glacial habitat is lost. It deals with the concept of global warming in a way that is easy for children to understand and includes free resources and teaching activities online. Volunteer reviewers will be given a free trial eBook to share with their readers for a set period of time.

[Energy Works Michigan](#) has just released free downloadable lesson plans on energy efficiency, solar energy, and wind energy. Their hands-on, inquiry-based lessons are targeted for upper elementary, middle school, and high school levels. The lessons challenge students to conduct classroom energy audits, interpret wind maps to assess potential wind turbine sites, power a radio using solar panels, and more!

Contest and Award Opportunities

Be an ENERGY STAR Video Challenge-Pick up your home video camera and document your energy-saving story—from what you are doing in your school, workplace and community—to make a difference with ENERGY STAR. The videos will be featured on energystar.gov and social networks. The best entries will be showcased in a video scheduled for release during Energy Awareness Month in October. Help inspire others to change the world with ENERGY STAR and enter through **August 31**. Info at <http://www.energystar.gov/changetheworld>.

Amateur photo contest is being sponsored by Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of Iroquois. Submissions are due by **September 1, 2011** and photos must be taken at the refuge. For details, visit www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/documents/2011FINWR%20Photo%20Contest%20Final.pdf

Earth Science Week Contests- The American Geological Institute is sponsoring three contests as part of Earth Science Week 2011. Photography Contest ~ Students, geologists, and the general public are invited to submit photos that capture the evidence of the long- or short-term changes taking place around our planet and even in your own neighborhood. Visual Arts Contest: Picturing our Ever-Changing Earth: Students in grades K-5 are invited to submit a two-dimensional piece of artwork to illustrate the various ways air, water, land, and living things change over time. Essay Contest: How Change Shapes our Planet ~ Students in grades 6-9 are invited to submit a brief essay, explaining how interactions between Earth's systems can change our world over time. Discuss the processes used to study these change and how human life can be affected by geologic transformation. Deadline for all contests: **October 14, 2011**.

Celebrate New York's Forests Photo Contest- the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced a contest to Celebrate New York's Forests. The contest is designed to increase awareness of and appreciation for all types of forests, urban and rural, large and small, public and privately owned, across the state. Submitted photos should capture all aspects of forests and trees in five different categories: 1. Nature (wildlife, plants, natural landscapes, etc.); 2. Enjoying the forest (hunting, fishing, trails, camping, hiking, etc.); 3. Trees where we live (parks, streets, yards, etc.); 4. Forest products (maple syrup, lumber, baseball bats, furniture, etc.); 5. State-owned Forests (State Forests, Forest Preserve lands, forested Wildlife Management Areas, Campgrounds). Contest details, rules and necessary forms can be found on DEC's website at: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75396.html. Submissions due by **November 1, 2011**.

Eco-Challenge-Have you ever had an idea you think could solve an environmental problem? Are you a thinker and a doer? Not only will you get the chance to test your eco-innovation skills, but each Challenge presents a cash prize for winning ideas. Checkout the active Eco-challenges and see if you can make a difference.

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

[Melissa Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grants](#) -The Foundation supports projects that empower and encourage students to become involved in solving environmental and social problems as informed decision makers through the emphasis and application of basic ecological principles. Grants of up to \$1,500 are offered every year. All eligible applicants are invited to submit a pre-proposal, due **August 20**. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit a full proposal. Schools, nonprofits and government agencies are eligible to apply.

State grants available for park and trail projects-Applications for the next round of grants from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for local park, trail, historic preservation, and heritage area projects are available. Completed applications will be due on **September 1, 2011**. For more info, visit the State Parks [website](#) or contact your [Regional Grants Officer](#).

[The Fund for Wild Nature](#) provides grants to grassroots organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. The remaining deadline for 2011 is **September 1**.

[Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation](#)-Municipalities and nonprofit organizations may apply for funds for the acquisition, development and improvement of parks, historic properties and heritage areas, and for the planning of such projects. Deadline for applications: **September 1, 2011**

[Green Thumb Challenge](#) from the Green Education Foundation (GEF) aims to connect children with nature and the healthy benefits of gardening. GEF provides schools and youth groups with beginner-friendly resources to plant gardens of any size, in addition to fun activities and standards-based lessons linking the classroom to the garden. All participants have the opportunity to be awarded a \$5,000 grant in recognition of their garden project. Deadline **September 30**.

[American Public Power Student Research Grants](#) -Students studying energy-related disciplines in the U.S. or Canada are invited to apply for one of 10 American Public Power Association student research grants/internships in conjunction with its Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) Program. Applications are due by **October 15** and February 15 each year.

[Fields Ponds Foundation](#) provides financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues in New England and New York State. The Foundation hopes to nurture such efforts by making grants under the following priorities: Project grants for trailmaking and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, coastlines and other natural resources; Land acquisition for conservation; Assistance in establishment of endowments as a means of funding stewardship of conservation areas; and Related education programs and publications. The Foundation encourages proposals from municipal government agencies. The Foundation may also consider short-term loans to conservation groups for the purpose of acquiring conservation lands. Proposals and concept papers may be submitted at anytime.

[Open Spaces Sacred Places Awards](#)-The National Open Spaces Sacred Places Award (OSSA) is a new \$5 million grant program from the TKF Foundation. The award will fund cross-disciplinary teams of designers, research social scientists, and community-based organizations to create and study a series of new public green spaces designed with the specific intent to provide spiritual uplift and the opportunity for a deeper human experience through a personal connection to nature. Deadline: **September 1, 2011**.

RestoreCorps Volunteers Needed

RestoreCorps is a group of volunteers who restore local waterfronts to their former natural grandeur by planting native plants, removing invasive species, building rain gardens and stabilizing the shoreline. This helps clean up our waterways and enhance wildlife habitats. RestoreCorps volunteers will work at different waterfront locations until November 2011. For more information about RestoreCorps, including our recent events and frequently asked questions, contact Emily McAndrews (716) 852-7483 ext. 31 or email emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteer opportunities are available at local organizations for a one-time commitment for several hours to a regularly scheduled donation of your time. For a listing of some positions, visit www.handsongreaterbuffalo.org/.

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. No need to register, but bring a lunch. 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 (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. Training is provided. 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 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. 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@excaliburls.org or visit <http://excaliburls.org>

Garden Walk Buffalo helps to rejuvenate neighborhoods, helps make our neighborhoods more walkable, and has an incredible impact on Buffalo's image outside the region. Its committees deal with marketing, PR & communications, finance, merchandise, party planning, Garden Walk Buffalo Beautification Grants, headquarters coordination, sponsorships and more. If you're interested, email GardenWalkBuffalo@yahoo.com.

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, 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 info/application, email muj265@homeny.org or visit their website at www.homeny.org.

Iroquois Observations offers free nature programs 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. 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 and leave your name and phone number.

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

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve offers a variety of volunteer positions as well as internships for college students. You can be trained to give tours, care for our trails and gardens, act as a youth instructor, greet visitors, or help spread the word about Reinstein Woods at off-site events. Our newest volunteer program is Trail Tuesdays, where volunteers help control invasive species each Tuesday. It's a great way to meet new people while doing something positive for the environment. For more information about these and other opportunities, call 683-5959 or visit the volunteer page of Reinstein Woods' website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1960.html>.

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 tiftfriends@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Community Activities:

Monday, August 1

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours at 5pm weather permitting –all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners welcome. Email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com .

Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp-9:30-11:30 AM, Ages 3-5, Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Games, crafts, hikes and more help to foster the nature explorer in your child. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided too! Non-Members: \$8 per session per child and adult, \$4 additional children with the same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Science Outdoors with Tift-11am-2pm at the Erie Canal Harbor at Canal side. For info call Tift Nature Preserve at 716.825.6397.

Tuesday, August 2

Trail Tuesdays- 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Projects for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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/>.

WNY Carnivorous Plant (CP) Club- is a new group for amateur and professional CP gardeners. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, potentially, year round. Visit our [facebook page](#).or email wncpclub@aol.com to RSVP. This meeting is at Lincoln Park, 299 Decatur Rd., Tonawanda 14223.

Wednesday, August 3

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. Participants must sign up for the entire series. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at NYS Thruway Authority, 455 Cayuga Rd., Suite 800, Cheektowaga. Meeting dates and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

Green Drinks- 5:30-8:00 p.m. at 95 Perry Street in Buffalo's Cobblestone District. Sponsored by Watts Architecture and Engineering, P.C. and Savarino Companies. RSVP required.

<http://www.nycharities.org/events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=3766>

Master Gardener Lecture Series-Master Gardener Volunteers of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties have planned an exciting series of gardening lectures to be held on Wednesday evenings at the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, NY from 7:00-8:30pm. Come enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Nannen Arboretum while attending lectures in the outdoor classrooms. Every Wednesday in July and August speakers will deliver information on two different topics. <http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org/images/upload/Wedflyer2011.pdf>

Knotweed Cutting with RestoreCorps-At Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association, 9:30am till 2pm. Help remove invasive species. For more info, contact Emily McAndrews, Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER at 716-852-RIVER (7483), ext. 31 or emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Thursday, August 4

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Soak Up the Sun-10:30 AM. Discover solar energy with fun activities and demonstrations at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tift volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Energy & Climate Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Knotweed Removal- Volunteers needed 9:30am-2pm at Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center, 345 Ohio Street. For more information or to register for the event please contact Emily McAndrews at emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org or call (716) 852-7483 ext. 31.

Friday, August 5

Nature's Circle: Seed-sational-10:30-11:15 AM, Ages 2-3, Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting during an outdoor circle time at Tift. A short walk around the preserve will end our time 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.

Bugs, Sunset and S'mores -7:30-9 PM. Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Enjoy Tift'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. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Alien Invader Investigation-10:00 AM. Explore the “alien” plants and animals at Reinstein Woods, and learn what you can do to help combat these ecosystem invaders. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Saturday, August 6

Tour Guide Training-9:00 AM to noon. Become a volunteer tour guide at Reinstein Woods. No experience is necessary—just a love of nature and the desire to share it with others. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Black Rock & Riverside Tour of Gardens- 10am-5pm plus Starry Night Garden Tour 8-10pm.

<http://nationalgardenfestival.com/festival/calendar.asp>

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Orientation-Become a 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.

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. Western New York's favorite urban farmers market will offer guided tours. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided. Tickets are \$11 per person and will be available as of June 1st at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com.

Hunters Creek Ridge Hike-WNY Land Conservancy hike at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve, Town of Wales 10 am to 2 pm. Reservations are required to attend as space is limited. Please call (716) 687.1225 or email info@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hike is a public event and is free of charge.

Exploration Earth- 10 a.m. to noon. for kids ages 10-14 at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo. Each session includes hands-on activities, games, lessons and explorations into our natural world while working to build a better understanding of how we can better protect our earth. “Intense Energy” explores alternative energy and the benefit for the environment. Exploration Earth is taught by the Botanical Gardens Education Department. Sessions are \$8 per day or \$24 for all four days for Botanical Garden Member’s children or grandchildren and \$10 per day or \$30 for all four days for non-members. Register for Exploration Earth at the [Botanical Gardens’ website](#) or by calling (716) 827-1584, ext. 292.

Waterchestnut Pull on Ellicott Creek in Tonawanda- 8am till 2pm. Help remove invasive species. For more info, contact Emily McAndrews at 716-852-RIVER (7483), ext. 31 or emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Nature Walk-Join Pfeiffer Nature Center at Lillibridge ~ Free, 9-10am. Enjoy a leisurely walk through a rare old growth forest with large specimens of Eastern Hemlock, White Pine, American Beech, and Red Oak and observe the seasonal changes in this majestic forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Know the Night Walk-8-10 PM at Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Unlike humans, night creatures are well adapted to the dark. Come learn and experience these differences in adaptation while you walk our trail in the dark of night. Smell like the coyote, see like the owl! Not appropriate for children under the age of 5. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Whirlpool Flats Hike at Whirlpool State Park- 04:00 PM - 07:00 PM. Pack your hiking gear and join a park naturalist on a hike in the Niagara George. Our hike will take us down to the Whirlpool Flats where we will be treated along the way with awesome views of the Lower Niagara River. Learn about the local, natural, and geological history of the Niaraga area. For information & registration call 716-282-5154.

Sunday, August 7

Mendon Ponds Tour(south of Rochester)- Niagara Frontier Botanical Society field trip with guide Steve Daniel who has led NYFA field trips here and knows the site intimately. Bring lunch and plan on spending most of the day. Call Joanne Schlegel for time and meeting place, 835-6042.

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, August 8

Evening Paddle on The Buffalo River- Paths, Peaks and Paddles, The Cooperage and the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center have teamed up to paddle the Buffalo River! We meet at the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center located at 345 Ohio Street, near Republic Street, across from Father Conway Park at 6:00pm. If you do not have a kayak you can rent one for \$30.00pp. If you have your own kayak feel free to join the group for a great evening. We plan to be off the water at approximately 9:00pm. This event is scheduled to take place rain or shine. Registration is required if you need to rent a kayak by calling 716-213-0350. With each boat rental you will receive a paddle and PFD. PFD's are required by everyone on this event. Please leave all electric devices behind for a few hours so everyone can relax and unwind. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs on the water. We can be reached at 716-213-0350 or pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Science Outdoors with Tift-11am-2pm at the Erie Canal Harbor at Canal side. For info call Tift Nature Preserve at 716.825.6397.

Tuesday, August 9

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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 10

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. Participants must sign up for the entire series. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

"If Our Water Could Talk" - Tour of Riverkeeper programs 12pm – 1pm at Riverkeeper Office, 1250 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14213. Please join us for a free, one hour informational tour. During the tour, attendees will learn about Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's programs and the impacts our work is having on the community. To reserve your spot, please contact (716) 852-7483 ext. 13 or dmorgan@bnriverkeeper.org.

Master Gardener Lecture Series-Master Gardener Volunteers of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties have planned an exciting series of gardening lectures to be held on Wednesday evenings at the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, NY from 7:00-8:30pm. Come enjoy the beautiful surroundings while attending lectures in the outdoor classrooms. <http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org/images/upload/Wedflyer2011.pdf>

“Assemble and take home your own Bat House”-Greg Majewski will lead this program. Join us at Riverside-Salem Cottage, 3449 West River Rd., Grand Island at 6:00 potluck and 6:30-dusk programs. For more info: <http://www.riversidesalem.org/blog/> or 773-1426 (June).

Western New York Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2pm at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library located at 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Every meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, August 11

Educator Workshop: Project Learning Tree -9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Project Learning Tree is an award-winning, multi-disciplinary environmental education program featuring an activity guide includes 96 lesson plans. **For educators of students in grades K-8.** Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tift volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

“Land of Destiny” Screening- Clean Air Coalition of WNY is hosting the film maker, Brett Story, at 8:00 pm at Squeaky Wheel's screening room (712 Main St. Buffalo, NY) for a screening. The film is about a hard-working petrochemical town that is rocked by revelations that its workers suffer an epidemic of cancers much like in Tonawanda. Land of Destiny offers a poignant and universal story about work, community, and struggle in an era of globalization. The event is free for members and \$2 for everyone else!

Saturday, August 13

Full Moon Walk- 7:30 PM. Join us on the trails to view planets, stars and full moon at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

About Boating Safely Course-8am to 5pm at McKinley Mall. For more info, contact Bob Moscato at 681-3889 or visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Hanging Bog by Canoe- Buffalo Audubon trip from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Meeting Place: Hanging Bog Parking Lot on New Hudson Road (Contact Beaver Meadow for directions) or meet at Beaver Meadow at 8:15 AM to carpool. Bogs are habitats like no other. They're not quite land and they're not quite water; existing somewhere in between, they are home to an astounding array of unique and fascinating plants. Our group will canoe across the shallow impoundment at Hanging Bog to venture out onto the floating mat, exploring the unique wildlife found only in this habitat. If time allows, we'll also investigate some of the surrounding trails. Bring footgear that can get wet. Canoe rentals are available – contact Beaver Meadow 585-457-3228 **to register.** to sign up or for rental information. **Due to the sensitive nature of the habitat, this outing is limited to 15 people.**

Rushing Stream Exploration – Join Buffalo Audubon Executive Director Loren Smith at the Audubon preserve located south of Forestville from 10am-2pm. Come explore the preserve, search for birds and wildlife, and clean the trails along the way. Free. Please call 585-457-3228 to register.

Full Moon Wine and Cheese Paddle-Wilson Tuscarora Park at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person for refreshments. If you need to rent a kayak, cost is \$25 for a single or \$30 for tandem which includes paddles and PFDs. For details and reservation, call 213-0350 or pppinfo@pathspeaksaddles.com.

Full Sturgeon Moon Stroll-8-9:30 PM for adults. Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Leave your flashlights turned off and let the moon light our way as we enjoy the sounds and sights of Tift at night. Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Pruning Shrubs & Vines-10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228

Don't let your plants get out of hand! Whether you are pruning for size, bloom, character or fruit production, you will want to do so correctly. Lana will give you an overview of pruning shrubs and vines while demonstrating the proper techniques to use. Learn what to prune off and when to do so. Don't be afraid to cut into the action! Reservations required. 716.693.4444.

Fly Fishing Demo- 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM at Evangola State Park. Experience the joy of Fly Fishing. Get a hands-on demonstration of fly casting basics and learn about the flies that catch fish! We will catch and release pan fish at the pond. Equipment will be provided so you can try your hand at this wonderful way to fish. Instructor: Ray Markiewicz, founder of the Lake Erie Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers. This is a great family event so bring the youngsters and have a great time learning how to fish. Free. Phone: (716) 549-1050. Registration: Required

Penn Dixie's Mid-Summer's Night Adventure- Gates open at 5:00 PM, telescopes will be focusing on sunspots and solar flares through filtered lenses, and fossils will be found until dusk. After dark, the children will search for fossils by lantern light, and the telescopes will be focusing on the heavenly bodies in the Penn Dixie Skies until 11 PM. Bring a pail, digging tool and flashlight. Hammers and chisels (safety glasses recommended) may be used to break open the shale to discover creatures that have been buried and preserved for over 380 million years. This event will go on rain or shine. \$7/adult, \$6/child 12 & under, HNHS members and children 2 and under FREE. Call (716) 627-4560 for additional information and/or visit the Penn Dixie web site at www.penndixie.org for directions, program, membership, and additional information.

Sunday, August 14

WNY Drilling Defense-Meetings open to all interested in controlling hydrofracking. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://www.facebook.com/WNYDrillingDefense>.

Dog Days of Kenmore- Mang Park, Kenmore noon- 4pm. Some of the events planned include: Several contests, including: Dog/Owner Look-a-Like contest, Dog Fashion Show, and a Coolest Trick-Contest, Vendors selling dog-related items, Dog Sport Demonstrations, including Agility and Flyball, Dog Photographer, Dog First Aid Class, Dog Massage/Reiki, Police K-9 Demonstrations, Micro-chip/vaccination clinics. Attendees are encouraged to bring their well-socialized friendly dogs to the event. For more info, call Jessica Ereiz, Co-coordinator, Dog Days of Kenmore (716) 698-2652. <http://www.facebook.com/DogDaysWNY>

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, August 15

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Little Tykes Mini Nature Camp-9:30-11:30 AM, Ages 3-5, Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Nature's where it's at for summertime fun! Games, crafts, hikes and more help to foster the nature explorer in your child. Healthy and kid-friendly snacks provided too! Non-Members: \$8 per session per child and adult, \$4 additional children with the same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Science Outdoors with Tift-11am-2pm at the Erie Canal Harbor at Canal side. For info call Tift Nature Preserve at 716.825.6397.

Tuesday, August 16

Trail Tuesdays- 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Projects for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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/>.

Erie County Farms Public Forum-Erie County is embarking on a planning process that will build an agenda for future efforts to support our local farm economy, and protect valuable farmland. Attend one of the following public forums to talk about farming, food production and efforts to plan for agriculture in Erie County, and share your thoughts about what can be done to support the viability of our local farms. 7:30pm - Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road. Reservations not required. Please contact Mark Rountree at mark.rountree@erie.gov or 716.858.8008 716.858.8008 with any questions.

Refugees, Food Security, and Community Gardens-Partnership for the Public Good forum from 4-5:30pm at 237 Main Street, Suite 1200. Free and open to the public. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Megan Connelly at megan@ppgbuffalo.org or (716) 852-4191x110.

Wednesday, August 17

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. Participants must sign up for the entire series. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Master Gardener Lecture Series-Master Gardener Volunteers of Allegany and Cattaraugus **Counties** have planned an exciting series of gardening lectures to be held on Wednesday evenings at the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, NY from 7:00-8:30pm. Come enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Nannen Arboretum while attending lectures in the outdoor classrooms. Every Wednesday in July and August speakers will deliver information on two different topics. <http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org/images/upload/Wedflyer2011.pdf>

RestoreCorps Native tree and shrub planting-Volunteers needed in Wheatfield, 9am till noon. For more info, contact Emily McAndrews, Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER at 716-852-RIVER (7483), ext. 31 or emcandrews@bnriverkeeper.org.

Landowners' Update: What's happening with Natural Gas Development in New York? - 7 pm at Amity Rescue Squad Center, 5184 Route 244 in Belmont. For more information [click here](#). This free workshop is open to the public. Pre-registration is requested; please contact Lynn Bliven at 585-268-7644 ext. 18.

Thursday, August 18

OAC: Forests of the Future-10:30 AM- These activities at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve are designed to help youth age 12 and older explore nature and the outdoors. Registration is required for each session; call 683-5959. Discover how forests and wildlife may respond to climate change on this guided walk.

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Hands-on seminar: “Cactus Garden”-6:30 p.m. Bring a southwestern flare to your home or office when you create a festive assorted cacti and succulents planter during this hands-on seminar held by the [Niagara Floral Center & Greenhouse at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara](#), 2510 Niagara Falls Blvd., Wheatfield (between Sy and Witmer Roads). Payment of \$25 includes complete step-by-step instructions as well as all materials to create your own arrangement. No experience is necessary. **Register by August 4.** Paid reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The class is limited to 40 people and a minimum of 20 people is required for the class. Group rate for six or more attendees is available. Registration may be done with credit card, check or cash either in person at the Niagara Floral Center and Greenhouse, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling 504-2617, ext. 244. For info: info@opportunitiesunlimited.org. Proceeds benefit the Niagara Floral Center and Greenhouse at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, which offers training and horticulture therapy to people with developmental disabilities from across Niagara County and neighboring communities. These individuals nurture the plants and create the arrangements for sale year-round.

Let's Make A Bat House- 6-8 PM at Pfeiffer Nature Center Office ~ Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. It's GOOD to attract bats to your yard. Learn about the native bats, where to place a bat house, and hear about the diseases affecting our local bat population. Make and take your own bat house using simple materials and tools. It's fun for the entire family. Families may choose to construct one house together. Each additional family member participates for an additional \$5. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Friday, August 19

Nature's Circle: Polliwogs to Frogs-10:30-11:15 AM for Ages 2-3. Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. A short walk around the preserve will end our time 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.

Goat Island Adventure Walk- 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM at Niagara Falls State Park. Calling all walkers! Join a park naturalist to explore the oldest state park in the United States. Learn and discover interesting facts and stories surrounding Niagara Falls. Join us and see what you have been missing. Free. For information and registration, call 716-282-5154.

Saturday, August 20

Kenmore Recyclable Dropoff-Village of Kenmore and Buffalo ReUse will accept leftover building supplies, furniture, appliances and tools from 9am-noon at the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 2919 Delaware. This occurs one Saturday per month. Contact Buffalo ReUse at 882-2800 for large items. For full list, visit www.villageofkenmore.com.

Educator Workshop: Growing Up WILD-9:00 AM to noon. This curriculum for early childhood educators includes 27 standards-based activities incorporating art, music, reading, math and more. Refreshments provided. **For educators of students in pre-K to 2nd grade.** Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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.

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. Western New York's favorite urban farmers market will offer guided tours. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided. Tickets are \$11 per person and will be available as of June 1st at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon.

<http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

Geology Hike-WNY Land Conservancy hike with Stan Radon at Kenneglenn Nature Preserve, Town of Wales 10 am to noon. Reservations are required to attend as space is limited. Please call (716) 687.1225 or email info@wnylc.org for directions and reservations. The hike is a public event and is free of charge.

Exploration Earth- 10 a.m. to noon, program for kids ages 10-14 at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo. Each session includes hands-on activities, games, lessons and explorations into our natural world while working to build a better understanding of how we can better protect our earth. “What’s in the Water” explores pond ecosystems and water pollution. Exploration Earth is taught by the Botanical Gardens Education Department. Sessions are \$8 per day or \$24 for all four days for Botanical Garden Member’s children or grandchildren and \$10 per day or \$30 for all four days for non-members. Register for Exploration Earth at the [Botanical Gardens’ website](#) or by calling (716) 827-1584, ext. 292.

Pruning Trees-10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228. Pruning trees will keep them strong, shapely and less susceptible to storm damage. Proper pruning can encourage better growth, bloom and fruit production as well. Lana will help you get your trees in tip top shape to extend their healthy lives and your enjoyment of them. Help your trees rise a cut above with the right tools and trimming techniques. Reservations required. 716.693.4444

Harvesting & Using Herbs-1pm at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228. Thyme to get some Sage advice from Master Gardener Lee Schreiner on those wonderful fresh herbs from your garden or farm market. Learn how to harvest herbs at their peak and preserve them for fantastic future flavor. Lee will also discuss using herbs in preparing a variety of tasty temptations. Lee is a member of Smallwood Garden Club, WNY Ivy Society, the Herbal Study Group at the Botanical Gardens and enjoys herbal lore, crafting and cooking. Lee’s knowledge of herbal culture and history will amaze you. Get ready for a real treat! This class will run 60 to 90 minutes! Reservations required. 716.693.4444.

Magical Mushrooms, Mystical Molds Walk-10:30-12:30 PM at Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Take a walk through the cool old growth forest hunting the numerous species of fungi that grow there while your guide recounts the ancient lore associated with them. Learn which are harmful and which are helpful to both plants and humans. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Erie County Hazardous Waste Dropoff- 9am to 2pm at ECC North. For acceptable items, check www2.erie.gov/environment/sites/www2.erie.gov.environment/files/uploads/HHW_Aug%202011flyer%20.pdf

Sunday, August 21

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monarch Caterpillar Hunt- Join Monarch magician Gale Harvey for a hunt at 2pm. Call Beaver Meadow Audubon for details.

Turtle Tour: A Friends of Tift Event -2-4 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Meet at the cabin for a brief introduction and then head out to the wetlands for a turtle adventure. Binoculars will be provided for use during the tour or bring your own. Discussions will include native and non-native turtles, wetland restoration, the pet trade, threatened species, and much more. All donations go to wetland habitat restoration. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family.

Bug Fest- Bond Lake Nature Center. Details at <http://bondlake.webs.com/2011eventsschedule.htm>

Monday, August 22

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Science Outdoors with Tifft-11am-2pm at the Erie Canal Harbor at Canal side. For info call Tifft Nature Preserve at 716.825.6397.

Tuesday, August 23

Trail Tuesdays- 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails in the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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 7:00pm – 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 24

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. Participants must sign up for the entire series. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Insects of the Night- 7:30 PM. Join us as we search for moths and other insects attracted by light and scent at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Environmental Justice Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Master Gardener Lecture Series-Master Gardener Volunteers of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties have planned an exciting series of gardening lectures to be held on Wednesday evenings at the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, NY from 7:00-8:30pm. Come enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Nannen Arboretum while attending lectures in the outdoor classrooms. Every Wednesday in July and August speakers will deliver information on two different topics. <http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org/images/upload/Wedflyer2011.pdf>

“Wild Edibles”-Mary Hughes will lead this program. Join us at Riverside-Salem Cottage, 3449 West River Rd., Grand Island at 6:00 potluck and 6:30-dusk programs. For more info: <http://www.riversidesalem.org/blog/> or 773-1426 (June).

Landowners’ Update: What’s happening with Natural Gas Development in New York? - 7 pm at Willing Town Hall - 1431 State Route 19S, Wellsville, NY. For more information [click here](#). This free workshop is open to the public. Pre-registration is requested; please contact Lynn Bliven at 585-268-7644 ext. 18.

Thursday, August 25

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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/>.

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tifft volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Small Business Energy Workshop-free workshop to promote energy-efficiency for small businesses will be held from 8-10am at the Byrnclyff Resort and Conference Center in Varysburg. Attendees can learn how to receive incentive funding for energy-efficiency and how to incorporate cost-saving energy improvements. Register by August 22 by calling Buffalo State Small Business Development Center at 878-4030 or the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 652-8444.

Saturday, August 27

Senior Stroll-9:30 AM. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Soak Up the Sun-10:30 AM. Explore solar energy with fun activities and demonstrations at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Registration required; call 683-5959.

New Moon Walk and International Bat Night- 8– 10:00 PM. Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join us as we explore the darkness of the new moon and search for crepuscular and nocturnal inhabitants of the preserve including deer, beaver and bats. From 9:30 – 10:00 PM a special program will take place to celebrate International Bat Night with biologists from Ecology and Environment, Inc. conducting a bat survey of the preserve. Learn more about the importance of bats and threats that they face. Non-Members: \$5. Science Museum Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Space is limited. Please call 825-6397.

Nature Walk at Eshelman ~ Free. 9-10am. Take in an easy walk through our retired farmlands observing the seasonal changes in our shrub wetland, mature meadow, creek and pond edges, and the mixed hardwood forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Sala'Meander-Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. 10:30am-12:30pm. Fall is the best time for a salamander hunt. Join us as we search for these fascinating creatures. Lillibridge has fifteen species of amphibians and reptiles that call the habitat of the old growth forest home. Come prepared to roll some logs and turn over some leaves. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts - 10am-6pm. In addition to performances, the Artist's Market and Cultural Row, the Environmental Row features exhibits from a number of local organizations. For more info, visit <http://eafa.techriver.net/>.

Sunday, August 28

Trek Tiff-2-3:30 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiff for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

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Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts - 10am-5pm. In addition to performances, the Artist's Market and Cultural Row, the Environmental Row features exhibits from a number of local organizations. For more info, visit <http://eafa.techriver.net/>.

Monday, August 29

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Science Outdoors with Tiff-11am-2pm at the Erie Canal Harbor at Canal side. For info call Tiff Nature Preserve at 716.825.6397.

Tuesday, August 30

Trail Tuesdays- 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. A variety of projects ensures something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959.

Teaching By Example- Kevin and Melissa Gardner, owners of Five Points Bakery will speak about and answer questions on their area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202. If you're already a Buffalo First! member, come reap the benefits of membership -- admission is free. And if you haven't joined us yet -- what are you waiting for? Non-members joining us for the first time will pay a one-time cost of \$10, to cover the annual individual Buffalo First! membership.

Community Bicycle Workshop-From 7:00pm – 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 31

Knee-High Naturalists-10:00 AM. Each hour-long session will feature a variety of activities—such as stories, games, crafts and snacks. Participants must sign up for the entire series. For children ages 3 to 5. Materials fee = \$15.00 per child; \$10.00 per child for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Thursday, September 1

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Energy & Climate Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Saturday, September 3

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Enriching Zoo Animals- Buffalo Zoo family workshop from 10am-noon. Throughout the workshop we will learn about animal behavior to prepare various treats for the animals, and then meet up with the zookeepers. Get a chance to see zoo animals on exhibit interact with treats that you make yourself! Pre-paid registration is required, and all participants are required to pay the workshop fee. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

Buffalo Audubon Volunteer Orientation-Become a 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.

Nature Walk-Join Pfeiffer Nature Center at Lillibridge ~ Free, 9-10am. Enjoy a leisurely walk through a rare old growth forest with large specimens of Eastern Hemlock, White Pine, American Beech, and Red Oak and observe the seasonal changes in this majestic forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>

Critters Creek Walk -10:30am-12:30pm Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. What is in the water? Walk the creek, collect critters (macro-invertebrates), enjoy games, and see who lives in the water! Hands on! Feet wet! <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Sunday, September 4

Trek Tiftt-2-3:30 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tiftt for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Tuesday, September 6

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

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Wednesday, September 7

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at Buffalo City Hall. Meeting dates and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

Waste and Pollution Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Thursday, September 8

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiftt Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiftt volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Let's Make ~ A Bluebird House- 6-8pm at Pfeiffer Nature Center Office ~ Gen Public \$25/PNC Members \$20 includes all materials. Did you know the E. Bluebird, (*Sialia sialis*) is our state bird?! NOW is the time to prepare nesting sites for next springs 'blue-tiful' birds. Join us to learn about bluebirds, how to attract them, and make and take your own bluebird house. Families may choose to construct one house together. Each additional family member participates for an additional \$5. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Friday, September 9

A Hooting Good Night at River Lea- 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM at Beaver Island Nature Center. Here is your chance to tour River Lea! The Grand Island Historical Society has restored and maintained this farm house which is State-owned and located in Beaver Island State Park. It was built on Lewis F. Allen's property, Allenton Farms, by his son, W. Cleveland Allen. After the house tour we will take a night time stroll down the East River Trail and search for owls! Free. For information and registration, 716-282-5154. Registration: Required.

Saturday, September 10

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided to each guest. Tickets are \$11 per person and available at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com. Information about the Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market can be found at www.elmwoodmarket.org.

A Perfect Lawn-10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228. Just how perfect can a lawn be? Consult with Jack Bryant, owner of Preferred Seed. Our favorite lawn pro will help you restore an existing problem lawn or begin a new lawn from scratch. Learn how to beat moles, mice and grubs and to prepare your lawn for winter survival. Reservations required. 716.693.4444.

Visit the Farm Day in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties-Free and Open to the Public. For list of farms signed on to date [click here](#). Contact: Lynn Bliven at (585) 268-7644 ext. 18 or : (716) 699-2377 ext.124, lao3@cornell.edu.

Penn Dixie Nature Cruise & Buffalo Lighthouse Tour- 8:30am-1:30pm. Call (716) 627-4560 for registration information and cost or visit www.penndixie.org. Limited space available.

Paws in the Park-SPCA fundraiser at Beaver Island State Park. People & dog walk and other activities. [Info and registration here](#).

Sunday, September 11

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Jungle Cruise-Join the Women's Board of the Buffalo Zoo 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 fund raiser costs \$35 per person and will include snacks, beer, wine and soda and live entertainment. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. For tickets or more information, please call 995-6131 or [Click Here for Tickets](#).

Monday, September 12

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Tuesday, September 13

Trail Tuesdays- Every Tuesday from April-September. 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Wednesday, September 14

Food Matters Film Series: "What's on Your Plate"- Info on the films is available at <http://lexington.coop/film2.html>. All films will be shown at 7pm at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center at 341 Delaware (at Tupper) and tickets are \$8 (\$6 for Co-op members) available at the market or at <http://brownpapertickets.com>.

"If Our Water Could Talk" - Tour of Riverkeeper programs 12pm – 1pm at Riverkeeper Office, 1250 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14213. Please join us for a free, one hour informational tour. During the tour, attendees will learn about Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's programs and the impacts our work is having on the community. To reserve your spot, please contact (716) 852-7483 ext. 13 or dmorgan@bnriverkeeper.org.

Western New York Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2pm at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library located at 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Every meeting is open to the public.

Thursday, September 15

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tift volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Friday, September 16

Party for the Parks 2011- Buffalo Olmsted Parks fundraiser at the Marcy Casino. For details visit <http://www.bfloparks.org/>.

Saturday, September 17

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.

Walk at Knox Farm State Park – 9am. Enjoy a family-friendly nature walk led by Buffalo Audubon staff at Knox Farm State Park. (KF) Free.

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon.

<http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

Kenmore Recyclable Dropoff-Village of Kenmore and Buffalo ReUse will accept leftover building supplies, furniture, appliances and tools from 9am-noon at the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 2919 Delaware. This occurs one Saturday per month. Contact Buffalo ReUse at 882-2800 for large items. For full list, visit www.villageofkenmore.com.

Sharing the Pleasures of Preserving-1:00pm at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14120. Apples, grapes, tomatoes & pumpkins can turn into applesauce, jelly, sauce & pie filling! Joyce Gallagher will show you how to preserve produce from your own garden or local farm market and produce perfect preserves, canned goods and fresh frozen veggies. A home economics teacher with the Buffalo Public Schools, Joyce enjoys freezing, drying, canning and jam making with a wide variety of foods. She will also discuss sterilization techniques, recipes and procedures for creating delicious treats for yourself and beautiful gifts to share. This class may run over an hour. Limited seating available! Reservations required. 716.693.4444.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-3pm. This workshop is for any Boy Scout interested in earning the Environmental Science Merit Badge. Pre-registration is required. \$12 per scout. www.buffaloaudubon.com

Great Lakes Beach Sweep-10am to noon at any of the 300 beaches in NY. Volunteers needed to clean up and collect data. Contact Sharen Trembath, Lake Erie Coordinator at 716-549-4330 or info@greatlakesbeachsweep.org.

Astronomy Program at the Penn Dixie Site-6:30pm. Filtered telescopes to view sunspots & solar flares and after dark the Penn Dixie Skies. \$3/person, Penn Dixie members free. <http://www.penndixie.org>

Aster and Goldenrod Workshop- led by John Semple. Details pending-check www.nyflora.org/field-trips-and-workshops .

Sunday, September 18

Foodie-to-Farm Tour- Tour guests will visit top-notch area farms, enjoy farmer-led field walks, a local, chef-prepared lunch, sample amazing local foods and much, much more. This year's tour will visit farms in southern Erie County and Cattaraugus County. For details and tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/185206.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Nature Walk & Open House at Bond Lake Nature Center- Details at <http://bondlake.webs.com/2011eventsschedule.htm>

Monday, September 19

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours every Monday at 5pm weather permitting and includes all levels of gardeners, novice to Master Gardeners and occasionally local celebrity gardeners. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com .

Tuesday, September 20

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Wednesday, September 21

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM in the Market Arcade, 617 Main St. Buffalo NY 14203. Free and open to all interested citizens. www.citizenstransit.org.

Thursday, September 22

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Annual Friend-Raiser Picnic at Lillibridge -Free from 6-8pm. If you've enjoyed Pfeiffer Nature Center, we invite you to bring along a friend and a picnic basket and take in a wonderful sunset at Lillibridge. The leaves will be tipped with color, the air crisp, and woods full of life preparing for the upcoming winter. BYOB & Picnic. Ice cold cider and a bonfire provided. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Friday, September 23

Goat Island Adventure Walk- 07:30 PM - 09:30 PM at Niagara Falls State Park. Calling all walkers! Join a park naturalist to explore the oldest state park in the United States. Learn and discover interesting facts and stories surrounding Niagara Falls. Join us and see what you have been missing. Free. For information and registration, call 716-282-5154.

Saturday, September 24

Annual WNY Environmental Summit- "Green is Green: It Makes Cents". Free to the public, 9am-12:15pm. Workshops, informational tables, raffle and electronic recycling. For more info, contact byoung@daemen.edu.

Feed Your Soul's 2011 Tour & Tastes at Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market-10am. For the first time, Western New York's favorite urban farmers market will offer guided tours. Guests will meet a selection of the market's farmers and artisan foodmakers, while hearing about WNY's exciting farm-to-table movement and agricultural bounty. Learn about the growing methods used and the unique and exciting edible items that each vendor raises or makes by hand. Samples, recipes from local chefs, and information packets will be provided to each guest. Tickets are \$11 per person and will be available as of June 1st at www.eatlocalbuffalo.com. Information about the Elmwood Bidwell Farmers Market can be found at www.elmwoodmarket.org.

About Boating Safely Course-8am to 5pm at McKinley Mall. For more info, contact Bob Moscato at 681-3889 or visit www.LakeErieBoatSafe.org.

Autumn in the Perennial Garden-10:00am at Menne Nursery, 3100 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14428. Go beyond mums and asters & extend your perennial pleasures through the fall and into winter! Plants featured in this class have special properties that make them great additions for fall and winter viewing, including ornamental grasses. Learn how the addition of a new plant or two, along with some timely maintenance on existing plants, will get your perennial garden in beautiful shape for months to come. Reservations required. 716.693.4444.

Nature Walk at Eshelman ~ Free. 9-10am. Take in an easy walk through our retired farmlands observing the seasonal changes in our shrub wetland, mature meadow, creek and pond edges, and the mixed hardwood forest. Suitable for all ages. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Gala at the Gardens...Fragrant Herbs- This Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens event will feature special exhibits and food that highlight fragrant and delicious herbs. 7-10pm - \$100 Individual Tickets. Call 827.1584 ext. 203 for more info.

Intro to Brewing-10:30am-2:30pm at Lillibridge ~ Gen Public \$35/PNC Members \$30. Back before there was Bud Light... there were brew masters who used simple techniques to harvest the liquid pleasures from native plants and berries. Enjoy an overview of the brewing process, sample some yummy mixes, and get your hands wet preparing your own custom brew to take home. Participants must be age 21 or old.
<http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Owl Prowl & Night Walk -Lillibridge from 7-9pm~ Gen Public \$10/PNC Members \$5. Join our wildlife rehabilitation specialist to learn about these elusive and beautiful creatures. It's a fascinating up-close look at owls. There will be a live bird display and hands-on activities followed by a short hike into the dark night to call in native, wild owls. <http://pfeiffernaturecenter.org>.

Fall Waterway Cleanup-Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper seeks volunteers from 9am-noon. www.bnriverkeeper.org

Great Egret Excursion- Iroquois Observation program with Buffalo Audubon. Kanyoo Trail from 5-7pm.
<http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/calendar.html>

Sunday, September 25

WNY Drilling Defense-Meetings open to all interested in controlling hydrofracking. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from noon-1:30pm at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 875 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Use door off of parking lot. To learn more, click on <http://www.facebook.com/WNYDrillingDefense>.

Trek Tift-2-3:30 PM at Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Friends of Tift for a guided tour of the preserve. This drop-in program runs all year, \$2 donation per person suggested.

Sunday Family Walks- 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Join us every Sunday for a free family walk through Beaver Meadow's beautiful preserve.

Monday, September 26

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Evening Paddle on The Buffalo River- We meet at the Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Center located at 345 Ohio Street, near Republic Street, across from Father Conway Park at 6:00pm. If you do not have a kayak you are welcome to rent one for \$30.00pp. If you have your own kayak feel free to join the group for a great evening. We plan to be off the water at approximately 9:00pm. This event is scheduled to take place rain or shine. Registration is required if you need to rent a kayak by calling 716-213-0350. With each boat rental you will receive a paddle and PFD. PFD's are required by everyone on this event. We kindly ask that you leave all electric devices behind for a few hours so everyone can relax and unwind. There will be no alcoholic beverages or drugs on the water. We can be reached at 716-213-0350 or pppinfo@pathspeakspaddles.com.

Tuesday, September 27

Trail Tuesdays- 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Turn your love for the outdoors into rewarding action. Assist with hour-long projects to help maintain and improve ecosystems and trails throughout the preserve. A variety of projects ensures there is something for almost every age and ability. Refreshments provided. Info: 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve.

Sierra Club Meeting-Join others with the Niagara Sierra Club for their monthly meeting at 7pm at Room 248 Duns Scotus Hall, Daemen College. Visit www.daemen.edu/maps for directions.

Teaching By Example- James Heaney, Investigative Reporter, *The Buffalo News* will speak about and answer questions on his area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. Knowledge is power, as they say. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202. Buffalo First members free, non-members joining us for the first time will pay a one-time cost of \$10, to cover the annual individual Buffalo First! membership.

Wednesday, September 28

Environmental Justice Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Thursday, September 29

Wellness Walk-10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Join Tiff volunteers for a healthy outdoor walk with a botanical emphasis. This drop-in program runs all year. \$2 donation per person suggested.

Tips for the Environment:

1. Computing can be greener. Besides turning off your computer and peripherals when not in use, there are other ways to select and use our computers in a more environmentally-friendly way. Thinking about a technology upgrade-many old computers can be upgraded to still perform basic functions or salvaged to provide parts for a new computer. Sometimes a RAM upgrade or new graphics card can give you the functionality you need without replacing the whole computer. You can also turn your old computer into a Blu-ray player with a few key modifications. If you are buying a new computer, remember that laptops use less energy than desktops. Search the database at <http://www.epeat.net/> for the greenest computers. Choose your software or design your websites to require less energy usage. For example, flash animation uses more processing power than a simple text page, so each site visitor uses more energy getting your content, so use high-powered content only when it really matters. If you do need to replace, remember that New York has electronics recycling at many locations. For more on these ideas, visit [upgrade forum](#), [treehugger tips](#), and [greenliving](#).

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- I've compiled the list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any missed at [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.metrowny.com/events.php>

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

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>

Wildlife Webcams-

Iroquois NWR kestrel cam-<http://newyorkwild.org/kestrel/kestrel.htm>

UB Falcon cam- <http://www.buffalo.edu/webcam/falconcam2.html>

Additional local blogs and websites-

ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to zaczek@prodigy.net

New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>

Buffalo Niagara Gardening - <http://www.buffalo-niagaragardening.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/>

Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>

Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>
Carvings for a Cause- www.carvingsforacause.com/
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>
Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecatrail.org/>
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>
Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>
Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.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/>
Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>
Ecoessentials- <http://ecossentials.wordpress.com/>
DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>
Re-think Buffalo- <http://rethinkbuffalo.blogspot.com/>
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>
Good Neighborhood- <http://thegoodneighborhood.com/>
Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>
Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>
Examiner Buffalo <http://www.examiner.com/buffalo>
Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029
Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Niagara Watershed Alliance- <http://www.had-e-nuff.com/id6.html>
Slow Food Buffalo- www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Green Jobs and Opportunities

Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>
Green Jobs- <http://www.greatgreencareers.com> , <http://www.greenjobs.com/>
UB Green Job list- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>
Engineering jobs-<http://www.engineering-job-site.com>
Manufacturing management/supply chain-<http://www.operations-jobs.com>

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.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>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sweet Harvest- www.sweetharvest.com

Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.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, Lowe's
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, Lowe's
Household Goods-Goodwill, Salvation Army, Ladies of Charity
Packaging Materials (bubble wrap, peanuts)-UPS Store
Sneakers-Reinstein Woods
Plastic shopping bags-groceries, many retailers
Recycling A to Z - www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/tips-techniques/recycle-anything-0000000006117/index.html

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

<http://www.planetfriendly.net/learn.html>
<http://www.globalteer.org>
<http://www.ecovolunteer.org/>
<http://www.eco-volunteerusa.org/>
<http://www.goeco.org/>
<http://www.woof.org/>

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
Amherst State Park Arboretum	http://www.amherststatepark.org
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.buffaloaudubon.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://buffaloearthday.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 Growing	http://buffalogrowing.org/
Buffalo in Bloom	www.buffaloinbloom.com/
Buffalo Maritime Center	http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/
Buffalo Microparks	http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/
Buffalo Museum of Science	www.sciencebuff.org/
Buffalo Niagara Green Expo	http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	www.bnriverkeeper.org/
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	www.bfloparks.org
Buffalo Orienteering Club	http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/
Buffalo Ornithological Society	http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/
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 Zoo	www.buffalozoo.org
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/
Community Action Organization of Erie County	http://www.caoec.org/
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	http://www.cfgb.org/
Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County	http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.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/
Edible Buffalo	www.ediblebuffalo.com
Environmental Education Associates	http://environmentaleducation.com/
Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York	http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx
Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/ny.html
Erie Canal Harbor Development	http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/
Erie County Community College Going Green	http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html
Erie County Conservation Society	http://eccs-club.org/

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	http://www.erie.gov/environment/
Erie County Farm Bureau	http://www.ecfarm.com/
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs	http://www.eriectyfsc.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.factsofwny.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 4-Aug 30	www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	www.gbnrtc.org/
Great Lakes Beach Sweep	http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter
Great Lakes United	www.glu.org

Green and Mean (it)	http://www.greenandmeanit.com/
Green Options Buffalo	http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/
Groundwork Buffalo	http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month	http://www.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
Jamestown Community College	http://www.sunycc.edu/sustainability
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.buffalolisc.org
Maddie's Pet Rescue Project	http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/
Massachusetts Avenue Project	www.mass-ave.org
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	www.messingerwoods.org
Nannen Arboretum	ww2.cattco.org/tag/nannen-arboretum
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 York Farm Bureau	http://www.nyfb.org/
New York Flora Association	http://www.nyflora.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 Farm Bureau	http://niagarafb.org/
Niagara County Landfill and Recycling	www.niagaracounty.com/landfill/otherrecycling.asp
Niagara County Parks	http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	www.niagaraswcd.com
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsd/
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 University Sustainability	http://www.niagara.edu/green/
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	http://nofany.org
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
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
ReNU Niagara	http://www.niagara.edu/renu/
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
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara
South Buffalo Alive	http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
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, 250 Student Union	http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/
UB Engineers for a Sustainable World	http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw/ESW-UB/Welcome.html
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/
US Coast Guard-Boating Safety	http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/
Voice-Buffalo	http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html
Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association	www.wnywea.org/
Western New York AmeriCorps	http://www.wnyamericorps.org
Western New York Earth Day	http://www.wnyearthday.org/
Western New York Environmental Alliance	http://www.growwny.org/
Western New York Herpetological Society	http://www.wnyherpsociety.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://wnyssc.org/
Western New York Service Learning Coalition	www.wnyslc.org
Western New York Stormwater Coalition	www.erie.gov/stormwater
Western New York Sustainable Energy Association	http://www4.bfn.org/wnyseal/
West Side Ministries	http://www.westsideminstries.org/
West Valley Citizen Task Force	www.westvalleyctf.org
Wildlife Educators Coalition	http://www.nywec.com/
Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes	http://www.wildonesniagara.org/
Wild Spirit Education	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