



Four Lakes Sierran

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PFAS IN WISCONSIN

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Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) include over 5,000 man-made chemicals used in consumer products including non-stick cookware, food packaging, water repellent clothing, firefighting foam, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, ski wax, weed killer products, some cosmetics and other products made to resist grease, water and oil. The main sources of contamination in our drinking water come from firefighting foam and manufacturing uses.

Human exposure occurs mostly through drinking water and from eating fish or seafood, though home vegetable gardens watered with PFAS containing drinking water can be another source of exposure. Young children get exposed from hand-to-mouth activities, including from surfaces that rub off from treated carpeting and fabrics.

Unfortunately, PFAS are extremely persistent in the environment and in our bodies and are therefore known as “forever chemicals”. Once in our body, it takes eight years for half of it to get out. Even more concerning is their indefinite persistence in the environment.

The highly concerning health effects linked to PFAS include high cholesterol, cancer, thyroid dysfunction, liver and kidney toxicity, immune system effects, reproductive and developmental toxicity. More specifically, low birth weight and pregnancy induced hypertension have been linked to PFAS exposure.

PFAS chemicals and contaminated surface and drinking water systems create health problems worldwide. In Wisconsin, only 90 of 11,000 public drinking water systems have been tested for PFAS. The US Defense Department has identified 401 military sites where PFAS chemicals have contaminated groundwater and drinking water above federal health advisory levels. Here in Wisconsin, there are multiple sites including Johnson Controls’ Tyco Fire Products in Marinette, Fort McCoy Army installation’s fire training centers and Truax Air National Guard base field.

Well 15 in Madison was closed in March 2019 due to high levels of PFAS believed to be from testing of fire firefighting foam at Truax

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Chair’s Column

Liz Wessel

As I write this column, we are looking back on the hottest July on record across the globe. My sister in Alaska told me of days reaching 100 degrees; something she had not experienced in her 30 years in the state. Reports suggest salmon migrating to spawn in the Yukon died in alarming numbers from no obvious disease or event, suggesting heat is reeking havoc on this ecosystem.

The Four Lakes Group continues to focus on the climate crisis, and what steps we can take to reduce our impact and plan for the weather extremes we face more frequently. We urge you to get involved wherever you are. Start by joining the September 20th Climate Strike and add your voice to millions across the planet.

You can get active and have fun by joining our new team - the Climate Crew. The Climate Crew will lead in working towards sustainability, 100% clean energy, and building resiliency to weather extremes and other anticipated changes across the region. Our initial plans include working with the League of Women Voters of Dane County and other allies on a series of forums and related activities on how the climate crisis is manifesting itself in our communities and what we can do individually and collectively.

This will be a great foundation for working at the local and regional level. You can help advocate for changes in county and municipal

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field. The underground plume has traveled about a mile from Truax to Well 15, but further testing to determine the extent of the plume. The highest PFAS level at Truax, 40,000 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS combined, far exceeds the EPA drinking water limit of 70 parts per trillion for these two compounds. Additionally, runoff from Truax ends up in Starkweather Creek and Lake Monona. No information is available for anglers since fish testing for PFAS has yet to be analyzed.

Additional testing found trace amounts of PFAS in 10 of 19 wells providing water to Madison. PFAS from sewage sludge, factories, landfills and fire stations are the most likely sources. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is recommending one of the nation's strictest groundwater standards of 20 parts per trillion. Sierra Club members will need to speak out on this process that will take several years to enact. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed standard of 70 parts per trillion for two PFAS has been strongly criticized for not being safe enough to include other PFAS chemicals.

How can I reduce my exposure?

- Avoid food packaged with grease repellent coatings, including microwave popcorn bags, sandwich wrappers, French fry boxes, and pizza boxes.
- Choose furniture, carpets, shoes, luggage, camping or sports equipment not treated with water and stain resistant chemicals. Do not apply products like Stainmaster.
- Don't buy nonstick cookware. Buy cast iron, stainless steel, copper for example.
- Avoid perfluorinated compounds (PFC's) in personal care products including nail polish, dental floss, facial moisturizers, eye make-up
- Eat fish from uncontaminated sources

Wisconsin Specific Resources on PFAS

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (with WI contamination sites maps) cswab.org/pfas/about-the-pfas-campaign/

Midwest Environmental Advocates midwestadvocates.org/issues-actions/issues/detail/pfas

Midwest Environmental Justice Organization mejo.us/category/pfcs-or-pfas/

programs and budgets to address water supplies and flooding, forest management, transportation, agriculture and health for example.

The Group will continue our presence at events around Dane County. This outreach provides a great opportunity to talk directly with existing and potential members about the Sierra Club's activities. Our Recycling Away from Home team continues to provide organizational and logistical support to major community events.

We also want to highlight news and opportunities outside Dane County. While our greatest numbers and focus are in Dane County, we have a nine-county reach with over 5400 members. The counties are: Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock and Sauk. We want to share and support environmental opportunities, events, and projects outside Dane, so please contact us with information on events to highlight or activities you want to plan.

Check out the article on the Soil Sisters which started in the south-central farming region of the state. We have a lot of potential to work together on common issues and solutions.

Thank you!

Thanks to all the volunteers and members who have been participating in the new Volunteer Work Parties the second Wednesday of each month. Chapter staff organize these events that cover a range of needed tasks. Check the calendar on the website and just show up!

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped at the farmers market and the summer festivals. Some of the most beautiful and colorful weekends are in the fall, so please consider helping over the next two months.

I also want to thank the Executive Committee team and particularly Beverly Speer who is moving on. Thanks Beverly for your many years of service to the Group! If you are interested or want to know more about serving on the Executive Committee, read the description in the newsletter and or contact me.

Thank you for all that you do!

Liz Wessel
Chair, Four Lakes Group Sierra Club

Soil Sisters

Liz Wessel

A few Sundays ago, I found myself bouncing along backroads past cornfields and tree breaks, up and down the hills of Green County in a school bus with about 25 other people. This was the Soil Sisters tour billed as a behind the scenes tour/introduction to each farm, led by FL Morris of Grassroots Farm, Monroe, and Kriss Marion, Circle M market farm BnB, Blanchardville.

Who are the Soil Sisters? Lisa Kivist, a farmer from Browntown, started a once a month potluck series with female sustainable farmers within a 40-mile radius of her farm outside of Monroe. The contact list has now grown to 250+, the potlucks continue but are now spread out to ensure soil sisters from across southern Wisconsin have the opportunity to network and recharge with one another.

They created a space where questions could be asked, answers found and experience shared. And well...they have fun! As Kriss Marion, one of the founding soil sisters said on the bus, the core of what we do is “empower each other to do better.” And the event is 3 days, 20+ farms, and 5 unique components from dinners to workshops to tours.

We stopped at Winterfell Acres near Brooklyn to meet farmer Bethanee and learned how she acquired 43 acres and now cares for her certified organic land. She grows over 200 different varieties of organic, heirloom produce.

Snack in hand, we left the farm and headed to Raleigh’s Hillside Farm in Brodhead. Farmer Lauren greeted the bus and walked us across the hillside. Each of these farmers focused on direct supply of produce to consumers (CSA’s, see below) and described how they started, why they chose the crops they did, and some of the innovative /successful techniques and technology they used. These women were inspirational and shared powerful stories.

The tour introduced us to the present and future of family farming in WI and we also met some of the ground-breakers. Linda Dee, the retired past owner of Sun Porch cafe of Bluffwood Landing. Still raising sheep for wool and meat and engaged in farming, Linda Dee shows that the family farm lifestyle can sustain you into your 70s.

And they each talked about their relationship to the

environment, such as how to minimize the use of plastic sheeting or protect their local water supply or combat diseases of insects without using pesticides.

On the bus, we discussed the dairy industry and the impacts of CAFOs (Confined Animal Feeding Operations), overproduction of milk, and of an improved highway 18/151 on land prices.

Consumers need to signal farmers that we need their food, and also their help to save the planet. First, is to find the farmers and establish a direct relationship with them, and remove the processors in the middle. That may mean eating less processed food, eating food that is produced closer to home (many stores now indicate food mileage or what is local produce), or shopping at a farmer’s market once a month or week.

You can also get into a very personal and direct relationship with a farmer by subscribing to Community Supported Agriculture. The importance of CSA’s can not be understated in the financial cycle for farmers - CSA members provide the upfront capital for a farmer to buy seed or stock at the beginning of the season, reducing their financial risk. And you reap the benefits!

It’s also important to vote for people who will support farmers - not agribusiness. Politicians and policies make a difference. Even though she did not win, the Four Lakes group supported Kriss Marion last fall in SD17 against Howard Marklein. Kriss still continues to advocate strongly for clean water, healthy farms and health care for farmers amongst other issues.

The Four Lakes Group also wants to continue to build relationships between our urban members and supporters and our rural members, supporters and friends. If you have a story or issue to share from our rural areas, please contact Liz Wessel to let her know.

But the Soil Sisters have already received international notice. In April, 2018, the Guardian (England) ran a story on “Making it as a Female Farmer in a Man’s World”. The article not only has beautiful pictures, but provides information on individual Soil Sisters, the farms they run, and the challenges they face.

For more information, go to the Soil Sisters website at <https://soilsisters.wixsite.com/soilsisters/our-story> or find them on Facebook.

Four Lakes outings, Fall - Winter 2019

For all outings, please wear weather and activity appropriate clothing, and good footwear. For work outings, wear work clothes and gloves. Bring fluids to drink, and a snack or food, and sunscreen, a hat, and insect repellent if needed. If carpooling, please be a little early. Please contact the leader to RSVP, if you have questions, or with concerns about weather or to cancel. Check the Four Lakes Group web site or Facebook page for updates or added events.

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Saturday, October 5 – 10 am - Hike on the Ice Age Trail - Lodi Segment

Join us on a 6 - 7 mile moderate difficulty out and back hike on the Ice Age Trail Lodi Segment. This scenic hike will go through woods and prairies as the first fall colors start to show. Take Hwy 113 north of Madison 2.5 miles past the Village of Dane. Turn left (west) on Lee Rd. for 1 mile, then right (north) on Lodi Springfield Rd. for 0.8 miles to the parking area on the left with the kiosk. The hike takes ~ 2 ½ - 3 hours. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots with good tread and soles. The hike is safe, but during hunting season, blaze orange or yellow is recommended. Bring water and a snack. RSVP to David Smith.

Monday, October 14 - 6:15 pm - Full Moon Hike - Ice Age Trail - Table Bluff Segment

Enjoy a full moon fall evening hike on the Ice Age Trail. This will be an out and back hike of about 5 miles traversing prairies and woodlands with some up and down hiking on uneven terrain. At the shelter atop the bluff, we should be able to see a spectacular full moon. The hike is about 2 ½ hours. From Madison, take Hwy. 14 west of Cross Plains. At Cty Hwy KP turn right (north). Go 2.3 miles to Table Bluff Rd. Turn left for 0.3 miles to the parking lot on the left. Bring a flashlight/headlamp, water and snacks. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Sunday, December 15 - 6:30 pm - Annual Winter Bonfire – Picnic Point

Join us for our annual celebratory Winter Bonfire to share

good cheer and enjoy a crisp earlier winter evening with fellow Sierrans and other outdoor lovers. Bring beverages (warm or otherwise) and a snack to share (or something to roast on the fire), and stories to share or holiday songs, and we'll have a merry old time! Free parking is available in lot 129 at 2004 University Bay Dr. Walk ~ 1 mile to the farthest fire pit. Wear a warm hat, gloves or mittens, and boots. Natural fabrics are recommended close to the fire. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Saturday, January 18 – 10 am - Snowshoe or hike. Prairie Moraine County Park

Enjoy a snowshoe hike at Prairie Moraine County Park southeast of Verona. We'll snowshoe (if snow) or hike (if no snow) through prairies and woods where you can enjoy Dane County's most visible section of the glacial terminal moraine. This hike will take about 2 hours. Families welcome! Take Hwy 18/151 southwest of Madison to exit 79 (Cty PB). Turn left on PB and go .7 miles south to Prairie Moraine parking lot on the left. Meet by the IAT kiosk. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Cruisin' for Cuisine

Cruisin' for Cuisine is a casual dinner group that meets monthly at a locally owned Madison area restaurant. We order off the menu and everyone gets their own check. These dinner outings are open to the public. We're always trying different places, so please join us or recommend a place you'd like us to try. RSVP to Don Ferber at least 2 days prior to dinner for the dining time.

October 8, Little Tibet, 827 East Johnson St

Have a hankering for Bhutanese or Tibetan food? Or perhaps you'd like to try some other Southeast Asian food from the Himalayan region. You're sure to find something interesting and flavorful at Little Tibet and some warm or spicy food may be just the thing on a cool fall evening. Go to <http://littletibetmadison.com/75671> for the menu at. RSVP to Don Ferber.

November 5, Bar Corallini, 2004 Atwood Ave

Perhaps dinner at Bar Corallini will help assuage the loss of the Choclaterian Café that used to reside at the corner of Atwood and Winnebago. Featuring a variety of Italian dishes and of course pizza and pasta, their varied menu should provide for a wide range of culinary interests. A menu is at Barcorallini.com. RSVP to Don Ferber.

Stand Up Against Tar Sands

Gichi-gami Gathering to Stop Line 3

Saturday, September 28

Bus to Duluth, MN

Stand up to stop Enbridge's proposed Tar Sands line 3 replacement in Minnesota. By joining the rally in Duluth, you'll get to enjoy a trip with a busload of other dedicated activists who all want to help stop the flow of some of the dirtiest, most carbon-intensive fossil fuels in the world.

In Duluth, you'll join with many others from across the Midwest on the shores of Gichi-gami Lake Superior to unite against Enbridge's Line 3 tar sands pipeline. There will be a rally and march to send the message that we stand together with Minnesotans to protect the climate, land, water, and people. Join us at **Gitchi-ode Akiing/Lake Place Park** at **1:30 p.m.** for the kick-off.

Our comfortable motor coach bus leaves Madison at 7:30 am and returns the same evening ~ 10 pm. Go to tinyurl.com/line3bus to sign up for the bus to book a seat for only \$10. If you can spend a day of your time to stand in opposition to and help stop another tar sands pipeline, the time to send that message is now, and the place is Duluth!

Volunteer Party Nights

What are you doing the second Wednesday of each month? We have a LOT happening, and this is a prime opportunity for you to get engaged – and participate in a fun and productive way to support the Sierra Club.

Some opportunities include making phone calls to friendly Sierrans, working on social media, doing data entry, stuffing envelopes, planning an event, or creating graphics. Just show up and choose the activity you want!

Whatever your favorite thing to do is, we need you! If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a great place to learn about different campaigns and choose an area or activity of interest. If you have just 2 hours to contribute, then this is the place for you to be to show up and make a difference!

WHEN: 2nd Wed of each month – 6:30 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: Sierra Club, 754 Williamson St, Madison

RSVP: Katie Hogan at kathryn.hogan@sierraclub.org

Our party includes pizza and vegan snacks!

Strike out – for a Safe Climate

Friday, September 20

State Capitol and MGE Headquarters

It should be very apparent now, at least to most of us, that climate change now requires a state of emergency. Several years ago, many people participated in the huge national climate march. Now, inspired by Greta Thunberg, on September 20 there will be a world-wide climate strike to demonstrate the urgency of this situation that the Sierra Club is supporting.

Hence, this day of action, led by the Youth Climate Action Team (YCAT), other Madison youth, and supporting adults and organizations, will include asking Governor Tony Evers to declare a climate emergency. There will also be a rally at MGE to ask them to get off coal organized by the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal team. It will include an appearance by the Sierra Club's large (20' high) inflatable coal plant.

YCAT is comprised mainly of school students who are aware that they are at most risk from the current state of inaction on climate. There are at least 10 Climate Strike events being planned in Wisconsin.

Please join in for as many of the events as you can. The schedule includes:

- **6:30 AM – SUNRISE GATHERING**
 - Law Park, east of Monona Terrace
- **10:30 AM – INTERFAITH GATHERINGS**
 - Bethel Lutheran, Grace Episcopal, First United Methodist, St John's Lutheran
- **12:00 - 12:30 - CONCERT FOR CLIMATE**
 - Capitol Steps (State St.)
- **12:30 – 1:00 – PARADE TO THE YOUTH**
 - Walk to MG&E
- **1:00 - 3:00 - MG&E PROTEST**
 - MG&E Headquarters (Railroad St.)
- **3:00 - 3:30 - MARCH TO CAPITOL**
 - March to the Capitol
- **4:00 – 5:00 - CAPITOL RALLY**
 - Greta Thunberg on Jumbotron
 - Capitol Steps (State St.)
- **5:00 – CAPITOL ROTUNDA RALLY**
- **5:15 – FREE PIZZA**

For more info and updates, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1342679465882533/>.

Beyond Coal – but not Beyond Belief

So much has been happening with Beyond Coal, which sometimes seems like two steps forward, and one step back. There is progress, but is it fast enough? Not yet, but that's why it's all the more important for you to keep posted, get involved if you can, and provide financial support to elevate our efforts.

Governor Evers' clean energy announcement

Since our state legislature, in its infinite wisdom (not!), decided against funding an *Office of Clean Energy and Sustainability*, on August 16, Gov. Evers announced that due to the dire need and circumstances, he would create one anyhow, and draw on people from other positions to create it. It will be led by Lt Gov. Mandela Barnes who has shown himself to be a strong advocate on climate change and for climate justice.

Gov. Evers also set a goal for Wisconsin to be 100% carbon free electricity by 2050. In an unfortunate response, State Rep. Mike Kuglitsch stated the technology was not available to meet that goal. Not only is he wrong, but it could be achieved by 2030! And he not only claimed it was a mandate (it's not), but that this would interfere with the current reliable energy system based on fossil fuels. Apparently, sending over \$14 billion out of state each year for fossil fuels and technologies that are fast becoming too expensive, is not an issue.

The Sierra Club stands behind Gov. Evers and his announcement, and we will do everything we can to not only help him meet that goal, but exceed it.

We Energies rate case

Apparently, We Energies does not learn well from the past – or perhaps hoped to undo it. Regardless of their thinking, once again they decided to try to introduce a solar fee for customers who install their own solar. (The first time in 2014 was struck down in court.) Based on the false premise that they were creating costs for non-solar customers, We Energies tried to resurrect the past and penalize customers who dared to avail themselves of a free market economy.

However, after strong pushback, they dropped their solar tax proposal, along with another regressive proposal – increasing fixed fees (again) for customers. They also agreed to lower their proposed rate of return request.

Still to be decided is We Energies' return from retiring the Pleasant Prairie coal plant, and how much ratepayers will be on the hook for paying it off. That coal is now often more expensive than renewables has caught up with the utilities who'd rather burden customers than shareholders with those costs. The Sierra Club has expressed concerns with the costs of operating Oak Creek's coal power plants, and if ratepayers are paying for more white elephants. Stay tuned.

MGE net-zero announcement

MGE proudly announced their electricity would be net zero carbon by 2050. Sounds great, eh? Not so fast, buckaroo! That means they could still be using coal and other fossil fuels in 2050 simply by using offsets to reduce carbon elsewhere. While that's good, MGE needs to get its house in order, especially if they are to help Madison, Monona and Fitchburg meet their 100% renewable community-wide goals for all energy. Given that gas for heating and for automobiles will be going away, that could still be a lot of fossil fuel use.

After Gov. Evers announcement, some Wisconsin utilities are now hinting that it *might* be possible for them to be fossil fuel free by 2050, but have been unwilling to commit to it. Let your utility know that not only is 100% renewable energy doable, it's necessary.

MGE-Activist Team

Our intrepid group of Madison activists continues to put pressure on MGE to get off coal and set a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050 or sooner. We have an ask of MGE, Alliant and WPS to declare that they will shut down the Columbia Power plant by 2030 or sooner. Built in the 1970's, it's old, dirty and inefficient.

Sited near the Wisconsin River, the Columbia coal plant also puts the Wisconsin River at risk from coal ash. While the water (WPDES) permit was renewed, there is a sure way to protect our river – shut it down.

Climate Crew

As Liz Wessel talked about in her Chair's column, the Four Lakes Group is getting more engaged too, and have a new team – the Climate Crew, who will be planning activities and weighing in on budgets and their relation to climate action. We invite you to provide your thoughts and energy and join our team. Contact Liz Wessel at lizard59sc@yahoo.com.

Four Lakes Group 2019 Executive Committee Election Ballot

Please read the candidate statements for election to the Executive Committee and select your choices by putting an "X" before the name. Select up to four candidates. If your ballot is not from a Four Lakes Sierran mailed copy, please write your name and membership number on the back. Only ballots from active members will be valid, so please cut the portion of the back page with your name and number on it. Please mail ballots to: Lacinda Athen, 4909 Sherwood, Madison, WI 53711 by December 1, 2019.

Voter 1: Dave Blouin Ronda Conner

Write In _____

Voter 2: Dave Blouin Ronda Conner

Write In _____

Dave Blouin Statement

This year marks 26 years of activism by me in the Sierra Club that began in 1993 with activism opposing the Crandon mine proposal. I served on the Four Lakes Group and John Muir Chapter Executive Committees in the 1990's. I continue to serve as Political Committee Chair to both entities as well as Mining Committee Chair for the Chapter. In an effort to revitalize our local activism, I served as Four Lakes Group Chair from 2010-18. I'm proud of the work that we're doing locally and wish to continue the progress we've made.

Ronda Conner statement

Although environmental conservation has been a consistent passion of mine as long as I can remember, I became involved in Sierra Club in 2006. As a child, I enjoyed learning about the world around me by spending countless hours camping, boating and being a student of the great outdoors. I went on to obtain a degree from UW-Madison in the Biological Aspects of Conservation with a certificate from the Institute for Environmental Studies. I have been concerned about the human impact on this planet for a long time. This concern is my impetus for becoming more involved in the Sierra Club. I hope to put my passion to work in the executive committee to bring about environmental conservation that supports a healthy planet for all living things.

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Executive Committee

The Sierra Club is a national environmental organization dedicated to environmental justice and preserving nature. The Four Lakes Group is the regional arm of the Sierra Club in south central Wisconsin, and we're seeking dedicated and effective leaders interested in furthering the goals of the Club here. Our Executive Committee is the leadership team comprised of members willing to devote time to our issues, and who have a passion for the environment and justice.



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Please consider sending your email address to d_ferber@sbcglobal.net if we don't have it to save paper and the cost of mailing. Plus we can also send you our Enews to keep you better informed.

RAH, RAH - the Willy St Fair

September 14 & 15

Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/QpcmfYe>

As the big kahuna of east side street music festivals, the Willy St Fair will be the place for the Four Lakes Group to be on September 14 and 15. If you've thought about doing something with the Four Lakes Group and to support our efforts this year, this is the event to be at.

Once again, we'll be doing our Recycling Away from Home (RAH) thing at the Willy St Fair, and it's a major event where we need all hands on deck (or perhaps in the recycling and at our table). We need a full crew of people to monitor the recycling each shift, especially on Sunday when the Fair encompasses 3 full blocks! In addition, for our work there, we get a free booth both days, and it's always one of our most receptive crowds, so it's a great place to table at and talk with the fair goers about issues the Sierra Club is working on and you care about.

Benefits? It's one of the most fun festivals in Madison, with tons of vendors, food choices and music groups. Plus, it has the always entertaining parade on Sunday that we may be participating in. (Got any ideas?) But it's just a fun event, where you can hang out at our booth or wander around dressed in your Four Lakes t-shirt. (Don't have one? We'll give you one for volunteering.) More info on the Fair is at <http://www.cwd.org/willy-street-fair/>.

It's always more fun when you bring a friend, so grab one and sign up. Why be wasteful when you can be watchful!

Questions? Contact Don Ferber at d_ferber@sbcglobal.net.