

# Enviro-News

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### **WNY Environmental Congress Hosts Bill McKibben**

Join others at the Western New York Environmental Congress on **November 13** to discuss recent progress on efforts to improve our environment and how we can all work together to protect Western New York's natural resources in 2011. The Congress is open to all interested participants – visit [GrowWNY.org](http://GrowWNY.org) for additional information. The event is from 8:30am-2:30pm at City Honors High School, 186 E. North St., Buffalo. Special guest, Bill McKibben, renowned environmentalist and author of Eaarth, will deliver the keynote address on what it takes to build a regional environmental movement. **Please register by November 5, 2010.** [Click here to register online](#), or call the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo at (716) 852-2857. \*There will be a \$10 fee for anyone who wishes to participate in the lunch.

### **Canal Side Project Plan Public Hearing**

A Modified General Project Plan (MGPP) has been adopted by the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) for the Canal Side Project, located along the Buffalo River near the southern terminus of the NFTA Metro Rail system at the foot of Main Street. A Public Hearing concerning the MGPP will be held on **November 3, 2010** at 7:00pm at the Mason O. Damon Auditorium, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, 14203. Following a presentation, the public will be invited to submit comments on the MGPP. Written comments must be submitted by 5pm on November 15, and may be submitted at the public hearing or to Stephen Gawlik at [sgawlik@empire.state.ny.us](mailto:sgawlik@empire.state.ny.us).

The Canal Side Project would comprise approximately \$295 million in public/private investment consisting of over 1 million square feet, at full build out, of commercial (retail, lodging, office), cultural and residential space that would be designed to emphasize downtown Buffalo's connection to the Lake Erie waterfront. The Modified General Project Plan sets forth a detailed description of the initial phase of the project, which is the construction of public infrastructure consisting of one level of below grade parking, canals, walkways, and landscaping. The initial phase of the Canal Side project would be approximately \$51 million of public investment. The MGPP and supporting documents are available for review on the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation website (<http://www.eriecanalharbor.com>).

### **Party for the Barks**

Come support The Barkyard at our third annual Party for the Barks, Wednesday, **November 3, 2010**, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We're excited to hold this event so close to the park, at the Buffalo Yacht Club. Enjoy delicious hors-d'oeuvres, beer, wine and more. Enter basket raffles to win some fantastic items! Single admission is a donation of \$25, or a pre-sale special of two admissions for \$40. Admission includes one complimentary serving of beer or wine. [Visit our website](#) to purchase tickets. The Barkyard is not publicly funded, but is supported entirely with private donations. We need your support in order to maintain the park, provide waste-bags, and make improvements. If you have some free time and want to get involved, we are looking for volunteers to help at events, as well as committee members to assist our board of directors. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Dixie Fundraiser

The Hamburg Natural History Society/Penn Dixie 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser will be Wednesday, **November 3** from 7-9pm at the Romanello's South restaurant at 5793 South Park Avenue in Hamburg. The fundraiser helps support the educational programs, events and operations of the Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center. A silent auction begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and available at the door for \$25. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and a door prize ticket. For pre-sale tickets, call 716-627-4560. Information is available at [www.penndixie.org](http://www.penndixie.org).

## 4th Annual Harvest Celebration for Grassroots Gardens

Join Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo at its 4th annual Harvest Celebration fundraiser on **November 4th** at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum from 5:30-9:00pm. Proceeds from the event will help to support our continuing mission to revitalize neighborhoods and build quality of life through the reuse and beautification of vacant land. Guests of this event can expect to enjoy Flying Bison beer, delicious hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, a silent auction and great raffle prizes, plus much more. Admission price is only \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members. Call (716) 851-4647 ext 3.

## Facilities Management Expo

A free Facilities Management Expo is planned for **November 4**, 2010 from 11am-5pm at Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Rd., Depew, 14043. The event is free to attend and will offer seminars on various topics including a presentation on simple, low-cost ways to "green" your facility and save money by reducing the amount of polluted stormwater runoff entering our local waterways. A range of methods for stormwater management will be described. For more information, visit: <http://www.fmexpo.net>.

## Buffalo ReUse Continues Tree Planting on the East Side

In an effort to beautify Buffalo's east side, Buffalo ReUSE will partner with Re-Tree Western New York for a fall tree care and planting event. Buffalo ReUSE invites volunteers to join them in this community-wide effort on Saturday **November 6, 2010**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. A potluck meal will follow the day's work. This tree care event will feature pruning, re-staking, and tree condition evaluation, in addition to planting. Training will be available on-site during the event. Anyone interested in helping should arrive at the Buffalo ReUSE office, located at 158 Eaton Street, at 9:00am. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a dish to pass for the post-planting potluck celebration. For additional information, please contact the main office of Buffalo ReUSE at (716) 885-4131 or email at [volunteer@buffaloreuse.org](mailto:volunteer@buffaloreuse.org).

## Wildlife Rehabilitation Course

Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is offering a two-day Wildlife Rehabilitation course on **November 6 and 7** from 12-4pm each day. The course will develop a sense of appreciation & the importance of preserving native wildlife. Participants will learn how to lend a helping hand to injured, orphaned & distressed animals in your community, while preparing for the NYSDEC Wildlife Rehabilitators Exam! [For more info, click here.](#)

## "The Big Chew" Benefits the SPCA

Help support the Erie County SPCA and enjoy a local restaurant meal on Tuesday, **November 9**. A number of local restaurants are donating a portion of meal proceeds to help your local animal shelter. For a listing of restaurants and their offers, visit <http://www.yourspca.org/page.aspx?pid=468>.

## Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Birthday Bash

Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper is turning legal! Join them as they celebrate their 21st birthday at a party for clean water! The Birthday Bash is **Friday, November 12**, 5:30-8pm at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery. Tickets include food, two drinks, and great entertainment – they are \$40 presale (by 11/1), \$45 at the door, and only \$30 if you're under 30! To purchase tickets, call (716) 852-7483 x13 or click [here](#). Presale ends 11/1.

## **“The Beauty of Antarctica”**

The Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers announce a dinner and presentation on Tuesday, **November 16**. Join them for a 6 pm Dinner followed by 7 pm presentation by Donald W. Owens, president of Earth Dimensions, Inc, at Bravo Café & Catering, 5781 Seneca Street, Elma, NY. This event is sponsored by the Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Don will speak about the trip he and his wife Barbara took in January 2010 organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He will focus on the uniqueness of Antarctica: an island continent surrounded by a swirling mass of water. Antarctica is the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent. Warming is occurring, but the causes are complex. Don’s presentation will include Antarctica wildlife, particularly penguins. Cost is \$20.00 for ESB and IEEE members and \$22.00 for non-members and guests. Entrée choices are Roast Pork, Shrimp Scampi, or a Vegetarian Option. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by November 11 at [www.tesb.org](http://www.tesb.org) or call the ESB Office at 873-4455.

## **Vegetarian Thanksgiving Potluck**

The Animal Advocates of WNY & the Buffalo Vegetarian Society will be holding their annual Vegetarian Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner at the UU Church of Amherst (6320 Main Street, Williamsville) on **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner is a fun-raiser and fundraiser for these groups: \$5 adults; \$2 children 10 and younger plus bring a VEGAN dish to pass. Each person’s food offering should be large enough to provide servings for at least 6 to 8 people. Vegan means no dairy or eggs in addition to no flesh foods (meat, fish or fowl). A vegan dinner means all food will be cruelty-free and everyone can eat everything. The after dinner program will include a rap by MyRapNameIsAlex from the Blood Thirsty Vegans and video excerpts of Anna Lappe’s recent talk at Daemen College on “Diet for a Hot Planet: the Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork and What You Can Do about It.” **Reservations are required. Please call Nan and Walter Simpson, 839-0062.** If you’d like help with recipe ideas or substitutions, call Nan Simpson at the number above. It’s easy to use soy margarine and soy milk in recipes, traditional Thanksgiving side dishes, pasta and rice dishes, or vegan desserts. Note: please don’t bring jello or marshmallows –since they contain gelatin, which is a meat product.

## **Free Climate and Energy Workshops for Teachers**

The National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) and National Fuel are pleased to announce r free workshops for 5th-12th grade teachers coming up soon in Western NY. These workshops are provided through funding provided by National Fuel. Pre-registration required. For the workshops, substitute reimbursement is provided along with meals, and hands-on kits. To be eligible, your school must be in the National Fuel service territory. An Energy Detective workshop will be held in Buffalo on **November 6** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Buffalo Airport (Register at: [www.regonline.com/needbuffalo10](http://www.regonline.com/needbuffalo10)). A Climate Detective workshop will be held on **November 3** in West Seneca (Register at: [www.regonline.com/needwestseneca10](http://www.regonline.com/needwestseneca10)). For info, contact the NEED Projects NYS Office at 1-866-720-2123 or [nyworkshops@need.org](mailto:nyworkshops@need.org). Participating teachers will be provided with Home Energy Efficiency Kits to send home with students to their families.

## **Reinstein Woods Offers Free Educator Workshops**

Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center in Depew is offering two free workshops for teachers and non-formal educators. Each workshop will provide educators with standards-based activities to help them incorporate environmental education into their existing curriculum. The workshops offer lesson plans to enhance teaching in all subject areas. Participants will receive a curriculum guide that includes dozens of lesson plans for both indoor and outdoor activities. Continuing education credit is available for teachers in most school districts. A Project WILD workshop for K- 12 teachers will take place on **Wednesday, November 3** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Project WILD is a national, award-winning program designed to give students the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to make informed decisions concerning wildlife and the environment. A Flying WILD workshop for middle school teachers will be held Saturday, **November 27** from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Flying WILD introduces students to bird conservation through classroom activities and environmental stewardship projects. The curriculum can be used to initiate service-learning projects. Registration is required for each workshop. Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center is located at 93 Honorine Drive, Depew. To register for a workshop, call Reinstein Woods at (716) 683-5959.

## **Erie Community College Launches Going Green Initiatives**

Erie Community College has introduced a new sustainability program and campus commitment. The new website which showcases their efforts can be viewed at <http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html> and it captures the various elements of ECC's new curriculum and commitment.

## **GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental**

GrowWNY (<http://growwny.org/index.php>) is a new hyper-local source of information about living green in Western New York. This website is for anyone who enjoys the outdoors, cares about the environment and wants to know the best places to go and things to do, eat, live, work and play greener. If you want to showcase your local events or advertise a future event, be sure to visit their online calendar and submit your information. GrowWNY (Green Renaissance of Western New York) is a project of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and is made possible through grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources.

## **Learning Sustainability Campaign Sponsors Green Watch: Check out the Facebook Site**

The Learning Sustainability Campaign has launched a new project dedicated to promoting environmental and sustainability literacy for consumers and creators of media. The first step of this project is a facebook site at [www.facebook.com/pages/GreenWatch/140401049308745?created](http://www.facebook.com/pages/GreenWatch/140401049308745?created) which features regular postings and discussion on relevant local, regional, and global issues at. Please consider "liking" this page and recommending it to your friends.

## **Lois Gibbs Fellowships Available**

The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York announced the launch of the Lois Gibbs Fellowship, an innovative program that will empower 12 Western New York residents to advocate for a healthy and just environment. The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York believes that leadership development of a grassroots base is critical to building an effective environmental health movement in the region. The Lois Gibbs Fellowship will train activist skills and foster relationships between grassroots actors and decision makers. The Lois Gibbs Fellowship is a selective, 10-month program that provides a diverse set of emerging citizen leaders with the tools and training to build sustained political will to improve the environment and health in Western New York neighborhoods.

The Fellowship is open to anyone in Western New York. Applications may be found online at [www.cacwny.org](http://www.cacwny.org) or by calling the Coalition to request a paper application. Individuals interested or working in environmental health and justice issues are strongly encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to residents working on land-use and food access issues. The application is open to people new to organizing as well as experienced folks looking to hone their skills. The Fellowship is designed as a part-time program that can accommodate people who are working full-time. **Applications are due November 4th.**

The program is named in honor of Lois Gibbs, a grassroots environmental justice advocate from Western New York. She is best known for her successful campaign to relocate families living on top of a toxic waste dump in Niagara Falls. Lois Gibbs is emblematic of the program's philosophy: ordinary individuals can make an extraordinary difference when they organize. The Fellowship is generously supported by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

## **2nd Annual Niagara County Youth Environmental Essay Contest**

The Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District (NCSWCD) is kicking off the 2nd annual Niagara County Youth Environmental Essay Contest. Sponsored by Severson Environmental Services, Niagara River Anglers Association and many other Niagara County businesses and tourist attractions, the essay contest hopes to promote environmental stewardship among today's youth while allowing students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of our local environment. Students in grades 7th – 9th (Novice Division) and 10th – 12th (Expert Division) attending a public, private, parochial school, or home school in Niagara County are eligible to submit an essay. Grand Prize winners in each division will receive an Outdoorsman Camping Equipment Package valued at \$200. Second and third place winners in each division will be awarded with sponsor donated prizes valued at \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Students interested in entering the contest must submit an essay relative to the following topic: WHY AND HOW WE SHOULD PROTECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF NIAGARA COUNTY. Additional information regarding contest rules and scoring procedures can be found at [www.niagaraswcd.com](http://www.niagaraswcd.com). Entries must arrive at the NCSWCD office before 4:30 pm on **December 22, 2010**. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by 12/22/10. Mail to: Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District, Essay Contest, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094. The winners will be announced in mid January 2011. ONLY Niagara County students are eligible to participate and essay submissions must relate to the identified theme topic to be eligible.

### **Buffalo Zoo Announces Birth of Western Lowland Gorilla**

The Buffalo Zoo had a new arrival on October 8 to gorilla mother, Sidney, and father, Koga. Sidney, who was born at the Buffalo Zoo in 1997, and 23-year-old Koga, who arrived from the Memphis Zoo in 2007, are both first-time parents. Sidney continues to provide good care for the baby, while silverback, Koga, protectively watches over them and the rest of the troop. Sydney has not presented the baby close enough for her keepers to accurately determine gender, but both mother and baby are doing fine.

Since 1990, nine surviving gorilla babies have been born at the Buffalo Zoo. This is the first gorilla birth at the Buffalo Zoo since fellow troop member, Lily, was born in 2000. This birth also represents the second gorilla generation for the Buffalo Zoo. The breeding was recommended as part of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan (SSP), which is designed to help a species maintain a stable, healthy and genetically diverse population in zoos. Western lowland gorillas are found the lowland tropical forests of Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Angola and Nigeria. They are critically endangered due to habitat destruction and the bushmeat trade.

### **PUSH Continues Changing the Face of the West Side**

PUSH (People United for Sustainable Housing) has been working hard on their Net Zero House at 10 Winter St. At 10 Winter, the new fiber cement siding got a beautiful paint job by Spencer Gaskin and his Outsource Center crew. CIR Electrical installed a 4.5 kw photovoltaic array on the metal roof which will supply electricity to the house and power the soon-to-be geothermal heating unit. They are getting closer and closer to completing the rehab of a once-vacant property into a beautiful home that creates as much energy as the household will consume.

Along with their rehabilitation projects, PUSH is "land-banking:" buying up abandoned properties in order to preserve and maintain them until development is feasible. Two of those properties are on Lawrence Place, the next block over from Winter. Dalex Roofing put a brand new roof up on 60 Lawrence. PUSH has donated this house to Habitat for Humanity so that a Burmese family, using sweat equity, can become first-time homeowners on the West Side. On both projects Dalex has put a West Side YouthBuild grad to work and hopes to keep him on the payroll full-time.

### **Grant Opportunities**

The Blue Moon Fund seeks to improve the human condition by changing the relationship between human consumption and the natural world. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations in the United States, Latin America, and Asia that have developed innovative approaches to improving human quality of life in harmony with the natural world. Support is provided in the following three initiative areas: Rethinking Consumption and Energy is aimed at developing environmentally-friendly, efficient, and economically competitive transportation and energy choices worldwide. Balancing Human and Natural Ecosystems promotes new economic and cultural approaches to reducing resource pressure and preserving biodiversity. Reenergizing Urban Communities is based on the belief that underpinning vibrant cities is their capacity to self-organize in ways that maximize the economic, cultural, environmental, and spiritual benefits of urban life. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year; proposals are reviewed by invitation only. Visit the <http://www.bluemoonfund.org/> to take the required online eligibility test. Rolling deadlines exist for grants.

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

Parks & Trails New York's Capacity Building Grants program for park and trail groups provides grants of up to \$3,000 to strengthen not-for-profit organizations that are working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state. Through the grant program, made possible by a generous donor, Parks & Trails New York intends to help not-for-profits better fulfill their missions; improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact; leverage more resources; and increase community support for and involvement in park and trail planning, development, and stewardship. Funds can be used to assist with activities associated with organizational start-up and development, training, communications, and volunteer recruitment and management. Deadline: **November 22, 2010**. Complete guidelines are available on the [Parks and Trails New York website](#).

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) announces the second round of the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP 2010). GIGP 2010 will provide seed money for projects which spur green innovation, build green capacity, and facilitate technology transfer throughout the State. Eligible projects will improve water quality and demonstrate sustainable wastewater infrastructure in communities across the State. Grants include design and construction projects. Deadline: **December 3, 2010**. [Click here for full announcement](#).

The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education, and the National Science Teachers Association have announced the launch of the third annual Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, a program designed to educate, empower, and engage students and teachers across the United States to become "Agents of Change" in identifying and solving environmental problems. K-12 students and teachers are invited to tackle environmental issues to win scholarships and grants for their schools. Student teams, working with a teacher/mentor, identify environmental issues of concern and create sustainable, reproducible improvements in their school (elementary), local communities (middle school), or the world (high school). Deadline: The challenge is open through **March 15, 2011**. Visit the challenge website for more information: <http://www.wecanchange.com/>.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) of the US Department of Agriculture requests applications for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) for fiscal year (FY) 2011 to support: (1) the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining; and (2) Planning Projects to assess the food security needs and plan long-term solutions to help ensure food security in communities. More information: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm>. Application Deadline: **November 15, 2010**.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the USDA is announcing the opportunity for public and not-for-profit organizations to submit applications for a Peoples Garden School Pilot Program grant competition. One grantee will be selected to enter into a cooperative agreement for the purposes of developing and running community gardens at eligible high-poverty schools; teaching students involved in the gardens about agriculture production practices, diet, and nutrition; contributing produce to supplement food provided at eligible schools, student households, local food banks, or senior center nutrition programs; and conducting an evaluation of funded projects to learn more about the impacts of school gardens. Info at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/outreach/grants/garden.htm>. Deadline: **November 8, 2010**.

Applications are being accepted for the ["It's All About the Fruit"](#) grants, which will provide selected schools with fruit trees to create engaging nutrition and gardening experiences. For programs with children 3-18. Applications will be evaluated based on plans to promote nutrition education, ideas for incorporating fruit tree activities into the curriculum, and the ability to sustain the program over multiple years. The deadline for applications is **November 29, 2010**.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's [Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act Grant Program](#) provides support to encourage cooperative conservation, restoration, and management of the fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes Basin. The deadline for applications is **December 13, 2010**.

**The Economic Development Administration's [Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund Program](#)** provides support for projects that foster economic competitiveness while enhancing environmental quality. Support is provided for a variety of sustainability focused projects, including renewable energy end-products, the greening of existing manufacturing functions or processes, and the creation of certified green facilities. The next application deadline is **December 15, 2010**.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's [Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds Program](#) provides support to protect, restore, and enhance urban/suburban habitats for birds; reduce hazards to birds; educate and engage citizens in monitoring, caring about, and advocating for birds and their conservation; foster youth environmental education with a focus on birds; manage invasive species to benefit and protect birds; and increase awareness of the value of migratory birds and their habitats, especially for their intrinsic, ecological, recreational, and economic significance. Applications are due **January 7, 2011**.

[The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund](#) supports projects that contribute to the conservation of endangered or threatened species, their habitats, and the communities that surround them worldwide. The Fund seeks to support established conservation programs that contain a strong in site component (scientific field studies), promote education and community engagement, and demonstrate a significant benefit to in-country participants, habitats, and species by working with local communities, regional/national non-governmental organizations, or governments. The Fund recommends that all applicants submit their letters of inquiry by **January 1, 2011** at the latest. Invited proposals are due by January 25.

[The Starbucks Foundation](#) is accepting applications from organizations that provide young people a continuum of opportunities to develop creative approaches to address pressing concerns in their communities. Successful grant applicants will deliver services to youth, ages 6 - 24; focus on young people in the age range of 12 and older; provide opportunity to combine learning with action that support communities and further global citizenship; deliver services, disseminate information, provide training and/or build broad networks; provide opportunities for Starbucks partners and multiple stores to be engaged in community service. The Starbucks Foundation reviews the submissions on an annual basis; letters of inquiry should be submitted between October 1, 2010 and **January 31, 2011**.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is accepting application for new, re-competing, and continuation grants in all of the [AmeriCorps State and National grant categories](#), and \$1 million for AmeriCorps planning grants. The Corporation encourages organizations that have never received funding from the Corporation or AmeriCorps to apply for these grants. Applications to the Corporation are due **January 25, 2011**.

### **Health Effects of Shale Gas Extraction Conference**

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health is hosting a conference on "Health Effects of Shale Gas Extraction: What is Known and What can we Predict?" on **November 19** from 8am-6pm at the University Club in Pittsburgh. This free conference will explore the science and methodological approaches behind understanding environmental health impacts associated with increasing development of natural gas extraction from shale deposits found under wide geographical areas of the United States. This conference is limited to 150 participants. To learn more and register: <http://www.eoh.pitt.edu/marcellus.asp>.

### **Lowe's Expands Recycling for Public**

The national home improvement retailer, Lowe's Companies Inc., is installing recycling centers in nearly 1,700 U.S. stores to provide a one-stop recycling destination for customers. In addition to recycling shipping materials such as pallets, wraps and cardboard, Lowe's stores are now offering to recycle hard-to-handle products like mobile phones, batteries and CFL bulbs. Call2Recycle will handle phones and batteries collected through the recycling centers. The recycling centers will be provided at 1,700 U.S. retail locations.

### **Recycle your Electronics and Earn Rewards for your School**

A new rewards-for-recycling program has been launched, offering music downloads, discounts on new technologies and donations to schools and non-profits in exchange for old electronics. Points are earned for cell phones, GPS units and other devices and shipping materials are provided. The new program is available through [MaxBack.com](#), and was created by Environmental Reclamation Services of Erie, Pa., and its sister company Funding Factory, which created a fundraising-through-recycling program for schools and nonprofits in 1998. The company does not recycle all of the materials in house. The company refurbishes and recycles ink cartridges in its Erie facility. Cell phones are sold to refurbishers for reuse and recycling, while batteries, metals, chargers and cords are also sent to accredited recyclers, the company said. The company is committed to recycling in a "responsible manner," according to an environmental policy statement on the ERS website. For more information, visit [MaxBack.com](#).

## Wilderness and Boating Classes

Paths, Peaks and Paddles, Inc. has joined up with local school districts to offer courses in Wilderness First Aid, Kayak Operation, Kayak and Canoe Safety. Check out their offerings and registration information at <http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com/events.php>.

## Watershed Restoration Coordinator Position Available

Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER is seeking a full-time Watershed Restoration Coordinator to implement and direct the Niagara River Riparian Restoration Program, a waterfront landowner stewardship and habitat restoration program. To download a complete description with instructions for applying, click here: [Restore Corps Job Description](#). Application due by **November 12, 2010**.

## Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation** can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Berries have been planted and raised beds will be maintained throughout the summer. Contact [Rakoczy12@gmail.com](mailto: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@excaliburl.org](mailto:jim@excaliburl.org) or visit <http://excaliburl.org>

**Habitat for Humanity** needs volunteers to help impact lives of families in the city of Buffalo by building simple, decent homes. Call 204-0740 or [volunteer@habitatbuffalo.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@hawkcreek.org).

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

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

## Upcoming Community Activities:

### Monday, November 1

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

**Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep**-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or [www.buffaloinbloom.com](http://www.buffaloinbloom.com).

## Tuesday, November 2

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

## Wednesday, November 3

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

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

**Penn Dixie Fundraiser at Romanello's South Restaurant**-7-9pm at Romanello's on South Park Ave., Hamburg. For ticket info, visit [www.penn Dixie.org](http://www.penn Dixie.org).

**Project WILD Workshop**-4:00 to 7:00 PM. Project WILD is an award-winning environmental education program for teachers and youth leaders of K-12 students. Participants receive a curriculum guide with more than 100 lesson plans. Registration required; 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Working for Downtown Brown Bag Lunch Series**-12 to 1 pm at [Buffalo & Erie County Central Library](#), Central Meeting Room on 2nd Floor. For more information or reservations, please contact Lynn Waclawek at [lwaclawek@mtb.com](mailto:lwaclawek@mtb.com). Free or \$10 to order box lunch.

**Third Annual Party for the Barks**-Support the Barkyard (Dog Park) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We're excited to hold this event so close to the park, at the Buffalo Yacht Club. Enjoy delicious hors-d'oeuvres, beer, wine and more. Single admission is a donation of \$25, or a pre-sale special of two admissions for \$40. Admission includes one complimentary serving of beer or wine. [Visit our website](#) to purchase tickets.

## Thursday, November 4

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

**After-School Escape**-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Wellness Walk at Tiff**-10:00 AM – 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.

**4th Annual Harvest Celebration**-Please join us as Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo hosts its 4th annual Harvest Celebration fundraiser on November 4th at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum from 5:30-9:00pm. Proceeds from the event will help to support our continuing mission to revitalize neighborhoods and build quality of life through the reuse and beautification of vacant land. Guests of this event can expect to enjoy Flying Bison beer, delicious hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants, a silent auction and great raffle prizes, plus much more. Admission price is only \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members. Call (716) 851-4647 ext 3.

**Facilities Management Expo**-11:00 am – 5:00 pm at Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043. The event is free to attend and will offer seminars on various topics including a presentation on simple, low-cost ways to “green” your facility and save money by reducing the amount of polluted stormwater runoff entering our local waterways. A range of methods for stormwater management will be described. For more information, visit: <http://www.fmexpo.net>.

## Friday, November 5

**Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse**-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

## Saturday, November 6

**Getting Squirrelly**- 10:30 AM. Discover how squirrels prepare for winter through fun activities and crafts. For kids ages 4 to 8. Materials fee = \$2.00 per child; \$1.00 for Friends of Reinstein members. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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

**An Urban Oasis**- A gentle hike through an urban nature preserve focusing on Old Growth Forest ecology and unique wildlife populations with Earth Spirit Staff at Reinstein Woods Preserve, Depew from 1-4:30pm. Fees: Members \$3.00 / Non-members \$5.00 Earth Spirit. For registration, contact 716-941-6267.

**Iroquois Observation Field Trip to Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant**-8:30am-1pm. Meet at Cayuga Pool at 8:30 to caravan or meet at BWTP @ 9:15am (IO) \$free.

**Wildlife Rehabilitation Course**-Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is offering this course from 12-4pm for two days (including November 7). Develop a sense of appreciation & the importance of preserving native wildlife. Learn how to lend a helping hand to injured, orphaned & distressed animals in your community, while preparing for the NYSDEC Wildlife Rehabilitators Exam! [For more info, click here.](#)

**BSA Environmental Science Merit Badge Workshop** – This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn his Environmental Science Merit Badge. 10am-3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. \$12 per scout. Contact Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 or email [info@buffaloudubon.org](mailto:info@buffaloudubon.org) for more info.

**Gorge at Low Water at Whirlpool State Park**-10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Niagara Gorge after the volume of water in the Niagara River is reduced by 25%. Join park naturalists for a guided hike that will take you past the Whirlpool to the site of the Great Gorge Route station and beyond. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

**Buffalo Audubon Presentation at USA Birds Supply** -1:00pm. Come learn more about our natural world at USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. Info at (716) 407-3115.

**Buffalo ReUSE Special OPPS Tree Care Work Day**- 9am – 1pm. Begin at 158 Eaton Street ([map](#)). Please join us in our effort to beautify the east side. Buffalo ReUSE invites volunteers to help plant, prune, stake, and evaluate street trees in the surrounding communities. No special skills necessary, we will teach you!! A potluck meal and to follow. Please call or email the Buffalo ReUSE main office with any questions. 885-4131 [volunteer@buffaloreuse.org](mailto:volunteer@buffaloreuse.org).

**Imagining Buffalo's Waterfront: Canal Side Community Alliance Public Forum with Mark Goldman**-2-4pm at City Honors School Auditorium. Historian and entrepreneur Mark Goldman will co-host a conference at City Honors School Auditorium to share best practices and models for waterfront development from experts from across the country.

**Nature's Gathering: An Evening of Art, Wine and Cheese**-Enjoy a wine tasting provided by area wineries, local artisan cheese and an exceptional variety of hors d'oeuvres while browsing nature art from 30 local artists. Local musician Bill Saconi will provide atmosphere. Art, including photography, paintings, sculptures, wood cuttings, and other unique forms, will be available for purchase. Wine provided by Arrowhead Spring Vineyards, Chateau Niagara, Leonard Oak Estates Winery, and Niagara Landing Wine Cellars. A basket auction will take place throughout the night. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale, \$12 at the door. Will be held at Fr. Justin Knights of Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road Cheektowaga, NY. Tickets are available at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, for more info call 716-683-5959.

**Paddlesports America Course-** The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary presents this course at Gander Mountain Lodge, 880 Young St., Tonawanda from 9am-2:30pm. Kayak and canoe owners will learn the basics of paddlesports safety in a classroom setting. Expert instruction by certified instructors of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Each student receives a course textbook that also serves as a handy reference guide. Course Fee: \$15.00 per student. Due to increased demand for this training by the paddlesports community, advanced registration is encouraged. To register contact the lead instructor at 704-0546 or [frog2327@verizon.net](mailto:frog2327@verizon.net).

**Fall Harvest Sale-** The Massachusetts Avenue Project will be selling a wide assortment of Fall organic vegetables, including Sweet Potatoes, Butternut Squash, Broccoli, and lots more from 11am-2pm at 389 Massachusetts Ave., Buffalo.

### **Sunday, November 7**

**Family Nature Walk-** Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

**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.

### **Monday, November 8**

**Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep-Clean-up,** planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or [www.buffaloinbloom.com](http://www.buffaloinbloom.com).

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

**Nature's Circle: Turkey Time-** 10:30-11:15AM, Ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Read a story and have some fun during circle time at Tiff. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at [www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org).

### **Tuesday, November 9**

**"Reinstein Woods"**-Talk by Kristen Rosenberg, Environmental Educator as part of the Niagara Frontier Botanical Society monthly meeting at the Harlem Rd. Community Center, Snyder (Harlem Rd. at Lincoln St.) at 7:30pm. Free and open to the public.

**"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"**- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Henry McCartney, Executive Director, Preservation Buffalo Niagara. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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

### **Wednesday, November 10**

**Marcellus Shale Opportunities-**A half-day program as part of "The Business of Energy" series focused on how research and technical advancements, as well as commercial and regulatory developments, are shaping and reshaping business models and opportunities. This session will be held from 8:30am-1:30pm at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hwy, Amherst. For an agenda and registration info, visit <http://www.nydirectedenergy.org/seminars/>.

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

**2011 National Preservation Conference Information Session**-4:30pm – 6:00pm at Central Library Auditorium ([map](#)).

**"Birds of James Bay"**-Buffalo Ornithological Society meeting with speaker Jean Iron, former president of the Ontario Field Ornithologists at 7pm in the Cummings Room of the Buffalo Museum of Science ([map](#)).

**WNY Stormwater Coalition Meeting**-2:00 – 3:30 PM at Julia Boyer Reinstein Public Library, 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

#### Thursday, November 11

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

**After-School Escape**-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Wellness Walk**-10:00 AM – 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.

**Little Tykes Mini-Nature Camp: Turkey Time**-9:30-11:30 AM for Ages 3-5 at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Spend some time outdoors at Tifft Nature Preserve this Veterans Day. Nature games, crafts, hikes, snacks and more are in store. Non-Members: \$8 per child and adult, \$4 additional children with the same adult. Pre-registration required. Call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at [www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org).

#### Friday, November 12

**Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse**-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

**Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper Birthday Bash**- 5:30-8pm at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery. Tickets include food, two drinks, and great entertainment – they are \$40 presale (by 11/1), \$45 at the door, and only \$30 if you're under 30! To purchase tickets, call (716) 852-7483 x13 or click [here](#). Presale ends 11/1.

**Buffalo Astronomical Association Meeting**- 7:30 pm. Our featured speaker will be BAA President and imaging expert Alan Friedman who will give a presentation titled "Windows to the Universe - A Personal Journal of Recent Pilgrimages to Astronomical "Holy" Lands, Astro-Physics and Mt. Wilson Observatory". Due to ongoing construction at Buffalo State College our meetings will be held in Classroom Building C122 located just to the north of the Science Building. Follow directions (to #35) on the Buffalo State College map located [here](#).

#### Saturday, November 13

**The Scoop on Poop**-10:30 AM. Join this exploration to identify and learn about animals by looking for their scat! Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Survival Shelters**- Includes the art and science of constructing a variety of survival shelters including lean-to, tent, house, tee-pee and cabin design structures. Bring gloves and be prepared to create a variety of "forest homes." From 10am-12:30pm at Erie County Forest, Sardinia. Fees: Members \$4.50 /Non-members \$7.00 of Earth Spirit. To register, contact 716-941-6267.

**East Aurora Parks Hike: Major's Park** – Sensing Nature. Use all your senses to explore the nature around you. (\$5/\$3 members/\$15 family). 9am-11am. Visit [www.buffaloaudubon.org](http://www.buffaloaudubon.org) for info.

**WNY Environmental Congress**- Keynote speaker Bill McKibben, hosted by Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 8:30am-2:30pm. Join others at the Western New York Environmental Congress to discuss recent progress on efforts to improve our environment and how we can all work together to protect Western New York's natural resources in 2011. The event is at City Honors High School, 186 E. North St., Buffalo. **Please register by November 5, 2010.** [Click here to register online](#), or call the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo at (716) 852-2857. \*There will be a \$10 fee for anyone who wishes to participate in the lunch.

**Gorge at Low Water at Whirlpool State Park**-10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Niagara Gorge after the volume of water in the Niagara River is reduced by 25%. Join park naturalists for a guided hike that will take you past the Whirlpool to the site of the Great Gorge Route station and beyond. For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

**Winter Birds and Survival at USA Birds Supply** -11am. Wild Spirit Birds of Prey and WNY Land Conservancy will present information on how to help our birds survive the winter at USA Birds Supply at 11163 Main Street in Clarence, NY. Info at (716) 407-3115.

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

**Harry Potter's Owls**- Presented by Hawk Creek from 2-2:35pm at Lancaster Library. Bring the whole family and learn about our "magical" feathered friends. Registration required. Please call 683-1120 or stop in to register.

#### **Sunday, November 14**

**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.

**Family Nature Walk**- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

**2011 National Preservation Conference Information Session**-10am-11:30am at Central Library Auditorium ([map](#)).

#### **Monday, November 15**

**Niagara Square Planting & Upkeep**-Clean-up, planting and upkeep of flower beds with Buffalo In Bloom at Niagara Square from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For info, 825-0265 or [www.buffaloinbloom.com](http://www.buffaloinbloom.com).

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

#### **Tuesday, November 16**

**Indoor Gardening 101**- 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. You don't have to wait for spring to have new plants. Learn how the pros produce plants year round. Pre-registration is required for all classes. [www.buffalogardens.com/Classes\\_Adult.aspx](http://www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx).

**"The Beauty of Antarctica"**-A program with dinner and presentation sponsored by the Engineering Society of Buffalo and Buffalo Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Join them for a 6 pm Dinner followed by 7 pm presentation by Donald W. Owens, president of Earth Dimensions, Inc, at Bravo Café & Catering, 5781 Seneca Street, Elma, NY. Don will speak about the trip he and his wife Barbara took in January 2010 organized by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He will focus on the uniqueness of Antarctica: an island continent surrounded by a swirling mass of water. Antarctica is the highest, driest, coldest and windiest continent. Warming is occurring, but the causes are complex. Don's presentation will include Antarctica wildlife, particularly penguins. Cost is \$20.00 for ESB and IEEE members and \$22.00 for non-members and guests. Entrée choices are Roast Pork, Shrimp Scampi, or a Vegetarian Option. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by November 11 at [www.tesb.org](http://www.tesb.org) or call the ESB Office at 873-4455.

**"Lords of Nature: Life in a Land of Great Predators"**-Film screening sponsored by Animal Advocates of Western New York (<http://www.animalswny.org/>) at 7:00 p.m. @ Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo.

**New York State Campaign Finance Reform: the Elusive Grail** - ([map](#)). To guarantee a seat, please email [megan@ppgbuffalo.org](mailto:megan@ppgbuffalo.org) three days before the event. Forums take place from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. at the Partnership for the Public Good in the Main-Seneca Building, 237 Main St., Suite 1200 (the Cornell ILR School Suite).

**Niagara Birds with John Black**- The Roger Tory Peterson Institute (Jamestown) is hosting a special program by John Black titled Niagara Birds. Black, with co-editor Kayo Roy, published a landmark volume for birders, nature lovers and others who have an appreciation for this special region shared with New York and Ontario, Canada. The program is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase the night of the talk. 7-9pm. Visit [www.rtpi.org](http://www.rtpi.org) for info.

**Canal Side Public Session**- Board Chairman Jordan Levy will host this Canal Side Public Session to discuss proposed plans for development by Empire State Development Corporation from 7:00-9:00 p.m at Orchard Park Middle School Auditorium, 60 S. Lincoln Ave. (off of 20A), Orchard Park, New York 14127.

### Wednesday, November 17

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

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

**Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting**- 617 Main Street in the Market Arcade Building, Buffalo, NY, 12:00-1:00 PM, on the third Wednesday of the month. The monthly meetings are free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

**Solar Kit for the Classroom**-Join NESEA staff from 4:30 - 7:30pm at the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Depew, NY and become familiar with solar energy concepts. Test out the experiments and give your students the tools they need to understand solar technologies. This workshop supports NYSERDA's School Power...Naturally 15 Solar Kit lessons found at [www.SchoolPowerNaturally.org](http://www.SchoolPowerNaturally.org). Registration is required. TO REGISTER go to [http://www.nesea.org/k-12/events/solarkitfortheclassroomdepewny\\_196/](http://www.nesea.org/k-12/events/solarkitfortheclassroomdepewny_196/) to download a registration form. Complete it and email to [agrindrod@nesea.org](mailto:agrindrod@nesea.org). Questions contact [agrindrod@nesea.org](mailto:agrindrod@nesea.org) or call 413-774-6051 x21. Please remember to bring a bag dinner. Light refreshments will be available.

**West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30-9pm** at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY. <http://www.westvalleyctf.org> .

**Harry Potter's Owls**- Presented by Hawk Creek at 6:30 PM at Eggertsville-Snyder Library. Bring the whole family and learn about our "magical" feathered friends. Registration required at 716-839-0700.

### Thursday, November 18

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

**After-School Escape**-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Orchids 102**- 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society as he takes the mystery out of growing orchids. Pre-registration is required for all classes. [www.buffalogardens.com/Classes\\_Adult.aspx](http://www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx).

**Wellness Walk**-10:00 AM – 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.

**Canal Side Community Alliance Public Forum**-6pm at Burchfield Penny Gallery Auditorium. The Center for Economic and Policy Studies will co-host a session whose focus will be reviewing the economic impact of various waterfront development options.

**Zoomobile: A Touch of Class**- 6:30 PM at the Clarence Library. The Zoomobile will visit the library featuring five different animal groups. Registration at the library begins Thursday November 4.

### **Friday, November 19**

**Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse**-9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

### **Saturday, November 20**

**Outdoor Skills**-10:30 AM. Create rope from plants and learn how to build a survival shelter. For adults and kids age 8 and older. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Walk at Knox Farm State Park “Birding in Winter”** – 9am. Learn how to find and identify the birds that spend the winter in our area. (KF) Free.

**BSA Historic Tracking Merit Badge Workshop** – This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn the Historic Tracking Merit Badge. 10am-3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, [www.buffaloudubon.com](http://www.buffaloudubon.com). \$12 per scout.

**Full Moon Rising Beaver Stroll**-5-7 PM for families at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Hunt for a brave beaver in the autumn air as we enjoy an evening walk by the not-quite full moon. Non-Members: \$5 per person. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at [www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org).

**Beast Feast**-Buffalo Zoo at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. How would you prepare a Thanksgiving Feast for a rhino or a gorilla? Find out in this family workshop that begins with a light continental breakfast (for you)! We will then explore zoo animal diet and nutrition, observe zoo animals enjoying their breakfast, and even go behind-the-scenes to explore the diet kitchen. Register at [http://www.buffalozoo.org/wild\\_workshops.html](http://www.buffalozoo.org/wild_workshops.html).

**Buffalo Ornithological Society Trip along the Niagara River**-Joint Trip with the Rochester Birding Association to look for gulls and waterfowl. Meet at 9:00 AM in the parking lot just outside the old fort at Fort Niagara State Park. Make sure you have a passport, passport card, Nexus, or enhanced drivers license, as we will be crossing into Canada. Dress warmly! Leaders: RBA: Bob Spahn (585-671-5690 or [RSPAHN@Prodigy.net](mailto:RSPAHN@Prodigy.net)); BOS: please contact Bill Watson [WilliamWatsonSr@aol.com](mailto:WilliamWatsonSr@aol.com).

### **Sunday, November 21**

**Full Moon with a Hoot! At Beaver Island State Park**-6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Take a fall stroll along the East River Trail to relax and unwind with our evening adventure. We will stop at some birding areas before dark, and then as the moon appears we will listen for the call of the owls as they welcome their favorite time of the day!! For information & registration call (716) 282-5154.

**Native Americans – Teachers of the Natural World**-2pm-4pm at Tifft Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Interested in local Native American heritage? Learn about the Iroquois nation and their contribution to WNY. Come join Friends of Tifft Nature Preserve for a stroll through the preserve where we will discuss different aspects of history, culture, and legend. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

**Family Nature Walk-** Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

**Vegetarian Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner-** Sponsored by The Animal Advocates of WNY & the Buffalo Vegetarian Society at the UU Church of Amherst (6320 Main Street, Williamsville) at 5:30 p.m. The dinner is a fun-raiser and fundraiser for these groups: \$5 adults; \$2 children 10 and under plus bring a VEGAN dish to pass. Each person's food offering should be large enough to provide servings for at least 6 to 8 people. The after dinner program will include a rap by MyRapNameIsAlex from the Blood Thirsty Vegans and video excerpts of Anna Lappe's recent talk at Daemen College on "Diet for a Hot Planet: the Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork and What You Can Do about It." **Reservations required. Please call Nan and Walter Simpson, 839-0062.**

### **Monday, November 22**

**Beaver Full Moon Walk-**6:00 PM. Enjoy a moonlit walk and learn how beavers prepare for winter. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

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

### **Tuesday, November 23**

**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](http://www.daemen.edu/maps) for directions.

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

**"Why are Buffalo Niagara's Art, Architecture, History, and/or Nature Important?"**-- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Dottie Gallagher-Cohen, President and CEO, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

**"New York's Greatest Canals-Erie Canal"**- Friends of the Library adult event at 7:00 PM at Orchard Park Library. Deborah Williams, will explore on of New York's greatest Canals- The Erie Canal.

### **Wednesday, November 24**

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

### **Thursday, November 25**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### **Friday, November 26**

**Turkey Stroll-**10:30 AM. Search for wild turkeys and the clues they leave behind on this walk in the woods. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**Garden Workdays at Buffalo ReUse-**9am-noon at 158 Eaton ([map](#)). We'll be working in a different greenspace each Friday. If it's raining, we'll work on garden projects in our basement! Meet at 158 Eaton. Bring your water bottle, garden hat & gloves if you've got them!

### **Saturday, November 27**

**Flying WILD Workshop-**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This workshop provides middle school teachers with activities that use birds to teach a variety of subject areas. Refreshments provided. Registration required; call 683-5959. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

**EA Parks Hike: Sinking Ponds-** 10am to noon. “Winter Along the Pond” – Explore the pond and the surrounding area as winter approaches. (EA) \$5/\$3 Buffalo Audubon members/\$15 families.

**Enrichment Day at the Buffalo Zoo-**Supporting the Food Bank of WNY. If you’re searching for something to do with your visiting friends and relatives over the holiday weekend, stop by the Buffalo Zoo for Enrichment Day! From 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the Zoo’s animal residents will receive special enrichment in a variety of ways to stimulate their senses. Keepers will incorporate new food items, toys, smells and sounds to keep the animals mentally and physically healthy and will be on hand to explain the particular enrichment their animals are receiving, as well as its significance to that species. To support the WNY Food Bank, visitors can bring something extra--a canned food item to receive \$1 off admission. (while no more than \$1 will be taken off each admission, bringing more cans is certainly appreciated!) For more information, please call (716) 995-6133.

### **Sunday, November 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.

**Family Nature Walk-** Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

### **Monday, November 29**

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

### **Wednesday, December 1**

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

### **Thursday, December 2**

**Indoor Gardening 102-** 6:30pm Class at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. Cost: GM \$10; NM \$12. Join Joe DiDominico, Retired Teacher and President, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. You don’t have to wait for spring to have new plants. Learn how the pros produce plants year round. Pre-registration is required for all classes. [www.buffalogardens.com/Classes\\_Adult.aspx](http://www.buffalogardens.com/Classes_Adult.aspx).

**Wellness Walk-**10:00 AM – 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.

**After-School Escape-**4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

### **Saturday, December 4**

**Food Choices - Earth Ecology-**6:00pm - 8:30pm at Orchard Park Recreation Center - Orchard Park, NY. An indoor presentation focused upon our dietary choices and how they affect our health and the ecology of the land and its wildlife populations led by Earth Spirit. Members \$5.00 / Non-members \$7.00. Please contact the Orchard Park Recreation Department for required registration at 716-662-6450 or [oprec@orchardparkny.org](mailto:oprec@orchardparkny.org).

**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.

**A Cold and Starry Winter’s Night-**Buffalo Museum of Science from 5-7pm, \$5 non-members, members save 10%. The cold, clear nights of winter make for great stargazing, so come and learn some of the winter characters in the storied night sky. If clear skies don’t show up, we’ll be indoors in our portable planetarium. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online.

### **Sunday, December 5**

**Family Nature Walk-** Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

**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.

### **Monday, December 6**

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

**Canal Side Public Session-** Board Chairman Jordan Levy will host this Canal Side Public Session to discuss proposed plans for development by Empire State Development Corporation from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Transit Road Middle School, 8730 Transit Rd., E. Amherst, New York 14051.

### **Tuesday, December 7**

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

### **Wednesday, December 8**

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

### **Thursday, December 9**

**Wellness Walk-**10:00 AM – 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.

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

**After-School Escape-**4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

### **Saturday, December 11**

**East Aurora Park Hike at Majors Park-**"Life Under the Snow". \$5/\$3 Buffalo Audubon Members, \$15 Family. 441 Olean Rd., Hubbard Rd. side of Majors Park.

**Buffalo Audubon Advanced Tour Leader Training-**At Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-noon. For anyone interested in learning more about advanced programming.

### **Sunday, December 12**

**Family Nature Walk-** Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloudubon.org](http://www.buffaloudubon.org) for directions.

**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.

## Monday, December 13

**Nature's Circle**-10:30-11:15AM, Ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Read a story and have some fun during circle time at Tiff. Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or online at [www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org).

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

## Tuesday, December 14

**"Imagining Buffalo Niagara in the 21st Century"**- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Mark Mortenson, CEO, Buffalo Museum of Science. <http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

**Feeding Buffalo: New Ways to Improve Food Security** - ([map](#)). To guarantee a seat, please email [megan@ppgbuffalo.org](mailto:megan@ppgbuffalo.org) three days before the event. Forums take place from 4:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. at the Partnership for the Public Good in the Main-Seneca Building, 237 Main St., Suite 1200 (the Cornell ILR School Suite).

## Wednesday, December 15

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

**Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting**- 617 Main Street in the Market Arcade Building, Buffalo, NY, 12:00-1:00 PM, on the third Wednesday of the month. The monthly meetings are free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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

## Thursday, December 16

**Wellness Walk**-10:00 AM – 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.

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

**After-School Escape**-4:30 PM. Enjoy a one-hour program featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. For kids in grades K-5. No registration required. Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew.

## Saturday, December 18

**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.

**Beaver Meadow Christmas Bird Count**-Open to all regardless of birding skills. Call Beaver Meadow at 1-800-377-1520 to learn more about the event. Begins about 7:30am. \$5 to cover Audubon registration.

**Wilson/Lake Plains Christmas Bird Count**-Open to all regardless of birding skills. Call Garner Light at 716-772-5110 to learn more about the event. Begins about 7:30am. \$5 to cover Audubon registration.

**Natural Rope Making at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center**-Denise Ashman of Heartwood will teach you how to make your own rope from plant fibers and you will have the opportunity to make something to take home. Pre-registration required. \$5/\$3 members. Register at (800) 377-1520.

**Penn Dixie Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing or Nature Walk**-Depending on Mother Nature, various options are available at 10am. Reservations requested at 627-4560. Participants must bring skis or snowshoes. Cost \$4.

### **Sunday, December 19**

**Family Nature Walk**- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloaudubon.org](http://www.buffaloaudubon.org) for directions.

**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.

**Natural and Recycled Holiday Ideas**-2-4pm at Tift Nature Preserve. Join Friends of Tift and create holiday gifts and decorations using recycled and natural materials. Enjoy, hands on fun for all ages. Home made cookies, cocoa, and coffee included. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

### **Monday, December 20**

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

### **Tuesday, December 21**

**Winter Solstice Full Moon Snowshoe Stroll\***-Come join us for a snowshoe stroll and enjoy the sights and sounds of a winter's night. We'll end by having a warm drink by the fire. Please bring your own flashlight, \*snowshoeing is weather permitting. 6:30-8pm. Non-Members: \$7 per person. Museum Members save 10%! Ages 5 and up. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online.

### **Wednesday, December 22**

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### **Thursday, December 23**

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### **Sunday, December 26**

**Family Nature Walk**- Join us at 2pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center for a free walk through the woods. Visit [www.buffaloaudubon.org](http://www.buffaloaudubon.org) for directions.

**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.

**Annual Old Growth Forest Hike at Beaver Meadow**- From 10am-noon, join us on our annual Dec. 26 hike at Beaver Meadow Audubon Preserve.

### **Tuesday, December 28**

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

**Family Snow Stomp**-A snowy day is a good time to play and walk at Tiff. Join us for an afternoon hike on the trails. Snowshoe rentals will be available for an additional \$2 fee paid onsite, weather permitting. 3-4:30pm. Non-Members: \$5 per person. Museum Members save 10%! Ages 5 and up. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online.

**"Why are Buffalo Niagara's Art, Architecture, History, and/or Nature Important?"**-- Lecture series sponsored by The Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature at the Downtown Central Library from noon-1pm. Speaker is Rocco Termini, President, Signature Development Company.  
<http://buffaloah.com/h/center/lib/10lec.html>.

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**Family Winter Wonderland Walk**-The sights and sounds of nature in winter are wonderful. Join us as we explore and enjoy them on a night hike around Tiff. Snowshoe rentals will be available for an additional \$2 fee paid onsite, weather permitting. 6:30-8 PM Non-Members: \$5 per person. Museum Members save 10%! Ages 5 and up. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338 or register online.

### Thursday, December 30

**Wellness Walk**-10:00 AM – 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. Cast your vote for the environment and sustainable communities-** A voter's guide is available from the League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara at <http://www.lwvbn.org/voterguide/index.html>. The New York League of Conservation Voters has additional issue and candidate information at <http://www.nylcv.org/>.
- 2. Visit <http://www.growwny.org/>- GrowWNY.org** is the new one-stop site for information on environmental activities and organizations in Western New York. If you have an event to announce, post it to their calendar. For up to date event listings, check their calendar.
- 3. 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 full list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any you missed ([www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews](http://www.daemen.edu/offices/academicaffairs/econews)). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

### Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>  
<http://buffalorising.com>  
<http://wnyscienceleaders.ning.com/>  
<http://www.buffalospree.com/Buffalo-Spree/Events/>  
<http://www.exploreny.net/events.php3>  
<http://www.metrowny.com/events.php>  
<http://www.buffalo.edu/calendar>

### Additional local blogs and websites-

Re-Energize Buffalo Blog- <http://renewnrg.blogspot.com/>  
ReNews Weekly Digest (renewable energy news)- sign up by email to [zaczek@prodigy.net](mailto:zaczek@prodigy.net)  
New York Outdoors Blog- <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>  
Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>  
Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-[http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages\\_insights/](http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/)

Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>  
The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>  
Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>  
DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>  
Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>  
MRodgers-FCS-Grant Resources- <http://mrfcsgreen.blogspot.com>  
Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>  
Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>  
Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>  
Buffalo Tours- <http://buffalotours.blogspot.com/>  
Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>  
Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>  
Buffalo First Blog- <http://blog.buffalofirst.org/>  
Green Job opportunities- <http://www.ub-careers.buffalo.edu/green.php>  
Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>  
Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>  
Green Careers-<http://www.greencareersny.com/>  
WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>  
Ecosentials- <http://ecosentials.wordpress.com/>  
DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>.  
Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>  
Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

#### **Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-**

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

#### **Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:**

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

#### **Regional Environmental Websites:**

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

Buffalo Museum of Science	<a href="http://www.sciencebuff.org/">www.sciencebuff.org/</a>
Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper	<a href="http://www.bnriverkeeper.org/">www.bnriverkeeper.org/</a>
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	<a href="http://www.bfloparks.org">www.bfloparks.org</a>
Buffalo Orienteering Club	<a href="http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org">www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org</a>
Buffalo Ornithological Society	<a href="http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/">http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/</a>
Buffalo ReUse	<a href="http://www.buffaloreuse.org/">www.buffaloreuse.org/</a>
Buffalo Urban Development Corp	<a href="http://budc.ecidany.com/">http://budc.ecidany.com/</a>
Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education	<a href="http://www.buoe.org">www.buoe.org</a>
Buffalo Waterfront	<a href="http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/">http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/</a>
Buffalo Weed and Seed	<a href="http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/">http://www.buffaloweedandseed.com/</a>
Buffalo Zoo	<a href="http://www.buffalozoo.org">www.buffalozoo.org</a>
Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture	<a href="http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/">http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/</a>
Carvings for a Cause	<a href="http://www.carvingsforacause.com/">www.carvingsforacause.com/</a>
Celebrate the Waterfront	<a href="http://www.celebratethewaterfront.com/">www.celebratethewaterfront.com/</a>
Center for Environmental Information (Rochester)	<a href="http://ceinfo.org/">http://ceinfo.org/</a>
Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature	<a href="http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html">http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html</a>
Citizens Campaign for the Environment	<a href="http://www.citizenscampaign.org">www.citizenscampaign.org</a>
Citizens' Environmental Coalition	<a href="http://www.cectoxic.org/index.html">www.cectoxic.org/index.html</a>
Citizens Regional Transit Corporation	<a href="http://www.citizenstransit.org/">www.citizenstransit.org/</a>
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York	<a href="http://www.cacwny.org/">http://www.cacwny.org/</a>
Clean Communities of Western New York	<a href="http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/">http://www.cleancommunitiesofwny.org/</a>
Clean Energy for Jamestown	<a href="http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/">http://www.cleanenergyforjamestown.com/</a>
Community Action Organization of Erie County	<a href="http://www.caoec.org/">http://www.caoec.org/</a>
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	<a href="http://www.cfgb.org/">http://www.cfgb.org/</a>

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

Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/">http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/</a>
Friends of the Lower Great Lakes	<a href="http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/">http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/</a>
Foothills Trail Club	<a href="http://www.foothillstrailclub.org">www.foothillstrailclub.org</a>
Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings)	<a href="http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp">http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp</a>
Garden Walk Buffalo	<a href="http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/">http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/</a>
Genesee County Nature Center	<a href="http://www.gcv.org">www.gcv.org</a>
Good Going WNY	<a href="http://www.goodgoingwny.com">www.goodgoingwny.com</a>
Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 5-Aug 30	<a href="http://www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com">www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com</a>
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo	<a href="http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/">http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/</a>
Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council	<a href="http://www.gbnrtc.org/">www.gbnrtc.org/</a>
Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College	<a href="http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter">http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter</a>
Great Lakes United	<a href="http://www.glu.org">www.glu.org</a>
Green and Mean (it)	<a href="http://www.greenandmeanit.com/">http://www.greenandmeanit.com/</a>
Green Options Buffalo	<a href="http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/">http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/</a>
Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month	<a href="http://habitatbuffalo.org/">http://habitatbuffalo.org/</a>
Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc.	<a href="http://www.hawkcreek.org">www.hawkcreek.org</a>
Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	<a href="http://www.hocn.org">www.hocn.org</a>
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/">www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/</a>
Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary	<a href="http://www.jamestownaudubon.org">www.jamestownaudubon.org</a>
JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary	<a href="http://www.jnkscallofthewild.org">www.jnkscallofthewild.org</a>
Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo	<a href="http://www.jssbuffalo.com">www.jssbuffalo.com</a>
League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.lwvbn.org/">http://www.lwvbn.org/</a>
Local Initiatives Support Corporation	<a href="http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/">http://www.lisc.org/buffalo/</a>

Massachusetts Avenue Project	<a href="http://www.mass-ave.org">www.mass-ave.org</a>
Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc	<a href="http://www.messingerwoods.org">www.messingerwoods.org</a>
National Buffalo Garden Festival	<a href="http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com">http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com</a>
Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter	<a href="http://Nature.org/centralwestern">http://Nature.org/centralwestern</a>
Nature Ed-Ventures	<a href="http://www.natureed-ventures.com">www.natureed-ventures.com</a>
Nature Sanctuary of Western New York	<a href="http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm">http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm</a>
New York Farm Bureau	<a href="http://www.nyfb.org/">http://www.nyfb.org/</a>
New York Forest Owner's Association	<a href="http://www.nyfoa.org">www.nyfoa.org</a>
New York Power Authority	<a href="http://www.nypa.gov">www.nypa.gov</a>
New York Public Interest Research Group	<a href="http://www.nypirg.org/">http://www.nypirg.org/</a>
New York State Association of Conservation Commissions	<a href="http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php">http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php</a>
New York State Parks	<a href="http://www.nysparks.com">www.nysparks.com</a>
New York State Sea Grant	<a href="http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/">http://www.seagrantsunysb.edu/</a>
New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group	<a href="http://www.nysawg.org/">http://www.nysawg.org/</a>
New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council	<a href="http://www.greenupstateny.org/">http://www.greenupstateny.org/</a>
New York State Wetlands Forum	<a href="http://www.wetlandsforum.org">http://www.wetlandsforum.org</a>
Niagara County Parks	<a href="http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/">http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/</a>
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	<a href="http://www.niagaraswcd.com">www.niagaraswcd.com</a>
Niagara Frontier Botanical Society	<a href="http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsdl/">http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsdl/</a>
Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council	<a href="http://www.nfwhc.org/">http://www.nfwhc.org/</a>
Niagara Heritage Partnership	<a href="http://www.niagaraheritage.org/">http://www.niagaraheritage.org/</a>
Niagara Restoration Council	<a href="http://www.niagararestoration.org/">www.niagararestoration.org/</a>
Niagara River Anglers Association	<a href="http://www.niagarariveranglers.com">http://www.niagarariveranglers.com</a>
Niagara River Greenway Commission	<a href="http://www.niagaragreenway.org">www.niagaragreenway.org</a>

Niagara Watershed Alliance	<a href="http://www.had-e-nuff.com/">http://www.had-e-nuff.com/</a>
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York	<a href="http://nofany.org">http://nofany.org</a>
Our Water Future	<a href="http://ourwaterfuture.org/">http://ourwaterfuture.org/</a>
Partnership for the Public Good	<a href="http://www.ppgbuffalo.org">www.ppgbuffalo.org</a>
Paths, Peaks and Paddles	<a href="http://www.pathspeakspaddles.com">www.pathspeakspaddles.com</a>
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting	<a href="http://www.penndixie.org">www.penndixie.org</a>
Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville)	<a href="http://www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org">www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org</a>
Preservation Buffalo Niagara	<a href="http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/">http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/</a>
People United for Sustainable Housing	<a href="http://www.pushbuffalo.org">http://www.pushbuffalo.org</a>
Queen City Farm-urban organic farm in Buffalo	<a href="http://www.queencityfarm.org/">www.queencityfarm.org/</a>
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	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html">www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html</a>
Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	<a href="http://rarerehab.org/">http://rarerehab.org/</a>
Retree Western New York	<a href="http://www.re-treewny.org/main.html">www.re-treewny.org/main.html</a>
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	<a href="http://www.rtpi.org">www.rtpi.org</a>
Slow Food Buffalo	<a href="http://www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/">www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/</a>
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	<a href="http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara">http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara</a>
SPCA serving Erie County	<a href="http://www.yourspca.org">www.yourspca.org</a>
Street Synergy	<a href="http://www.streetsynergy.org/">http://www.streetsynergy.org/</a>
Sustainable Earth Solutions	<a href="http://www.sustainableearthsolutions.com">www.sustainableearthsolutions.com</a>
Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825- 6397 to confirm walk taking place	<a href="http://www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php">www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php</a>
Tuscarora Environmental Task Force	<a href="http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx">http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx</a>
UBEN-UB Environmental Network	<a href="http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/">http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/uben/</a>

Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 250 Student Union

UB Engineers for a Sustainable World

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/esw/Welcome.html>

UB Environmental Stewardship Committee

<http://www.buffalo.edu/ub2020/environmentalstewardship>

UB ERIE Program

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

UB Green Office

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen>

Urban Design Project at UB

<http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/>

Urban Roots

[www.urbanroots.org/](http://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>

Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western NY

[http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site\\_beactivenys/](http://www.nysphysicalactivity.org/site_beactivenys/)

Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association

[www.wnywea.org/](http://www.wnywea.org/)

Western New York AmeriCorps

<http://www.wnyamericorps.org>

Western New York Climate Action Coalition

[wnyclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:wnyclimateaction@gmail.com)

Western New York Earth Day

<http://www.wnyearthday.org/>

Western New York Environmental Alliance

<http://www.growwny.org/>

Western New York Hiking Trails and resources

[www.wnyhikes.com](http://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](http://www.wnyslc.org)

Western New York Stormwater Coalition

[www.erie.gov/stormwater](http://www.erie.gov/stormwater)

Western New York Sustainable Energy Association

<http://www4.bfn.org/wnyse/>

West Side Ministries

<http://www.westsideministries.org/>

West Valley Citizen Task Force

[www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org)

Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes

<http://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](http://www.zoarvalley.org)