

Enviro-News

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Articles:

Free WNY Environmental Summit: Electronics Recycling, Workshops, Info Tables and More

The 7th Annual Western New York Environmental Summit will be held at Daemen College on Saturday, **September 24** from 9am-12:15pm. This year's free event "Green is Green: It Makes Cents" will feature workshops, speakers and information tables to help educate the public on how to live more sustainably and save money. Workshops include: Home Energy Audits, Making your own Green Cleaning Supplies, Hands-on Home Weatherization, Healthy Homes-Lead and other Contaminants, Using Social Media to improve your Organization's Effectiveness and Greening your Congregation. Focus discussion groups and networking opportunities will also be available. If you have used electronics for recycling, bring them to dropoff for recycling by Sunnking at the event. Check [here](#) for acceptable items.

Exhibitors are invited to table for free at this event. To reserve your table, please contact Brenda Young at byoung@daemen.edu by September 12. Attendees will also be invited to participate in [Moving Planet](#), a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis. Additional event info at www.daemen.edu/summit.

Buffalo Audubon Homestead Festival

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

Brush Up Buffalo

Brush Up Buffalo, a not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization focused on revitalizing City of Buffalo neighborhoods, will repaint 15 low-income homes with the help of 400 volunteers on Saturday, **September 10, 2011**. Designated avenues and streets for Brush Up Buffalo 2011 are in a relatively tight cluster near Westminster Community Charter School, where Brush Up Buffalo will set up operations for check-in and lunch. (Parking will be at the Erie County Medical Center parking lot, with shuttles to the school.) At least 25 volunteers will be needed to paint on each house; no prior painting experience is necessary. Teams from local organizations are encouraged to register online at www.brushupbuffalo.org. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Erie Country Medical Center between 8 and 8:30 a.m. and are strongly encouraged to bring ladders. Volunteers will receive breakfast and a t-shirt and drinks and some paint supplies are provided at the houses. Lunch, music and games will be available back at the school upon completion.

More than 250 homes have been painted in the City of Buffalo since Brush Up Buffalo's inception in 1996. Last year, volunteers painted 15 homes in the Kensington-Bailey Neighborhood. Sponsors to date for Brush Up Buffalo 2011 include Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, Bank of America, Citizens Bank, Cricket Communications, Buffalo Entertainment Book and Wooster Brush Company / MAP Sales.

Paws in the Park Walk

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

17th Annual Miss Buffalo Nature Cruise and Lighthouse Tour

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

Volunteer Tour Guide Training at Tiff

Interested in making a difference and learning more about the environment? A training session for new volunteer tour guides at Tiff Nature Preserve will be held from 9am-noon on Saturday, **September 10**. Tour guides are needed to lead Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade students on weekdays and public programs of all ages on weekends and evenings. Tours include a variety of environmental topics such exploring nature, aquatic ecology, snow science and animal homes and habitats. The emphasis is on developing an appreciation of nature through enjoyable, inquiry based activities. No prior experience required, just a love of the outdoors and an interest in working with people of all ages. Materials will be provided. Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397 to register.

Document Shredding and Electronic Recycling Dropoff

Niagara County Refuse Disposal District is sponsoring free on-site document shredding and electronic recycling will be on Saturday, **September 10** (9am-2pm at North Tonawanda Department of Public Works, 758 Erie Ave.) and Saturday, **September 24** (9am-2pm at GM Components Holdings LLC, 200 Upper Mountain Rd., Lockport). For acceptable electronics, check the list at www.sunnking.com/acceptable-materials. Businesses MUST make an appointment to schedule their corporate clean out at 434-0680.

Food Matters Film Series

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

The Business of Energy- Sustainable Transportation

Sustainable transportation is the theme for the **September 15** session of the Business of Energy to be held at UB Center for Tomorrow (North Campus of SUNYUB) from 8:30am to 1:30pm. The Business of Energy series is designed to help businesses compete by reviewing the latest research, technical advancements, and commercial and regulatory developments in the area of alternative energy. Join us as we reexamine the role of public transportation, choice of fuels, efficiency through logistics, and developing infrastructure that supports a smarter way of doing business. This half day session will provide the attendee perspective on what changes are coming, how fast they will be implemented, and how these will affect business and personal life. For more information and to register visit www.businessofenergy.org.

Olmsted Party for the Parks

The 'British Invasion' takes over Delaware Park on Friday, **September 16** at Party for the Parks –an indoor/outdoor, over-21 party, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., featuring live music, incredible auctions, lots of great food and drinks at the Marcy Casino. This year's bands, headlined by the If's, will be on a floating stage right on Hoyt Lake. It's all overlooking one of the Best scenic views in Buffalo! Proceeds from this event benefit the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. [Get your tickets today!](#)

Third Annual Tour de Farms

The Third Annual Tour de Farms is a bike ride and local food celebration on Saturday, **September 17** to benefit both Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) and Green Options Buffalo (GO-Buffalo). The ride is approximately 30 miles and riders will stop at the MAP Farm, the Trinity / Tupper Community Garden and Wilson Street Urban Farm. The group will then head out to Dan Oles farm in Alden, where there will be a Local Food Celebration and Outer Circle Orchestra will play awesome world beat music. If you can't make the ride, come to the event at Oles Farm. More details and registration online at www.mass-ave.org.

Reinstein Woods Fall Festival

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites the public to celebrate the 11th Annual Fall Festival at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve in Cheektowaga. The festival will feature nature activities, exhibits, live animals, food and music from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, **September 17, 2011**. The celebration will include new displays and activities for both children and adults. Visitors can get an up-close look at wildlife at exhibits from groups like the SPCA Wildlife Department, and the Buffalo Zoo will have animals on display from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more animal fun, children can try out a pair of snowshoes at a "winter wildlife" exhibit and interact with costumed characters in the "Critter Zone." All events will take place at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, off of Como Park Boulevard in Cheektowaga. Donations to Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve are requested at the door to support the festival. For more info contact Reinstein Woods at 683-5959 or visit www.dec.ny.gov and search for "Fall Festival."

Search Party 2011- Buffalo Scavenger Hunt Event

Attention adventure lovers! Grab your friends and register for a three-hour scavenger hunt canvassing the architectural wonders of downtown Buffalo. Teams of up to four people are provided fun clues pointing them in the direction of famous and lesser-known landmarks. Meet some interesting characters and win some great prize packages, too! Entry fee includes dinner at the post-hunt party. The Search starts at 2pm on Saturday, **September 17**, the Party at 5pm! Click [here](#) or call (716) 852-3300 to save your spot, \$25 per person (\$20 for Preservation Buffalo Niagara members).

Moving Planet Rally for a Greener Buffalo: Green Buffalo Run, Hike and Bike

Moving Planet www.moving-planet.org is a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis -a single day to move away from fossil fuels. Come on run, bike and hike from 9am-noon on Saturday, **September 24** at Chestnut Ridge Park, Orchard Park. Events include: 5k Green Buffalo Run - 9:00 A.M., Green Buffalo Bike - 10:00 A.M., Green Buffalo Trail Hike - 11:00 A.M. and Post Race Gathering – Noon. Register at www.greenbuffalorunner.org/.

2011 Wildlife Festival

Bring the family to the 2011 Wildlife Festival sponsored by New York Power Authority and Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs. Exhibits including live animals will be featured from 10am-5pm on Saturday, **September 24** and Sunday, **September 25** at Niagara Power Vista, 5777 Lewiston Rd., Lewiston. Free admission and parking.

National Solar Homes and Green Buildings Tour

The 2011 Annual Tour of Solar Homes and Green Buildings will take place on **Saturday, October 1**. This annual event features an opportunity for the public to visit many local buildings which demonstrate the use of solar power, other alternative and renewable energy sources, and other environmentally-friendly designs. Use the map of sites available at <http://www.nesea.org/greenbuildings/> or listing at www.wnysea.com to plan your self-directed tour. Most sites are open for viewing and asking questions from 10am-4pm.

A kickoff to the event will take place at 10am at the LEED certified Thomas R. Beecher Jr. Innovation Center (former Trico building) on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. There are over 30 solar and green building sites for you to choose from and workshops in solar & energy efficiency. The tour sites are located throughout Western New York. All tour information will be announced at the www.wnysea.com and www.facebook.com/wnysea. For questions, email wnysea@gmail.com.

Cornell Cooperative Soil Clinics

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners (CCEMG) of Erie County is providing soil clinics at the Lancaster Farmers' Market from 9am to noon on **September 3 and October 1**. Bring your soil and testing will be done while you wait. For \$5.00, you may bring up to three different samples. Soil remediation strategies will be suggested based on the findings. Proceeds from the testing benefit the CCEMG of Erie County. For info on how to collect a soil sample, call 716.827.1584 ext. 291 or visit <http://cceeriecounty.shutterfly.com/mastergardeners>.

Horticulture I Certificate Program

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is offering a Horticulture I Certificate Program, with the first class set for **October 1**. The program is for the serious gardener as well as for those who just want to know more than gardening basics. To earn the certificate, you must attend all six classes. (Basic Botany is a prerequisite for the other five classes, which may be taken in any order. The classes will be repeated in 2012 if you need to make up a class). The sessions will be taught by David Clark, horticulturist, who has a wealth of knowledge and is able to convey his subject with infectious enthusiasm. Classes will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave., Buffalo. Classes are: HCP 101 – Basic Botany and Plant Environment – Oct. 1; HCP 102 – Propagation – Basic and Advanced – Oct. 22 (If you attended the [propagation classes](#) in the spring, you will receive credit toward the certificate course and do not need to repeat this class. The cost of the entire program will be prorated accordingly); HCP 103 – Pest Management and Disease – Nov. 5; HCP 104 – Shrubs and Trees – Nov. 12; HCP 105 – Annuals and Perennials – Jan. 14; HCP 106 – Garden Design – Jan. 21. The cost for members of the Botanical Gardens is \$100 for the series or \$20 per class; non-members, \$125 for the series or \$25 per class. You can [register online](#) or call 827-1584.

The Second Annual Great Niagara Boat Dance

Join other canoeists and kayakers on the evening of **October 2nd** 2011 at Erie Canal Harbor. Canoeists and kayakers of all skill levels needed with a minimal time commitment required. Practices will be held September 10th, 18th, and 25th on Hoyt Lake (Delaware Park) and the Buffalo River. To sign up or for more information visit: www.Boatdance.com.

The Unstill Life of Plants: Time-lapsed plant motion

Dr. Roger Hangarter will be presenting “The Unstill Life of Plants” at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens on **October 6**. The event is co-sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Erie County and 8th District Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. Registration and coffee/tea in the Dome will be at 7 PM followed by the 7:30pm presentation. Join Dr. Hangarter as he brings time-lapse photography techniques to the Gardens to demonstrate the remarkable dynamics of plant life. Yes, plants navigate the space around them and, yes, plants respond to stimuli. Dr. Roger Hangarter is Professor of Biology at Indiana University, author of a compelling website www.PlantsinMotion.com, recipient of many teaching awards, and a fascinating presenter. Tickets are \$20 for members of sponsoring organizations; \$25 non-members; \$10 students with ID. Order tickets at www.buffalogardens.com or call 716.827.1584 ext. 291.

Advanced Energy 2011 Conference

The **Advanced Energy 2011** Conference will be held on **October 12 and 13** at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo. The conference program will include a continental breakfast each morning, plated lunch featuring one or more keynote speakers on both days, a networking cocktail reception, exhibit booths and a poster session. The educational program includes multiple sessions involving topic experts and thought leaders on each of the following program tracks: Offshore Wind, Battery Storage and Energy, BioEnergy, Building/Energy Efficiencies, Commercial/Residential Solar, Electric Vehicles, Energy Policy, Geothermal and Natural Gas Supply and Demand. For info and registration, visit <http://www.aertc.org/conference2011/conferenceprogram.html>.

8th Annual World on Your Plate

World on Your Plate, the annual event with workshops and speakers focused on sustainable agriculture and healthy food will be held **October 14 & 15, 2011** at Daemen College, 4380 Main Street, Amherst, NY. This year's event features keynote speaker Judy Wicks (www.judywicks.com) with a Friday night film & discussion: The Economics of Happiness. Saturday registration includes breakfast, three workshops, speakers, organic lunch and social hour. For info and registration, visit <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>.

National Preservation Conference: Alternating Currents

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

Green Tech: Sustainable Cities in the 21st Century

The University at Buffalo student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW-UB) is pleased to host the 2011 ESW National Conference on **October 20-23, 2011**. The conference theme is sustainability in the urban setting with tracks focused on Industry, Campus and Community, and Energy and Natural Resources. For info, visit [greentech](http://greentech.org).

Halloween Harvest Family Weekend

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

WNY Regional Economic Development Survey- Share your Opinions

Be part of the Regional Economic Development initiative. Your feedback/input/involvement is important and welcomed at [survey](#). Please complete the quick survey to help shape Western New York's future.

Science Museum Extends da Vinci Exhibit

The Buffalo Museum of Science is extending the run of its summer exhibit, Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion, by two months and its new closing date is October 23, 2011. The exhibition presents a hands-on display of full-size machine replicas constructed according to da Vinci's famous codices. The machines were designed by a team of scientists and artisans in Florence, Italy using the materials, tools and craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time. The exhibit is sponsored by First Niagara and R&P Oak Hill Development. The machines will be moved from their current location on the 2nd floor to the Connections gallery space on the 3rd floor to allow for the installation of the museum's fall exhibit, Journeys Into Papua, which opens on September 17th. As the relocation will necessitate the removal of some pieces of the exhibit, the museum will waive the additional \$2 admission fee previously required to see the exhibit. Machines in Motion will no longer offer extended hours on Friday evenings but will still be open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. More information can be found at www.sciencebuff.org or by calling [716.896.5200](tel:716.896.5200).

Participate in the NY Locavore Challenge

The NY Locavore Challenge is a month-long campaign aimed at engaging consumers across the state in eating local organic foods. The goal for this campaign is to educate consumers about how to make healthy and ethical food choices, cook with in-season, local organic foods, while supporting local sustainable farms and food businesses. Our 2011 goal is to involve 5,000 people in this year's challenge, and bring the concepts of local, organic and sustainable more into the forefront of the general public's minds. This year's program is versatile, fun and FREE! Participants have the option of signing up for either a Bite-Sized, a Meal-Sized or a Feast-Sized challenge, and within these challenge scopes choose from a variety of different mini-challenges or events to participate in. For more info on proposed challenges and events visit [challenge](#). [REGISTER ONLINE NOW!](#)

Finger Lakes Trails and Greenways Conference

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

Greenbuild International Conference & Expo in Toronto

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) will host its first Greenbuild outside the United States. Greenbuild 2011, will be held in Toronto **October 4-7**, celebrating what's NEXT for green building! The USGBC's Greenbuild International Conference & Expo convenes the industry's largest gathering of representatives from all sectors of the green building movement. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events provide unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest technological innovations, explore new products, and exchange ideas with other professionals. Greenbuild is the three time recipient of IMEX Green Meetings Award and the 2011 show will be held on Oct. 4-7, 2011, in Toronto, Canada. Last year's conference in Chicago, Ill. drew more than 28,000 attendees and featured more than 1,800 exhibit booths. Info at [greenbuild](#).

Save our Architectural Gems through Reuse-Earn Prizes

ReUse Action wants to save and give a new life to those wonderful old school doors, gymnasium floors, lockers, industrial carts, unique foundation stone, architectural pieces, scrap metal, windows, and much much more. Material reclamation translates into jobs for our local economy and we don't need the waste entering our landfills! How can you help??? Let ReUse Action know-there's also an incentive for you. Everyone who delivers leads to the ReUse Action Tip Line (716-884-DEMO) or email tip@reuseaction.com will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to a local Buffalo restaurant. If your tip results in a reclamation opportunity that generates \$500 or more in materials, you will receive a \$25 gift certificate instantly for a local Buffalo restaurant!

So, talk to people you know . . . contractors who are removing materials, architects who are designing new buildings, home owners who are doing rehab, institutions that are in the middle of capital improvement campaigns . . . and find out if any reusable materials are going to be removed. Send the tips with any details you know (type and quantity of material, location, contact info for person with the material and your contact info).

Amherst Residents Electronics Drop-offs

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

National Fuel Conservation Incentive Plan-Get Rebates for Energy Efficiency

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

NYSERDA Incentives for Solar Hot Water Systems

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

Rebates Available for Energy-efficient Appliances

Beginning September 2, consumers are eligible for rebates of \$350 for high-efficiency refrigerators and \$250 for high-efficiency washers. NYSERDA has 3 million dollars available for the “Buy Green, Save Green NYS High-Efficiency Appliance Rebate” Program. To qualify, appliances must meet Consortium for Energy Efficiency Tier 2 or 3 (superefficiency) levels. Rebates will continue until April 20, 2012 unless funds are depleted earlier. For details and an application form, visit <http://nysappliance rebates.com/>.

Energy Audits: Free and Low Cost Options

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

The Chocolate Bunny Test: Compare your Lights

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

Track your Energy Usage

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

Creating Sustainable Jobs for the Future

A new company *ReUse Action, Inc.*, has continued the work of Green Demolition to salvage materials for reuse and create jobs in Western New York. The Green Demolition Team at ReUse Action, is the first and only Green Demolition Team in Western New York. They carefully dismantled the Powell's Home during Extreme Makeover Home Edition Buffalo and their work has been featured in publications and newspapers nationwide. Now, after six months in business, ReUse Action is back in the business of dismantling houses, having just initiated a three building green demolition project in South Buffalo for Mercy Hospital. Learn more about the work of ReUse Action, Inc. at www.reuseaction.com.

Partnership for the Public Good Radio Show

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

Buffalo Tours 2011 Season Ongoing

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

GROW WNY: New Local Website for Everything Environmental

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

Reduce your Stress with a Weeknight Paddle

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

"Fresh Connect Farmers' Markets" Initiative

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has announced the "New York Fresh Connect Farmers' Markets" (FreshConnect) program, which launches new farmers' markets and expands others around the state of New York. The program is designed to assist New York farmers by increasing the sale of locally-grown food in communities. The program will also bring fresh food to underserved communities, improve nutrition education and help create local jobs. Under the program, the state provides the following services, as needed: up to \$15,000 in funding per market; identification of suitable markets; recruitment farmers to participate; assistance with marketing, promotion, nutrition education, community outreach and other services; and coordination with local officials and business groups. Seven new markets are in the process of being launched including one in Niagara Falls. Three new youth markets, employing local residents, are being launched in Brooklyn and Nassau County, and a community-garden farmers market is being launched in Queens.

Read the News, Recycle to Fuel the Car

A recent discovery by Tulane University scientists has identified a bacterium that can break down cellulose in old newspapers to produce butanol, a substitute for gasoline. This bacterial strain, TU-103, is found in nature (not genetically engineered) and grows in the presence of oxygen, reducing potential culturing costs. Butanol can be used in regular gasoline engines and should yield better mileage rates than ethanol. For info, visit [butanol](#).

Scented Laundry Products Release Carcinogens

Scented laundry products could be releasing cancer-causing chemicals when clothes are tumble-dried, according to University of Washington researcher Anne Steinemann. The research, published in *Air Quality, Atmosphere and Health* identified more than 25 volatile organic compounds, including seven hazardous air pollutants, coming out of dryer vents. Two chemicals, acetaldehyde and benzene, are classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency as carcinogens. The acetaldehyde emissions during use of one brand of laundry detergent was equivalent to 3% of total acetaldehyde emissions from automobiles in the Seattle area. Read more: [here](#)

PUSH Net Zero Home Featured in NESEA Magazine

PUSH Buffalo (People United for Sustainable Housing) has been identified as a "model for sustainable urban revitalization" in the Fall edition of the Northeast Sun magazine for their progress in developing high efficiency housing on Buffalo's West Side. Their recent net zero home (energy needs met by alternative or renewable sources) with architect Kevin Connors was a retrofit project for an 1880's home which features geothermal radiant floor heating, solar hot water system and tankless water heater, and an energy recovery ventilator. The project also provided on the job green building training for local youth and unemployed. Their ongoing work is to transform a 25 block area, "green development zone" into a model for sustainable urban revitalization.

Courses Available for Solar Installation

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

Giant Hogweed Hotline

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

Online Course in Environmental Education in Urban Communities

Cornell University's Civic Ecology Lab announces a new online course. This 12-week non-credit professional development course will cover novel practices and conceptual frameworks of urban EE. Applications for the course will be accepted until **September 2**. Course is limited to 20 participants who will complete about 3-4 hours of work weekly from September 12-December 4. For info, visit [civic](http://civic.cornell.edu).

New York Invasive Species Mapping Underway

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

Teacher's Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Recycle-Bowl](#) –sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, this is the first nationwide recycling competition for K-12 students. Recycle-Bowl was created to provide students with a fun, interactive way to learn about waste reduction and environmental responsibility through in-school recycling. Sign up your local school today. Register by **October 10**.

[Do Something Ewaste Campaign](#)-DoSomething.org, Best Buy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR Program are teaming up to encourage young people to make an impact this fall by recycling unwanted electronics that may have otherwise ended up in local landfills. Running from August 15 through October 1, this campaign calls for young people to run localized "E-Waste Drives" in their schools, homes, or in their communities and to drop off their cumulative collection at their local Best Buy store. The E-Waste Drive campaign also encourages them to look for the ENERGY STAR label when considering new electronics purchases. The grand prize for collecting the most e-waste is a \$500 educational grant for each team member. Prizes will also be provided to the top 10 drives for their electronic recycling efforts.

Contest and Award Opportunities

[Signs for Sustainability Design Contest](#) - Green Café Network invites all budding designers and/or art students to help in the effort to green neighborhood cafes — by getting some hip, creative and effective signs out there to reduce waste! The Goal for Contestants: is to bridge creative style with environmental responsibility by designing hip, informative, easy to understand signs for neighborhood cafes. Submit sign designs in one or more of the following categories: Lights: reminder to turn off the light, mainly for restrooms; Water: reminder to conserve water at the sink; Napkins: reminder to conserve paper napkins; Paper Towels: reminder to conserve disposable towels; Waste General: reminder to put waste in recycling, compost & landfill bins (with a design that could work in any city); Waste Local: reminder to put waste in recycling, compost & landfill bins (with design specific to your city/ city of your choice). The best design in each category will receive a cash prizes of \$200! All finalist designs will be displayed on GCN's website with the designer's name and a link to his or her website and/or portfolio, if applicable. These signs will be available at no cost for cafes and restaurants to download and put to use – so designers will have the satisfaction of seeing their work used to encourage environmental responsibility in our local cafes! GCN will promote the winning artists' work to the press and throughout the wider cafe and environmental and communities. Deadline is **October 1**.

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

[Cool Congregations Challenge](#) - It's a contest with prizes to recognize congregations who care about Creation and the climate. Top cash prizes of \$1,000 will go to winning contestants in four categories: energy efficiency, renewable energy, grounds and water conservation, and inspiring Congregants to lower energy use at home. Projects of any size completed in the last year between October 20, 2010 and October 20, 2011 qualify. A complimentary entry guide is available on the website. There is no fee to enter the contest. Entries due by **October 20, 2011**.

The [Lexus Eco Challenge](#) offers an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to address environmental issues in three challenges: Land/Water, Air/Climate, and a Final Challenge. Teams have the opportunity to win \$10,000 in each of the first two challenges and up to \$30,000 in the final challenge. For each challenge, teams must choose a topic and use PowerPoint to illustrate an action plan. Participants are required to show how their ideas were implemented and also evaluate the results of their plan. Deadline for Land/Water is **October 31, 2011**, Air/Climate-November 19, 2011. Final Challenge-**February 20, 2012**.

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

[America's Home Energy Education Challenge](#), sponsored by the Department of Energy and the National Science Teachers Association, offers teachers and their students the opportunity to learn about energy, its use, and how energy conservation saves money and precious resources. **Home Energy Award**, the first segment of the Challenge, inspires friendly competition among classes and schools. Register by **October 7**. The winning projects will be based on student participation rates, energy savings, and the overall creativity and quality of the participating local competition. **The Energy Fitness Award**, the second segment of the Challenge, focuses directly on individual and classroom knowledge about energy. This online component is a separate educational gaming activity. Students can participate at any time and can return to play multiple times. Each student who successfully completes the Energy Fitness Award quiz will receive an Energy Fitness Badge. Schools and/or classrooms with exemplary participation in this activity will earn additional prizes. For more information, visit America's Home Energy Education challenge website: www.homeenergychallenge.org.

[Recycle-Bowl](#) –sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, this is the first comprehensive nationwide recycling competition for elementary, middle and high-school students. Recycle-Bowl was created to provide students with a fun, interactive way to learn about waste reduction and environmental responsibility through in-school recycling. Sign up your local school today. Register by **October 10**.

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

Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

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

[Grant Program to Connect Young People to the Outdoors](#)-Launched by outdoor company the North Face, the Explore Fund will support organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on creating more connections of children to nature, increasing access to both front & backcountry recreation, as well as providing education for both personal & environmental health. More info at <http://www.explorefund.org/>. Deadline: **October 5, 2011**.

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

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

[The Conservation Project Support Program](#) provides support to assist museums with the identification of conservation needs and priorities and ensure the safekeeping of museum collections by implementing sound conservation practices. A full range of activities are eligible for support, including the following: developing progressive, institution-wide approaches to caring for nonliving and living collections; surveys; environmental improvements for collections; treatment of collections; and training of staff, volunteers, and students in conservation practices. Deadline: **October 3rd**.

[The Target Field Trip Grants](#) program provides funds for Spring 2012 K-12 field trips in order to give students throughout the country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Types of eligible trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from the school facility. Application Deadline: **October 3rd**.

The [School Garden Grant Program](#) is collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation, Whole Foods Market and FoodCorps. To be eligible for a garden grant, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or nonprofit K-12 school that is developing or currently maintaining a school garden project that will help children engage with fresh fruits and vegetables. Garden projects may be at any stage of development; planning, construction or operation. For cases in which an applicant facilitates garden projects in more than one school, multiple garden grants may be requested under a single application. In occasional cases, additional funds may be awarded for special projects. Application Deadline: **December 31st**.

[Do Something Seed Grants](#) - Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out weekly to help young people (25 or under). Grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. Grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

Internships

Aquarium of Niagara Marine Mammal Care Internship-Check out the requirements and application [here](#).

Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER has three internship positions for Fall 2011 (September – December): two Environmental Justice Research Interns and one Water Quality Testing Intern. This is a great opportunity to gain hands on experience working with an established non-profit organization and to conduct valuable research for their local community. For info and application details, visit [envjustice](#) or [water quality testing intern](#). Deadline **September 16**.

Waterway Cleanup Volunteers Needed for Two Dates

Volunteers are needed for the **Great Lakes Beach Sweep** on Saturday, **September 17** from 10am to noon at any of the 300 beaches in NY. Volunteers needed to clean up and collect data. Contact Sharen Trembath, Lake Erie Coordinator at 716-549-4330 or info@greatlakesbeachsweep.org. <http://www.greatlakesbeachsweep.org/>

Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER is asking citizens to join the Fall Shoreline Sweep to clean up the shorelines in Western New York on Saturday, **September 24th** from 9am to 12pm. We encourage all volunteers to participate in the movement to beautify Buffalo and Niagara's waterways. Families, community groups, employee groups, service clubs, school clubs, scouts, churches, and individuals can help at over 30 sites across Erie and Niagara Counties. Sites in great need of volunteers include: Scajaquada Creek, Amherst State Park, Ellicott Creek Park, Gratwick Park and more. For a complete list of sites, to register, and for more information, please visit <http://bnriverkeeper.org/get-involved/cleanups/> or call Chris Murawski at 716.852.RIVER ext. 39. Please register by Wednesday, September 14th.

RestoreCorps Volunteers Needed

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

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Available

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

Buffalo Audubon- Volunteers wanted for Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, and For the Birds Niagara! We need help with tour leading, office work, programming, grounds keeping and general maintenance. For the Birds programs take place throughout Niagara County. Every Wednesday 10am-2pm is Volunteer Day at Beaver Meadow. No need to register, but bring a lunch. Free training to become a volunteer will be held the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Call (800) 377-1520 for more details or to reserve your spot for volunteer training.

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

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens-Docents needed. Training is provided. Tours and hands-on lessons are scheduled in advance, so you may sign up for those that fit your schedule. Other opportunities to help are available too. For info, contact Nancy Kalieta at 827-1584 ext. 207 or nkalieta@buffalogardens.com.

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

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

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

Curtiss Urban Farm Foundation can use volunteers to help in their East Side urban gardens throughout the summer. Contact Rakoczy12@gmail.com for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Community Activities:

Thursday, September 1

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

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

Wind Action Group- meeting at 5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Saturday, September 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fall Fruits and Flowers-10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Discover the bounty of the fall season on a guided walk in the woods. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Ray Jackson Memorial Mural Painting and Block Party- Join PUSH Buffalo as we celebrate the life of "the voice of PUSH" the late Raymond Jackson in a mural painting. We will be painting a mural on the side of a building on the corner of 15th St & W. Utica St during our end of summer block party. RSVP on Facebook: [here](#).

Sunday, September 4

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

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

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

Tuesday, September 6

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

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 Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen – Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Anne Conable, Development & Communications, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

Wednesday, September 7

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

Waste and Pollution Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 4-5:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo. Frank Scarpinato from the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning and Katy Duggan-Haas from Resource Recycling Systems will present on recycling initiatives that go beyond common litter reduction. They will discuss commercial and other recycling efforts and opportunities, both missed and underway. Meetings are open to all Members, Supporters and Affiliates of the Alliance and to the public. Anyone interested in recycling is welcome to attend.

Food, Agriculture & Gardening Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 5:00pm-6:30pm (meet at Chow Chocolate at 5pm across from Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo). Meeting will shift to the Community Foundation after 5:30pm. For info, contact mmhoffman@wnylc.org.

WNY Herpetological Society Meeting-8pm at Medaille College, Main Building. Guests are always welcome to our free meetings.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series-at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and is free to the public. As the name implies, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may pre-pay for a "Box Lunch" that will be waiting for them when they arrive. Speaker is Catherine F. Schweitzer, National Trust Advisor for New York State, talks about the National Preservation Conference being held in Buffalo, October 18-22, 2011. To reserve a seat or order lunch, click [here](#).

Thursday, September 8

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

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

#GrowLocal: A Social Media Forum-7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Elmwood Village Creative, 257 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14222. Like. Tweet. Check-In. Hashtag. All common words that represent the world of social media and are the keys to making your business a success in both the real and social-networking worlds. This forum will consist of various speakers from the Buffalo community that have used social media to help grow their business including Kevin Purdy, author of "The Complete Android Guide," Steve Soroka, web designer and photographer for Block Club, and Jeremy White (@JeremyWGR), talk show host on WGR 550 sports radio. The forum will be moderated by Todd Salansky, owner of online thymes, llc and social media representative of brands such as Flying Bison, Roycroft Inn, Buffalo CarShare, Buffalo First! and the Elmwood Village Creative,. The presenters will discuss real life examples of how social media has brought attention to their business and made an impact in various ways including revenues and general awareness. The latter part of the forum will involve breakout sessions in which participants will be able to find out more information pertaining to a specific topic or interest in a more individualized manner. ** This event is free for Buffalo First members and \$10 for individuals wishing to attend.

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

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

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

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

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

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

Wildlife in Disguise-10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Search for camouflaged creatures on this guided walk. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Document Shredding and Electronic Recycling Dropoff-Niagara County Refuse Disposal District is sponsoring free on-site document shredding and electronic recycling will be 9am-2pm at North Tonawanda Department of Public Works, 758 Erie Ave. For acceptable electronics, check the list at www.sunning.com/acceptable-materials. Businesses MUST make an appointment to schedule their corporate clean out at 434-0680.

Fall Garden Fair at Lockwood's Greenhouses- 9 am–4 pm. You'll find quality vendors of garden themed art, crafts, and accessories - many not commonly seen at other shows. The Fair includes garden and landscape topics. Come for the festivities, the food, the learning and the shopping! [Details here.](#)

Volunteer Tour Guide Training at Tift Nature Preserve-9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Tift provides programs for all ages throughout the year. Tour guides are needed to lead Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade students on weekdays and public programs of all ages on weekends and evenings. Tours include a variety of environmental topics such exploring nature, aquatic ecology, snow science and animal homes and habitats. The emphasis is on developing an appreciation of nature through enjoyable, inquiry based activities. No prior experience required, just a love of the outdoors and an interest in working with people of all ages. Materials will be provided. Pre-registration required. Please call 825-6397 to register.

Sunday, September 11

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

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

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

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

"An Afternoon in Africa"-Noon to 5PM at Dave Bauer's backyard, 102 Oakgrove, Williamsville. See our Facebook Event page: [Afternoon in Africa](#). The Sustainable Earth Solutions (SES) Team in conjunction with the Himalayan Institute is traveling to Kumbo, Cameroon for a month to work on the clean water initiative! Come join to learn more about this project while discovering African food, music, dance, and drumming. There will also be jewelry items for purchase that were crafted in Cameroon. Come to learn more, come to make a donation, or just come for the free food. All are welcome! Questions-contact dbauer@sustainableearthsolutions.com.

Buffalo Ornithological Society Field Trip-Tift Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Boulevard Buffalo, New York 14203 ([map](#)) for mid-season migrants. Meet at 7:30 AM in the Tift Nature Preserve parking lot. This is a half-day trip. Leader: Alec Humann (alechumann@msn.com or cell 716-604-2971).

Penn Dixie Fossil Astronomy Program-1 PM to 4 PM at the Penn Dixie Site, Hamburg, NY. Dig for 380 million year old tropical marine fossils and keep the fossils you find! Viewing sun spots and solar flares through a filtered telescope begins at 1 PM. Experts will identify your fossils, rocks and minerals! Bring small garden shovels, hammer, chisel, and a collecting bag or bucket. Non-members \$7/Adult; \$6/children 12 & under, Children 6 and under & HNHS members are Free! No pre-registrations required. For more info, visit www.penndixie.org or call (716) 627-4560.

The Western New York Herpetological Society Reptile and Amphibian Show- Not only can you see and buy a great variety of lizards, snakes, frogs, turtles, and supplies, but you can also see great presentations by wildlife and herpetological experts from our area and from around the globe. 10am-4pm at Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043. Adults \$8, Children ages 4-11 \$4, Children under 4 Free.

Monday, September 12

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

Full Harvest Moon Walk-7:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Take a night walk in the Woods and observe nocturnal wildlife under the light of the moon. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Transportation Regional Advisory Coalition (TRAC) meeting- 4 to 5pm at 617 Main St., Buffalo.

Full Harvest Moon Stroll- 7:30-9 PM, Adults and youth 12 and older at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. As summer winds down, come enjoy an evening outdoors with a stroll by the Harvest Moon. Non-Members: \$5. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Tuesday, September 13

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

“Spreading the Word About WNY Land Conservancy”-Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Smith, Stewardship Manager, will introduce us to some new Land Conservancy preserves, including a fen near Springville and a rich forest on the Onondaga Escarpment, and will discuss some of the group’s current projects. Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Main St, (one block south of Main St.) in Snyder. All General Meetings are open to the public and free of charge.

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen – Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Doug Swift, President, Roycroft Campus Restoration Corp.

Wednesday, September 14

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

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

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

Buffalo Ornithological Society Meeting-Buffalo Museum of Science, 1020 Humboldt Parkway Buffalo, New York 14211 ([map](#)). 7:00 PM in the Cummings Room Members’ Night. Bring along your favorite stories, disk, or slides on a carousel to share with the other members.

WNY Environmental Alliance Quarterly Meeting-Member organizations of WNYEA are urged to send a representative at 5:30PM at Marcy Casino in Delaware Park.

Thursday, September 15

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

The Business of Energy- Sustainable Transportation- 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m at UB Center for Tomorrow- North Camps, Buffalo, NY. The Business of Energy series is designed to help businesses compete by reviewing the latest research, technical advancements, and commercial and regulatory developments in the area of alternative energy. Join us as we reexamine the role of public transportation, choice of fuels, efficiency through logistics, and developing infrastructure that supports a smarter way of doing business. This half day session will provide the attendee perspective on what changes are coming, how fast they will be implemented, and how these will affect business and personal life. For more information and to register visit www.businessofenergy.org

Friday, September 16

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

Lords of Nature Film Screening- 7:00pm to 10:00pm at Burchfield Nature & Art Center, Union Road & Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY. Q & A after the film. A free event sponsored by Animal Advocates. www.lordsofnature.org for info on the film.

Saturday, September 17

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

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

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon. <http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

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

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

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

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

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

Aster and Goldenrod Workshop- led by John Semple. Details at www.nyflora.org/field-trips-and-workshops . Wilson-Tuscarora State Park, Wilson, New York. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • **Currently full-but check for openings** by contacting Connie Tedesco at TEDECL17@oneonta.edu. Cost: \$55.00 for NYFA and NFBS members; \$75.00 for non-members; send payment to New York Flora Association, 3140 CEC, Albany, NY 12230; or request credit card form from Connie.

11th Annual Fall Festival at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve-10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Reinstein Woods' biggest event of the year features interactive exhibits from WNY groups, crafts for kids, live animals, hands-on activities, K-9 demonstrations, music, food and more. No registration required. Donations accepted by Friends of Reinstein Nature Preserve. No registration required.

Unwanted Pharmaceutical Collection- Town of Wheatfield Highway Garage from 9am-1pm.

Search Party 2011: Buffalo Scavenger Hunt-Attention adventure lovers! Grab your friends for a three-hour scavenger hunt canvassing the architectural wonders of downtown Buffalo. Teams of up to four people are provided fun clues pointing them in the direction of famous and lesser-known landmarks. Meet some interesting characters and win some great prize packages, too! Entry fee includes dinner at the post-hunt party. The Search starts at 2, the Party at 5! Visit our [Search Party Page](#) or call (716) 852-3300 to save your spot. \$25 per person (\$20 for members of Preservation Buffalo Niagara).

3rd Annual Tour de Farms- the ride will benefit both Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) and Green Options Buffalo (GO-Buffalo). The ride is approximately 30 miles and riders will stop at the MAP Farm, the Trinity / Tupper Community Garden and Wilson Street Urban Farm. The group will then head out to Dan Oles farm in Alden, where there will be a Local Food Celebration and Outer Circle Orchestra will play awesome world beat music. If you can't make the ride come to the event at Oles Farm. More details and registration online at www.mass-ave.org.

Greentopia-10 am to 6 pm, High Falls, Rochester NY. Join us at Rochester's sustainability celebration to explore green living, Rochester style. It's a two-day "World's Fair" of inspiration through art, music, ideas and activism. You'll hear visionary speakers and meet well-known authors. Through how-to workshops and cutting-edge films, you'll learn about big green ideas and how to apply them creatively in everyday life. There will be unusual family activities, community recycled art installations, mouthwatering organic and local food and beverages, and all kinds of live music. Free Admission. <http://greentopiafestival.com/>

Eastern Hills Mall E-Cycling Event-4545 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 ([map](#)), 9:00am - 2:00pm Before coming out to the event, make sure you take a look at Sunnking's list of acceptable materials <http://www.sunnking.com/acceptable-materials>.

Sunday, September 18

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

Beaver Basics- 2-4 PM at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Ever wonder how beaver survive our cold Buffalo winters? Join Friends of Tiff as we explore the habitat of beaver here at the nature preserve. We will discover the beaver's adaptations, preferred foods, and life cycle. A walk to the marsh to search for evidence of beaver activity will also take place. \$3 per person; \$10 maximum per family. Free for FOT Members.

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

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

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Monday, September 19

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

Nature's Circle: Bye Bye Birdie-10:30-11:15 AM for Ages 2-3 at Tiff Nature Preserve, 1200 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203. Let's learn to enjoy nature together! Silly songs, games and lots of fun help little ones comfortably engage in a natural setting during an outdoor circle time at Tiff. A short walk around the preserve will end our time together. Non-Members: \$4 per child and adult, \$2 additional children with same adult. Buffalo Museum of Science Members Save 10%. Pre-registration required. Please call 896-5200, ext. 338.

Tuesday, September 20

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

Buffalo Food Policy Summit Public Forum- "Economic Development and the Food System: Ideas for the Future", 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, 453 Porter Ave, Buffalo. Free registration, but RSVP requested to CeppRsvp@buffalo.edu. Refreshments provided. Info [here](#).

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen - Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Beverly (Bonnie) Foit-Albert, Foit-Albert Associates.

Wednesday, September 21

Citizens for Regional Transit Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM in the Market Arcade, 617 Main St. Buffalo NY 14203. Free and open to all interested citizens. "Strategies and Successes for 2011-2012" will be the focus. www.citizenstransit.org.

Buffalo Food Policy Summit Research Roundtable- 2:30 - 4:00 pm, reception to follow. Harriman Hall, UB South Campus. "Rebuilding Community Food Systems: Opportunities for Multidisciplinary Research". RSVP required to CeppRsvp@buffalo.edu, registration is free. Info [here](#).

Thursday, September 22

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

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Art Gone Wild-Fundraiser for the Buffalo Zoo from 6-9pm at Pearl Street Grill and Brewery. Art auction with food and drink. Presale tickets through 9/21 are \$10 or \$15 at the door. For tickets, call 995-6131.

Green Drinks-Joint networking with Buffalo and Rochester Upstate Green Business Groups. 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm The Turkow Residence, 6776 Luddington Rd, Elba NY 14058. Join us for Green Drinks with a picturesque wooded setting halfway between Rochester and Buffalo, 5-10 sustainably-themed businesses represented, natural building tours, and of course great food & drinks. The Turkow's have 9 + wooded acres with many examples of permaculture, 2 natural structures made of Cordwood (one with an earth roof covered in succulents & herbs), and short trails for people to walk around on while you are networking. <http://www.ceinfo.org>

Friday, September 23

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

Saturday, September 24

Annual WNY Environmental Summit- "Green is Green: It Makes Cents". Free to the public, 9am-12:15pm with continental breakfast at 8:30am. Workshops, speakers, informational tables, and electronics recycling. For more info, contact byoung@daemen.edu. Check www.daemen.edu/summit for workshops.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mushrooms and Fungi: A Kingdom of their Own-10:00 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Celebrate National Mushroom Month by exploring the forest floor on a guided fungus foray. For adults and kids age 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Wildlife Festival- Niagara Power Vista from 10am-5pm. Sponsored by NYPA and Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs. Free admission and parking. www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm

Document Shredding and Electronic Recycling Dropoff-Niagara County Refuse Disposal District is sponsoring free on-site document shredding and electronic recycling will be 9am-2pm GM Components Holdings LLC, 200 Upper Mountain Rd., Lockport. For acceptable electronics, check the list at www.sunnking.com/acceptable-materials. Businesses MUST make an appointment to schedule their corporate clean out at 434-0680.

100 Thousand Poets for Change- 11:30am - 11:30pm at [Buffalo State College](http://www.buffalostate.edu). This is a global initiative that has many modalities around the world. For information see: <http://www.bigbridge.org/100thousandpoetsforchange/>. The global focus is "Change," and our local vision is "Healing" as a theme. There will be more poetry, music and performances at various sites in and around Buffalo. More details about events will continue to appear [here](#).

Fall Birding at Forest Lawn & Delaware Park-Join birder and photographer David Gordon for a hike through historic Delaware Park and Forest Lawn, searching for seasonal migrants and resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please contact Beaver Meadow Audubon to register and for directions. In the days before, David will be monitoring the park and the WNY area in general and if strong activities are elsewhere, we may visit other sites. Free to members, open to all! www.buffaloudubon.org ,585-457-3228.

Seed Saving Workshop-Urban Roots. Contact for details at [urbanroots](http://urbanroots.org).

Sunday, September 25

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

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

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

Habitat Hunt-2:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Discover neighborhood wildlife on this guided walk. For kids under age 12. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

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

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

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen – Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Molly Quackenbush, Ex. Dir., Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Historic Site.

Wednesday, September 28

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

West Valley Citizen Task Force Meeting-6:30pm to 9pm at Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY. [Link to Agenda for September 28 CTF meeting.](#)

Thursday, September 29

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Educator Workshop: Project Learning Tree Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood-6:00 to 9:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. This new curriculum helps early childhood educators engage young kids in outdoor exploration. Attendees receive a curriculum guide and music CD that incorporate investigations of nature with art, literature, math, music and movement. For educators of students ages 3 to 6. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Alien Investigation Hike- 7:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Join a guided nature walk focused on non-native species that are invading forests and ponds. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Friday, September 30

Maddies Pet Expo- Fundraiser for homeless animal care, Erie County FairGrounds 6-9PM. <http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/petexpo.html>.

Saturday, October 1

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

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

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

Canoe Trek with Iroquois Observations- 9am-1pm at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at Knowlesville Road bridge. We'll explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek with experienced guides. Bring your own canoe or kayak. Life jackets are required. Alcohol is prohibited on the refuge Questions? Call Rick Allen 1-716-445-9685.

Educator Workshop: Project WILD-9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Project WILD is an award-winning environmental education program for teachers and youth leaders of K-12 students. Participants receive a Project WILD Curriculum and Activity Guide with more than 100 lesson plans. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Maddies Pet Expo- Fundraiser for homeless animal care, Erie County FairGrounds 10am-5PM.
<http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/petexpo.html>

Basic Botany and Plant Environment-The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is offering classes as part of a Horticulture I Certificate Program. The program is for the serious gardener as well as for those who just want to know more than gardening basics. To earn the certificate, you must attend all six classes. Basic Botany is a prerequisite for the other five classes, which may be taken in any order. The classes will be repeated in 2012 if you need to make up a class). Sessions will be taught by David Clark, horticulturist, who has a wealth of knowledge and is able to convey his subject with infectious enthusiasm. Classes will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave. Additional classes will be: HCP 102 – Propagation – Basic and Advanced – Oct. 22 (If you attended the [propagation classes](#) in the spring, you will receive credit toward the certificate course and do not need to repeat this class. The cost of the entire program will be prorated accordingly); HCP 103 – Pest Management and Disease – Nov. 5; HCP 104 – Shrubs and Trees – Nov. 12; HCP 105 – Annuals and Perennials – Jan. 14; HCP 106 – Garden Design – Jan. 21. Cost for members of the Botanical Gardens is \$100/series or \$20/class; non-members, \$125/series or \$25/class. You can [register online](#).

Pirate Fest Scare-assic Park 2011-Penn Dixie Site from 4-9pm. Members \$4, Non-Members \$6. An affordable Halloween Pirate themed evening of fun for the entire family! Info at www.penndixie.org.

Sunday, October 2

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

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

The Second Annual Great Niagara Boat Dance-Join other canoeists and kayakers in the evening at Erie Canal Harbor. Canoeists and kayakers of all skill levels needed with a minimal time commitment required. Practices will be held September 10th, 18th, and 25th on Hoyt Lake (Delaware Park) and the Buffalo River. To sign up or for more information visit: www.Boatdance.com.

Monday, October 3

Gardens of Niagara Square Volunteers-Buffalo in Bloom plans and maintains the gardens in front of City Hall in Niagara Square. Join the Buffalo in Bloom volunteers for 1-2 hours at 5pm weather permitting. Anyone interested in gardening with us in the square can email us at Volunteer@buffaloinbloom.com.

Tuesday, October 4

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](#) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen – Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Howard Zemsky, Managing Partner, Taurus Capital Partners.

Wednesday, October 5

Busy Beavers -6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Take a guided walk to look for beavers in action, and learn about our official New York State mammal. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council Meeting-9:30am-11am at NYS Thruway Authority. Meeting locations rotate and times subject to change: please call (716) 856-2026 for confirmation.

Food, Agriculture & Gardening Working Group Meeting- WNY Environmental Alliance group meeting from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Community Foundation, 712 Main St., Buffalo.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series-at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, and is free to the public. As the name implies, attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch or may pre-pay for a "Box Lunch" that will be waiting for them when they arrive. Speaker is Howard Zemsky, Board Member & Monica Pellegrino Faix, Project Coordinator, Richardson – Olmsted Complex Reuse Project. To reserve a seat or order lunch, click [here](#).

Thursday, October 6

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

“The Unstill Life of Plants”-Dr. Roger Hangarter will be talking about the remarkable movement of plants observed using his time-lapse photography at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens at 7:30pm. Registration and coffee/tea in the Dome will be at 7 PM followed by the 7:30pm presentation. Tickets are \$20 for members of sponsoring organizations; \$25 non-members; \$10 students with ID. Order tickets at www.buffalogardens.com or call 716.827.1584 ext. 291.

Friday, October 7

Enchanted Forest-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Enjoy an evening walk through magical woods to meet the animals that call Beaver Meadow home! Walk along trails lit with glowing jack-o-lanterns as you visit nocturnal animals portrayed by costumed interpreters who will regale you with stories about their lives. A magical event for all ages. Reservations required. Call 585-457-3228 to reserve your spot today! \$8/\$7 (members).

Saturday, October 8

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

Technicolor Leaves- 10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore how leaves change color on a guided walk. For adults and kids 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Fall Plant Hike- 2:00 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Explore what plants have to offer in fall. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Behind the Scenes- Buffalo Zoo family workshop from 1-3pm. Get a chance to see behind closed doors and meet with zookeepers. Pre-paid registration is required. For more information call the zoo at (716) 995-6128.

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Allegheny State Park, Bee Hunter trail. Join Niagara Frontier Botanical Society for a hike to see the autumn leaves. The hike will be about 6 miles. Bring lunch. We will meet at the park and ride on route 20A (Orchard park exit) of route 219 at 8:30am. The hike will start at 10am at the Beehunter trail head on ASP 2A (Red House area). Please call Ed Fuchs if you plan to come. 598-1307.

Western New York Earth Science Day-Penn Dixie, Hamburg. Enjoy Public Fossil-Collecting and more! 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info at www.penndixie.org.

Sunday, October 9

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

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The Big Sit: A day long Bird-A-Thon Event-Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge from 9am-4pm. This is a Bird Watcher's Digest Bird-a-thon to tally as many birds seen or heard in one day while sitting in one location. Bring binoculars, lunch and a chair. Call 585-948-5445 to reserve a spot. You will be contacted to schedule a time.

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. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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Monday, October 10

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Tuesday, October 11

"A Look at Lichens"- Jim Battaglia, NFBS Past President, will share knowledge acquired at the Humboldt Field Research Institute in Maine, where he has taken lichen courses the past several summers. Niagara Frontier Botanical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Main St, (one block south of Main St.) in Snyder. All General Meetings are open to the public and free of charge.

"Why Does Preservation Matter?" -12:15- 1 PM at the [Downtown Public Library](http://www.downtownpubliclibrary.org) "Ring Of Knowledge" Area (just past Fable's Cafe). C-SAAHN "Imagine" Tuesday Noon-Hour Lecture/Discussion Fall Series: Eat - Listen - Discuss. All are welcome. Speaker is Catherine Schweitzer, NYState Delegate, NTHP.

Wednesday, October 12

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

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

Western New York Stormwater Coalition Meeting-2pm at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library located at 1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. Every meeting is open to the public. Meetings 2nd Wed. of the month except July and December.

Full Hunter's Moon Walk- 6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Search for nocturnal creatures during a guided walk under the full moon. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Advanced Energy 2011 Conference-at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo. The conference program will include a continental breakfast each morning, plated lunch featuring one or more keynote speakers on both days, a networking cocktail reception, exhibit booths and a poster session. For info and registration, visit [conference](#).

Thursday, October 13

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

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Friday, October 14

2011 World on Your Plate-7 to 9:30pm for first night of event which features a Friday night film and discussion, starting with the documentary: The Economics of Happiness. Wick Student Center, Daemen College. For more information, check out <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>

Saturday, October 15

Pearl Street Corridor Renewal Project Pick-Up Buffalo – Working for Downtown seeks volunteers to help maintain and care for the Erie Hills Pocket Parks in Downtown Buffalo. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of the Pearl Street Grille & Brewery and clean up the neighborhood until noon. <http://www.workingfordowntown.org/content/images/pickup-2011.jpg>

Secrets of the Old-Growth Forest- 10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Take a guided walk among Reinstein Woods' oldest trees and learn about this beautiful and historic forest. Registration required; call 683-5959.

2011 World on Your Plate –Annual event on food and sustainable living. Keynote speaker is Judy Wicks, founder of the White Dog Café, co-founder of the nationwide Business Alliance for Local Living Economies and founder of the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia. Workshops will be taught by local community leaders, including Sarah Bishop, Executive Director of Buffalo First, Christina Abt, radio commentator and author of Chicken Wing Wisdom, and Tom Rivers, newspaper reporter for The Daily News in Batavia, NY, and author of, Farm Hands: Hard Work and Hard Lessons from Western New York Fields. \$25 pre-registration; \$30 at the door; Free for students. Register and info at <http://www.worldonyourplate.org/>.

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

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

The Real Goat Island-Join naturalist Mark Carra on an eye-opening hike around the Goat Island you think you know. Between the rich true history and the fascinating flora and fauna of this jewel of WNY you will not find disappointment. If you wish to go up onto the observation tower you will need to bring \$1.00 per person. This will allow you to look from the tower and give access to the base of the American Falls. We will avoid most of the tourist trappings to see a side of the island most never see. Free to Buffalo Audubon members - open to all. REGISTRATION REQUIRED - call 585-457-3228 to register.

Sunday, October 16

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

Monday, October 17

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Tuesday, October 18

Alien Investigation Hike-6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Join a guided nature walk focused on non-native species that are invading forests and ponds. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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Wednesday, October 19

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

National Preservation Conference: Alternating Currents-The conference includes workshops, speakers, field trips and more. Details [here](#).

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Friday, October 21

Owl Prowl-6:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Discover our local owls, and listen for them on a walk in the woods. For adults and kids age 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

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Nature Journaling- 10:00 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Make a nature journal and explore basic drawing and painting techniques you can use. For adults and kids 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop-Beaver Meadow Audubon Center from 10am-3pm. This workshop is for any Boy Scout who wishes to earn his Forestry Merit Badge. \$12 per scout Registration required. www.buffaloudubon.org

Owl Prowl at Iroquois Wildlife Refuge-Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Be prepared for an off road walk. We will caravan to another site. For the whole family. Approx. 2 hours. Pre-registration is required. Limit 75 participants. Call 1-585-948-5445 \$free.

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Composting Workshop-Urban Roots. Contact for details at urbanroots.

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Tuesday, October 25

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

Teaching By Example- Chris Hawley, City Planner will speak about and answer questions on his area of expertise related to Buffalo First!'s mission of building a just, sustainable and local living economy in Buffalo and Western New York. Knowledge is power, as they say. And if people share their knowledge and expertise with the greater community, we all benefit. Together, we can become more empowered citizens and advocates for the issues that truly concern us and continue to push Buffalo forward with people power. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Merge (side room), 439 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202. If you're already a Buffalo First! member, come reap the benefits of membership -- admission is free. And if you haven't joined us yet -- what are you waiting for? Non-members joining us for the first time will pay a one-time cost of \$10, to cover the annual individual Buffalo First! membership.

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Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

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

After-School Escape -4:30 PM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Depew. A one-hour program for kids in grades K-5 featuring a different, fun, outdoor activity each week. No registration required. Info: 683-5959.

Saturday, October 29

Outdoor Skills-10:30 AM at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve. Create rope from plants and learn to build a survival shelter from natural materials. For adults and kids age 8 and up. Registration required; call 683-5959.

Sunday, October 30

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 Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. \$2 donation per person suggested.

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

Monday, October 31

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Tips for the Environment:

1. Use up old school supplies or donate them. Recycle unwanted papers and reuse your old folders and binders. Paper that had only one side written on it can be reused; you can cut it up and re-staple it to make a notebook. For other back to school tips, visit <http://www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/atschool.htm>.

2. Reuse/Recycle your pots and hanging basket containers-If you don't plan to reuse your plastic pots or hanging baskets, shake out the dirt into a flowerbed (or compost) and either reuse or recycle the containers. Several local nurseries accept pots that they will reuse or recycle: check out [lavocatsnursery](#), [lockwood's](#).

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 list of tips from the first Enviro-News in January 2006. Check for any missed at [econews](http://econews.com). If you have tips to share, please send them to me. I need help with more ideas.

Additional calendars with local events-

<http://artvoice.com/calendar>

<http://buffalorising.com>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wildlife Webcams-

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

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

Additional local blogs and websites-

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

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

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

Buffalo New York Outdoors- <http://www.squidoo.com/buffalonyoutdoors>

Buffalo News Jim Heaney Blog-http://buffalonews.typepad.com/outrages_insights/

Buffalo Issues Alert- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BfloIssueAlerts/>

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

Buffalo Green Fund-<http://www.buffalogreenfund.org/>

Campaign for Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture- <http://greaterbuffalo.blogs.com/>

Carvings for a Cause- www.carvingsforacause.com/

Dept. Environmental Conservation Calendar- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/48977.html>

DEC Green Living Tips- <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/337.html>

Edible Buffalo- <http://ediblebuffalo.wordpress.com/>

Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail- <http://www.ecattrail.org/>

Fix Buffalo- <http://fixbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

The Greener Ride -<http://www.thegreeneride.org/>

Jamestown Audubon Society-<http://jamestownaudubon.wordpress.com/blog/>

Local Food- <http://buffalolocavore.blogspot.com/>

Educational Offerings for kids-<http://www.buffaloalliance.org/publications/erg/index.php>

Parks and Trails NY Trailfinder Site- <http://www.ptny.org/trailfinder/Default.aspx>

Buffalo Niagara Partnership- <http://buffaloniagarapartnership.blogspot.com/>

Reuse Action-<http://reuseaction.com/blog/>

Rochester Environment- <http://www.rochesterenvironment.com/>

Buffalo Solar Jars- <http://www.buffalosolarjar.com/>

WNY Enviro- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WNY-ENVIRO/>

Ecoessentials- <http://ecossentials.wordpress.com/>

DEC State of Green - <http://decstateofgreen.blogspot.com/>

Outdoors Niagara- <http://www.outdoorsniagara.com/>

Re-think Buffalo- <http://rethinkbuffalo.blogspot.com/>

Environmental Tips- <http://www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm>

Good Neighborhood- <http://thegoodneighborhood.com/>

Buffalo Architecture and History- <http://www.buffaloah.com/>

Richardson-Olmsted <http://www.richardson-olmsted.com/>

Examiner Buffalo <http://www.examiner.com/buffalo>

Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve- www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Times-Beach-Nature-Preserve/283210257029

Black Dog Rescue- www.blackdogsecondchance.org
Peace Weavers- <http://peaceweavers.org/>
Eco-Island Nature Center- www.k12.ginet.org/resources.cfm?subpage=6518
NY Sport Fishing- <http://www.fishny.com/>
Erie Canal Trailway- www.ptny.org/bikecanal
Niagara Watershed Alliance- <http://www.had-e-nuff.com/id6.html>
Slow Food Buffalo- www.slowfoodbuffalo.org/
New York Times Green Energy & Environment-<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Green Jobs and Opportunities

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

Urban Farms/ Rural Community-Supported Agriculture-

Busti Cider Mill- www.busticidermill.com
Canticle Farms-<http://www.canticlefarm.org>
Curbside Croft- <http://curbsidecroft.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
Good Food Farm- www.goodfoodfarm.blogspot.com
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://porterfarms.org/>
The Promised Land- <http://www.promisedlandcsa.com/produce.htm>
Queen City Farm- www.queencityfarm.org/
Root Down- www.therootdownfarm.com
Sweet Harvest- www.sweetharvest.com
Thorpe's Organic Farm- www.thorpesorganicfamilyfarm.com
Wilson Street Urban Farm- <http://wilsonstreeturbanfarm.wordpress.com/>
NY Sustainable Agriculture Working Group- <http://www.farmtraveleronline.com/>
NYSAWG Links to Farmers' Markets, CSA, Other farms- <http://www.nysawg.org/directory-of-farms.html>

Recycling, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options:

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

Eco-volunteering with Travel:

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

Regional Environmental Websites with Calendars:

Rochester- <http://RocEarth.com>

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

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

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

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| Buffalo Maritime Center | http://www.buffalomaritimecenter.org/ |
| Buffalo Microparks | http://www.buffalomicroparks.com/ |
| Buffalo Museum of Science | www.sciencebuff.org/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Green Expo | http://buffaloniagaragreenexpo.wordpress.com/ |
| Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper | www.bnriverkeeper.org/ |
| Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy | www.bfloparks.org |
| Buffalo Orienteering Club | http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.org/ |
| Buffalo Ornithological Society | http://www.buffaloornithologicalsociety.org/ |
| Buffalo ReUse | www.buffaloreuse.org/ |
| Buffalo ReuseIT | http://buffaloreuseit.wordpress.com/ |
| Buffalo Urban Development Corp | http://budc.ecidany.com/ |
| Buffalo Urban Outdoor Education | www.buoe.org |
| Buffalo Waterfront | http://www.buffalowaterfront.com/ |
| Buffalo Zoo | www.buffalozoo.org |
| Center for Environmental Information (Rochester) | http://ceinfo.org/ |
| Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature | http://buffaloah.com/h/center/index.html |
| Citizens Campaign for the Environment | www.citizenscampaign.org |
| Citizens' Environmental Coalition | www.cectoxic.org/index.html |
| Citizens Regional Transit Corporation | www.citizenstransit.org/ |
| Clean Air Coalition of Western New York | http://www.cacwny.org/ |
| Community Action Organization of Erie County | http://www.caoec.org/ |
| Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo | http://www.cfgb.org/ |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Cattaraugus County | http://www.ccealleganycattaraugus.org |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Erie County | http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/erie/ |

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| Cornell Cooperative Extension for Niagara County | http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/niagara/ |
| Daemen College Center for Sustainable Communities | www.daemen.edu/academics/centersinitiatives/CSCCE |
| Department of Environmental Conservation (NY State) | www.dec.ny.gov/index.html |
| Earth Spirit Educational Services | www.earthspiritedu.org |
| Eastside Redevelopment Task Force | http://eastsideredevlopment.org/ |
| Edible Buffalo | www.ediblebuffalo.com |
| Environmental Education Associates | http://environmentaleducation.com/ |
| Environmental Justice Action Group of Western New York | http://weact.org/Coalitions/tabid/182/Default.aspx |
| Environmental Protection Agency Local Office (716) 551-4410 | http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/ny.html |
| Erie Canal Harbor Development | http://www.eriecanalharbor.com/ |
| Erie County Community College Going Green | http://eccgoinggreen.ecc.edu/index.html |
| Erie County Conservation Society | http://eccs-club.org/ |
| Erie County Department of Environment and Planning | http://www.erie.gov/environment/ |
| Erie County Farm Bureau | http://www.ecfarm.com/ |
| Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs | http://www.eriectyfsc.org/ |
| Erie County Parks and Recreation | http://www.erie.gov/parks |
| Erie County Soil and Water Conservation | www.ecswcd.org/ |
| Evergreen-Buffalo State College | www.buffalostate.edu/orgs/evergreen |
| Excalibur Leisure Skills | http://excaliburls.org |
| Field and Fork Network | http://fieldandforknetwork.com/ |
| First Hand Learning | www.firsthandlearning.org |
| For A Clean Tonawanda Site | www.factsofwny.com/ |

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| Friends of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org/ |
| Friends of the Lower Great Lakes | http://www.friendsofthelowergreatlakes.org/ |
| Foothills Trail Club | www.foothillstrailclub.org |
| Gander Mountain Store (seminar listings) | http://gander.distanthorizon.com/seminars/index.asp |
| Garden Walk Buffalo | http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/ |
| Genesee County Nature Center | www.gcv.org |
| Good Going WNY | www.goodgoingwny.com |
| Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary Open Sundays July 4-Aug 30 | www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com |
| Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo | http://www.grassrootsgardens.org/ |
| Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council | www.gbnrtc.org/ |
| Great Lakes Beach Sweep | http://greatlakesbeachsweep.org/ |
| Great Lakes Center at Buffalo State College | http://www.buffalostate.edu/greatlakescenter |
| Great Lakes United | www.glu.org |
| Green and Mean (it) | http://www.greenandmeanit.com/ |
| Green Options Buffalo | http://www.greenoptionsbuffalo.org/ |
| Groundwork Buffalo | http://www.groundworkbuffalo.org/ |
| Habitat for Humanity Buffalo Intro to Volunteering 9am-3 rd Saturday each month | http://www.habitatbuffalo.org/ |
| Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc. | www.hawkcreek.org |
| Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. | www.hocn.org |
| Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge | www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois/ |
| Jamestown Audubon Center & Sanctuary | www.jamestownaudubon.org |
| Jamestown Community College | http://www.sunyjcc.edu/sustainability |
| JNK's Call of the Wild Sanctuary | www.jnkscallofthewild.org |

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| Junior Solar Sprint Buffalo | www.jssbuffalo.com |
| League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara | http://www.lwvbn.org/ |
| Local Initiatives Support Corporation | http://www.buffalolisc.org |
| Maddie's Pet Rescue Project | http://www.maddieseriecounty.org/ |
| Massachusetts Avenue Project | www.mass-ave.org |
| Messinger Woods Wildlife Care and Education Center, Inc | www.messingerwoods.org |
| Nannen Arboretum | ww2.cattco.org/tag/nannen-arboretum |
| National Buffalo Garden Festival | http://www.nationalgardenfestival.com |
| Nature Conservancy-Central and Western New York Chapter | http://Nature.org/centralwestern |
| Nature Ed-Ventures | www.natureed-ventures.com |
| Nature Sanctuary of Western New York | http://www.nfwhc.org/groups/naturesanctuary.htm |
| New York Farm Bureau | http://www.nyfb.org/ |
| New York Flora Association | http://www.nyflora.org/ |
| New York Forest Owner's Association | www.nyfoa.org |
| New York Power Authority | www.nypa.gov |
| New York Public Interest Research Group | http://www.nypirg.org/ |
| New York State Association of Conservation Commissions | http://www.nysaccny.org/index.php |
| New York State Parks | www.nysparks.com |
| New York State Sea Grant | http://www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/ |
| New York State Sustainable Agriculture Working Group | http://www.nysawg.org/ |
| New York Upstate Chapter of the Green Building Council | http://www.greenupstateny.org/ |
| New York State Wetlands Forum | http://www.wetlandsforum.org |
| Niagara County Farm Bureau | http://niagarafb.org/ |
| Niagara County Landfill and Recycling | www.niagaracounty.com/landfill/otherrecycling.asp |

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| Niagara County Parks | http://www.niagaracounty.com/Parks/ |
| Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District | www.niagaraswcd.com |
| Niagara Frontier Botanical Society | http://faculty.buffalostate.edu/pottsdl/ |
| Niagara Frontier Wildlife Habitat Council | http://www.nfwhc.org/ |
| Niagara Heritage Partnership | http://www.niagaraheritage.org/ |
| Niagara Restoration Council | www.niagararestoration.org/ |
| Niagara River Anglers Association | http://www.niagarariveranglers.com |
| Niagara River Greenway Commission | www.niagaragreenway.org |
| Niagara University Sustainability | http://www.niagara.edu/green/ |
| Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York | http://nofany.org |
| Our Water Future | http://ourwaterfuture.org/ |
| Partnership for the Public Good | www.ppgbuffalo.org |
| Paths, Peaks and Paddles | www.pathspeakspaddles.com |
| Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center Open Sat. 9am-4pm May-Oct. for fossil collecting | www.penndixie.org |
| Pfeiffer Nature Center (Portville) | www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org |
| Preservation Buffalo Niagara | http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org/ |
| People United for Sustainable Housing | http://www.pushbuffalo.org |
| Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve 10am Sat. guided tours, Self-guided trails 9am-5pm M-Sat, Env. Educ. Ctr M-F 9am-4:30pm, Sat. 1-4:30pm | www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html |
| ReNU Niagara | http://www.niagara.edu/renu/ |
| Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE) | http://rarerehab.org/ |
| Retree Western New York | www.re-treewny.org/main.html |
| ReUse Action | http://reuseaction.com/ |

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| Roger Tory Peterson Institute | www.rtpi.org |
| Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter) | http://newyork.sierraclub.org/Niagara |
| South Buffalo Alive | http://www.southbuffaloalive.com/ |
| SPCA serving Erie County | www.yourspca.org |
| Street Synergy | http://www.streetsynergy.org/ |
| SUNY Fredonia | http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/ |
| Sustainable Earth Solutions | www.sustainableearthsolutions.com |
| Tifft Nature Preserve Wellness Walks, Thursdays 10-noon, \$2 donation, call 825-6397 to confirm walk taking place | www.sciencebuff.org/tifft_nature_preserve.php |
| Tuscarora Environmental Task Force | http://tuscaroraenvironment.com/default.aspx |
| UBEN-UB Environmental Network Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, 250 Student Union | http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/ub/en/ |
| UB Engineers for a Sustainable World | http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/esw |
| UB ERIE Program | http://www.erie.buffalo.edu/ |
| UB Green Office | http://wings.buffalo.edu/ubgreen |
| Urban Design Project at UB | http://urbandesignproject.ap.buffalo.edu/ |
| Urban Roots | www.urbanroots.org/ |
| US Army Corps of Engineers-Buffalo District | http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/ |
| US Coast Guard-Boating Safety | http://www.wnyboatsafe.org/ |
| Voice-Buffalo | http://www.voice-buffalo.org/index.html |
| Western Chapter New York Water Environment Association | www.wnywea.org/ |
| Western New York AmeriCorps | http://www.wnyamericorps.org |
| Western New York Earth Day | http://www.wnyearthday.org/ |
| Western New York Environmental Alliance | http://www.growwny.org/ |
| Western New York Herpetological Society | http://www.wnyherpsociety.org/ |

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| Western New York Hiking Trails and resources | www.wnyhikes.com |
| Western New York Land Conservancy | http://www.wnylc.org/ |
| Western New York Science Congress | http://wnyssc.org/ |
| Western New York Service Learning Coalition | www.wnyslc.org |
| Western New York Stormwater Coalition | www.erie.gov/stormwater |
| Western New York Sustainable Energy Association | www.wnysea.com |
| West Side Ministries | http://www.westsideminstries.org/ |
| West Valley Citizen Task Force | www.westvalleyctf.org |
| Wildlife Educators Coalition | http://www.nywec.com/ |
| Wild Ones, Native Plants and Natural Landscapes | http://www.wildonesniagara.org/ |
| Wild Spirit Education | http://www.wildspirit.org/ |
| Wind Action Group | http://www.buffalowind.org |
| Working for Downtown | http://www.workingfordowntown.org/ |
| Zoar Valley Nature Society | www.zoarvalley.org |