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## Report from Trenton: The Fight to Stop PurGen

By Kara Seymour, of our Trenton staff  
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The Club will continue its effort to prevent construction of a 750 Megawatt coal-fired electricity plant, using carbon capture and sequestration (CC&S) for the CO<sub>2</sub> waste product, now that the Linden City Council (Union County) has unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding that binds the city to support the controversial proposal.

The Linden City Council had voted against a similar agreement in October, but changed its position after being offered \$2.5 million for the city. Linden is now committed to supporting the project, called PurGen, as it seeks additional approvals - even if the project is changed or altered.

The proposal goes next to Linden's Planning Board. From there it will need permits from the Minerals Management Service, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency

This \$5 billion experiment poses numerous threats not only to Linden but to the entire state. It would severely degrade the local and surrounding environment. More importantly, the technology for CC&S is still in an early stage of development; its failure could have catastrophic environmental and public health consequences. (The world's longest running CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration project, Sleipner in Norway, is only 13 years old.)

PurGen proposes to liquefy and pressurize the carbon dioxide produced in coal combustion, and then pipe a trillion pounds of this liquid, per year, through a 100-mile pipeline under Raritan Bay and out to sea off the coast of Atlantic City, where it will be injected under the seabed.

The people of New Jersey should not be exposed to such an experiment. Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> evaporates into an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that asphyxiates people and animals. 1.8 million people live in 41 municipalities within 10 miles of the proposed site.

The company proposing PurGen, SCS, is hoping to tap close to \$100 million a year in federal tax credits. We would prefer safe, proven renewable energy sources like wind and solar. For one thing, the process of CC&S would consume much of the energy produced by the plant. Instead of subsidizing risky technology, tax credits should go to fund renewable energy projects. The \$5 billion could be better used to install solar panels on 175,000 residential roofs, creating 1,350 MW of electricity, or it could be used to put up 450 offshore wind turbines producing 1,800 MW.

Linden is an environmental justice city, already burdened with serious air pollution and toxic contamination. The proposed coal plant would still release toxic gaseous waste products of coal combustion that include, over 30 years, 225 tons of arsenic, 240 tons of toxic lead, 7,000 tons of barium, 450 tons of chromium and 7,000 tons of manganese.

In the last ten years, Linden residents and environmentalists have stopped pro-

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And there's a website:  
[www.sierraclubgreenhome.com](http://www.sierraclubgreenhome.com)



### Ten NJ Congressmen endorsed for re-election

Superior voting records and leadership efforts have earned early endorsements for the following:

CD1: Rep Robert Andrews (Dem)  
CD2: Rep Frank LoBiondo (Rep)  
CD3: Rep John Adler (Dem)  
CD6: Rep Frank Pallone (Dem)  
CD7: Rep Leonard Lance (Rep)  
CD8: Rep William Pascrell, Jr (Dem)  
CD9: Rep Steven Rothman (Dem)  
CD10: Rep Donald Payne (Dem)  
CD12: Rep Rush Holt (Dem)  
CD13: Rep Albio Sires (Dem)

### Chapter Reorganization

Our Annual Installation of Volunteer Officers took place at our January 16th monthly meeting, with Don McBride (Raritan Valley Group), George Denzer and Laura Lynch (Both Central Jersey Group) beginning new three-year terms on the Executive Committee (ExCom). Ken Johanson, Chapter Chair since 2005, was re-elected to a sixth one-year term of office, with Sunil Somalwar as Vice-Chair. Other officer assignments are listed on p. 12.

### New Electronic Newsletter:

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posals for a hazardous waste incinerator, a medical waste incinerator, and a garbage barge transfer site. Linden already has more than its fair share of pollution and the health issues - like children's asthma - that come with it.

The area around the site includes high quality wetlands that are slowly being revived. The Sierra Club believes this highly urbanized and disadvantaged area of New Jersey can be maintained and improved as both a wetland that provides habitat for eagles and blue herons and also a healthy community for its residents.

The project also threatens the ocean. The liquefied carbon dioxide will be injected into a naturally existing formation. The construction and maintenance of the pipeline, and the potential for carbon dioxide leakage, all pose threats to fisheries and marine life.

Coal can never be clean, especially for the Appalachian and Western areas where it is strip-mined. Transporting it contributes to global warming.

Visit [www.stoppurgencoalplant.org](http://www.stoppurgencoalplant.org) to learn more about our campaign to stop the project, or for updated information.

## Report from Trenton: Environment Essential in Affordable Housing Review

By Chapter Director Jeff Tittel (jeff.tittel@sierraclub.org)

Governor Chris Christie has suspended the activities of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and appointed a five-member panel to review the mandating of affordable housing in New Jersey. The Chapter is glad that the Governor is addressing this issue, but we urge that the environment be considered as part of the review.

The current COAH law has had a bigger impact on land use and development than any other law in New Jersey's history. The Sierra Club strongly supports a requirement for affordable housing. As towns grow, they must provide a fair share of it. But the need for affordable housing should not undermine the environmental protections given to wetlands, flood plains, steep slopes, stream buffers that protect water supplies, ocean-fronts, and endangered species habitat. And no homes should be built where water supply is at critically low levels. Furthermore, new housing should be located where jobs are, to reduce the carbon footprints and pollution associated with automobile commuting.

Up to now, COAH has not provided enough housing, and that which has been constructed has been in the wrong places. We urge that new affordable housing be placed in approved waste water management areas under the

adopted Water Quality Management Planning Rules and areas with adequate water supply.

The Highlands and the Pinelands should be protected from sprawl development, and restricted to growth by means of infill in existing towns and villages, encouraging (to satisfy affordable housing requirements) group homes, or municipal- or nonprofit-built housing projects.

The State Planning Commission should not be granted authority over affordable housing. Otherwise, we'll simply be replacing COAH with another agency and bureaucracy. The Commission is filled with developers and people who work for developers. If you think that the COAH rules are arcane and hard to follow, try following the State Planning Commission's Plan Endorsement process. The State Plan has been a failure.

Workforce housing should not be considered the same as low- and moderate-income housing. While the Sierra Club supports the development of workforce housing in New Jersey, we're concerned that towns will choose to build workforce housing instead of the low- and moderate-income housing that is needed more. There also should be rules to make sure (subsidized) workforce housing is not sold at higher market values down the line.

## Our New NJ Land-Use Guide

By Laura Lynch, Chapter Conservation Chair (njsierraclub@gmail.com)

All too often a call comes to the Club's Trenton headquarters from an alert member who has read an article in the local paper about plans to build homes, or a shopping center, or athletic fields, on an old farm or a stretch of the last remaining forest on the edge of town. What can the Sierra Club do to stop it, and preserve the land instead? Often it's too late: the decision for development may already have been made.

After far too many of these phone calls, members of our Chapter's Conservation Committee have written a guide for opposing such projects. *Land Use and Preservation in New Jersey: A Beginner's Guide* is a 20-page handbook that can be found on our website, <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org>, and for the next several issues of the Sierran we will be excerpting portions of it.

This is from the *Guide's* introduction:

The view from the northern portion of the New Jersey Turnpike is a source of endless derision: refineries, factories, warehouses, concrete, and traffic. But behind and away from the highway's edge lies the true Garden State. From the beaches and the Pinelands in the south, to the farmlands in the middle, and the Highlands up north, New Jersey is still very much a green state. But a green state under threat: for the past several decades up to fifty acres per day have been lost to development as the suburbs push into the exurbs and the exurbs eat away at

our farms and forests. Not all development is detrimental, of course. A well-planned, appropriately placed school, shopping center, or group of houses can be beneficial to a community. The best developments tread lightly on the land, keep traffic to a minimum, and provide a sense of place for their communities.

New Jersey's rules that govern development are collectively called the "Municipal Land Use Law," or MLUL. The law dictates to municipalities the limits they can and cannot place upon develop-

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## Sustainable Life-style

# Project Runway: A "Green" Wardrobe

By our columnist, Suzanne Dragan

Wearing your birthday suit is probably the only way to dress without impacting the environment. But since clothing is not optional in New Jersey, how can we help the planet by our choices of fabrics?

### Synthetic versus "natural" materials:

Polyester, nylon, rayon and other synthetic fibers are washable and can require no ironing. If made well, they hold up to frequent use and last a long time. But they are petroleum products which add to our carbon footprint. When discarded, these materials will take a very long time to break down in a landfill. Centuries from now anthropologists will study the fascinating tribe of people who wore polyester leisure suits.

Silk, wool, leather, fur, cotton, linen and down (feathers) are considered "natural" fabrics. They are made from a once-living plant or animal. "Natural" fabrics allow our bodies to perspire and "breathe" when worn. They too can hold up to frequent use and last a long time. (I still have sweaters my Mother knitted for me when I was a child.) The problem is that production of these "natural" textiles requires the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals such as dyes, which end up polluting our waterways. Some of them, wool, silk, fur, leather and down, may be associated with needless animal suffering. Wool and down may require dry cleaning, a process that uses a nasty petroleum solvent. (The newer alternative "wet cleaning" - using carbon dioxide - is supposedly less polluting and safer.)

**"Organic" materials: Cotton, hemp, bamboo etc.**

Organic clothing comes from natural

materials grown with no herbicides, fungicides, other pesticides, radiation, or genetically modified organisms. It gets a bit confusing so the Organic Trade Association has developed a certification for fiber processing. Certified organic material must be grown, processed, dyed and transported in the most non-toxic manner possible. Organic materials result in textiles that have less negative impact on the environment, but not on our wallets. Prices for organic clothing are often higher than for mass-produced clothes. Factories that manufacture organic clothes must not use child labor nor operate as sweat shops. Organic products are often fair traded; they promote sustainability.

Through much of the last century people mended their damaged clothes and literally wore them till ragged. The rags were recycled into other household items or collected by the "rag man." Today we might use worn out clothes for dusting, but when was the last time you darned a sock? The average American sends 68 pounds of clothes to the landfill each year. Regardless of whether you choose organic, natural or synthetic clothing, how many fewer pounds would go to the landfill if we maintained our clothes and wore them longer? (And how many of us discard natural fiber clothing to a compost bin rather than to a landfill?)

*(Suzanne Dragan is a nurse, Sierra Club member and director of Food for Life. Fellow Sierrans are invited to the "Food for Life Vegetarian Cooking Extravaganza!" on Saturday May 22nd in Edison. For more information, comments or questions contact: FoodforLife@aphnj.org or 732-446-6963.)*

## Death of NJ Environmentalist Dery Bennett

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff

The Chapter is saddened by the loss, on Dec 15, 2009, of Dery Bennett, 79, of Fair Haven, founder and first Director of the American Littoral Society (ALS), which inspired and pioneered many of the institutions that protect our oceans, coastlines and estuaries. Many Club leaders are privileged to have experienced his dedication, his creativity, and the smile and twinkle in his eye.

He worked to protect New Jersey's horseshoe crabs, essential to several species of migrating birds, and to restore Atlantic sturgeon to Delaware Bay.

The ALS is the only national environmental group headquartered in New Jersey, and Dery was clever to involve fisherman, boaters and other non environmental groups. His inspiration led to the foundation of NY/NJ Baykeeper, Clean Ocean Action, and the Delaware Riverkeeper. We also credit him with leaving the ALS in the good hands of our former Chapter Director, Tim Dillingham.

The staff and volunteers of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club offer their sincere condolences to the Bennett family and to the Littoral Society.

## Highlands Land-Use Atrocity

By Greg Nelson, Chair of our South Highlands Group (gregssap@hotmail.com)

Close your eyes. Imagine driving west on Interstate 78, toward Pennsylvania, through fertile farmland, old forests, and beautiful valleys. It is a pleasant drive, a respite from I-78 near Newark. The western portion of I-78 is one of the few major highway stretches in New Jersey that is not blighted by sprawl development, or worse.

Now imagine adding pollution-spewing trucks, everywhere. BAM! You are now backed up seven miles from Pennsylvania due to truck traffic. On your right, as you creep past exit 6, there

is a truck depot the size of an amusement park. Have you been magically transported back to the New Jersey Turnpike? Now, imagine living close to this monstrosity of trucks and pollution - all day and night!

Unfortunately, this scenario is in the works for thousands of residents and commuters who live or commute near Bloomsbury Road in Franklin Township (Warren County). The proposal is for about 192 acres of fertile farmland and old forest, with 700-1000 truck movements expected per day on rural roads.

## POPULATION ISSUE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

## Year of the Tiger

By Bonnie Tillery, (blt44blt@msn.com)

**"Poverty is the worst form of violence."** - Mahatma Gandhi

**"Development is the best contraceptive."** - Vishwanath Koliwad, Secretary General, Family Planning Association of India

India. The word conjures images of exotic temples; elephants, cobras and tigers; stories by Kipling; bright colored saris; and the Taj Mahal. All true, but there is also a harsher reality which we saw on a recent Sierra Club Global Population and Environment Program study trip to India. This article is the first in a series about that trip.

Currently, one out of every six people in the world lives in India where the total population of 1.17 billion people live in an area about one-third the size of the United States, home to 306.8 million (Population Reference Bureau statistics mid-2009). India is on track to overtake China as the most populous country in just 15 years. Is there hope of slowing or stabilizing population growth to reduce pressure on the land and its resources, and on the air and water? In India, as everywhere else, slowing population growth is not a challenge solved overnight.

The Family Planning Association of India (FPA-India) was one of the founders of International Planned Parenthood. They are proud to note that Margaret Sanger was a guest there. On our visit to their headquarters in Mumbai, they commented that population, the environment and development are directly linked. The organization works at the grassroots level with local communities to meet their needs for reproductive health through education, advocacy and access. With one in four people in India an adolescent, sex education ("life skills education") is an important part of teacher training. Parents, in fact, prefer to have their children learn about reproductive health in schools. One clinic we visited was a meeting place for young women ages 14 to 21 who had either finished school or dropped out of school. They gather to learn and talk with staff about health care in a social environment. A nearby clinic has similar programs for boys.

The challenges faced by FPA-India and other reproductive health organizations we met with are made more difficult because about 70% of the population live in villages or small towns difficult to get to. The fact that 76% of Indians live on less than \$2 a day (Population Reference



Bureau statistic 2005) leads people to desperate measures such as rural women becoming sex workers in large cities like Mumbai.

We met with women in brothels who, through illiteracy and poverty, have been forced into sex work in order to help their families survive back in the villages. These women, beaten down by poverty and the stigma of their profession, nonetheless have been empowered through the work of reproductive health organizations to demand that their clients use condoms. This is helping control the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases which have a strong foothold in the country.

Why is it important to try and stabilize India's population? A haze of air pollution covers the entire continent, the water is polluted, and the growing population is fighting for land and resources with species such as India's national animal, the Royal Bengal Tiger.

February 14, 2010, marked the start of the Year of the Tiger. Once abundant throughout India, the tiger is now facing extinction. In the late 19th Century it was estimated there were 40,000 tigers in India. In 2008, that number had dwindled to 1411. In an effort to save this elegant animal, 29 tiger reserves have been established around the country. Tigers are at the top of the food chain, and when an area is preserved for them it conserves the entire ecosystem. Species all the way down the food chain benefit. *"The air we breathe and the water we drink stem from the biodiversity of the universal environment and its economics. The tiger is at the centre of this truth. If it goes, we go,"* said Indian conservationist Arjan Singh. To learn more about the programs offered by FPA-India go to: <http://fpaindia.org/>.

To learn more about efforts to save wild tigers and see how you can help go to: [www.savingwildtigers.org](http://www.savingwildtigers.org). Photo credit: trip participant Suzanne York.

### Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park: May 7-9, Jul 16-19, Aug 6-9, Sep 10-12

California's Channel Islands are Galapagos USA! Marvel at the sight of whales, seals, sea lions, rare birds & blazing wildflowers. Hike the wild, windswept trails. Kayak the rugged coastline. Snorkel in pristine waters. Discover remnants of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or just relax at sea. These 3 & 4-day "live aboard" fundraiser cruises are sponsored by Angeles Chapter Political Committee & depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' Truth. The fee (\$590 for May and Sep; \$785 for Jul & Aug) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks & beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes on each island and point out interesting features. To make a reservation mail a \$100 check payable to Sierra Club to leaders: Joan Jones Holtz & Don Holtz, 11826 The Wye St, El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leaders for more information (626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com).

There will be hundreds of loading bays, and parking of idling trucks, with exhaust pipes spewing diesel smoke 24 hours a day!

Diesel smoke contains particulate matter that provokes asthma attacks and increased cancer rates. Residents who live less than a mile from this proposed depot are understandably concerned about the health effects, and also their land values. Developers are eager to buy the land at a depressed price and build more nightmares!

Only yards from the proposed depot is

an area of preserved farms, critical wildlife habitats, and Category One streams and rivers, including the federally designated Wild and Scenic Musconetcong River! Musky Trout Hatchery is just to the north.

Update: VICTORY!!! The application for the truck depot has been withdrawn! Thank you all for your efforts! Let's keep a vigilant watch over the Highlands during these critical times! Go to <http://skylands preservation.org/> or <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/SouthHighlands/> for more information.

**Is there an environmental issue that we're MISSING? If so, please call or write to Club officers.**

# Editorial In Praise of Shade Tree Commissions

by Dick Colby (dick.colby@stockton.edu)

One way in which Sierra Club members can score points for the environment, as well as improve the Quality of Life in their communities, is by serving on municipal shade tree commissions. Many of us can count off the benefits of trees that border both residential and shopping streets: coolness in summer, color in fall, and dryness in sudden downpours; they remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and are shapely, both as leafless winter skeletons and in leafy summer outline. An important additional benefit is that they shade the roofs of nearby buildings, providing natural interior cooling.

New Jersey state law provides for municipal Shade Tree Commissions in Chapter 40, Section 64: if authorized by municipal ordinance they consist of 5 to 7 unpaid members appointed by the mayor, with powers to conduct plantings and maintenance. Members are required to receive periodic training from landscape professionals.

There has been considerable discussion over the years about which tree-species make the best plantings. Factors include:

1. A root system that is kind to sidewalks and curbs. (a problem for maples and oaks, but surface roots can be prevented in some species by proper soil conditioning, or reinforcing of nearby concrete)
2. Leaves that are colorful in fall, and blossoms that are colorful in spring. (Sugar maples have the most fall color in my town.)
3. Leaves that are small and easy to collect in fall, and that drop over a relatively short time-period (a problem for sycamores).
4. Trees that are not smelly or messy, e.g. that don't shed bark (a problem for female ginkgos, sycamores and lindens).
5. Trees preferred (or repelled) by particular bird, mammal and insect species, e.g. woodpeckers, squirrels, gypsy moths, bark beetles, bees.
6. Trees resistant to current fungal and bacterial scourges (problem for red oaks and chestnut oaks), and that don't poison the grass underneath (problem for beaches).
7. Trees that grow fairly rapidly, are long-lived, and that don't become too massive (problem for most birches, Bradford pears and tulip trees).
8. Trees that don't shed wind-carried seeds in the spring that tend to clog rain-gutters (a problem for maples).
9. Trees with graceful limbs that are unlikely to break off causing damage to cars (problem for Bradford pears and sycamores).
10. Trees that are hardy, sturdy, inexpensive and suitable for the local soil and climate.



photo: James Mendelsohn

# Chair's Message Difficult Times

By Ken Johanson (kjohan@comcast.net)



Two thousand nine was a year that many of us would like to try to forget. The economy tanked and people throughout the nation, including many who have never had to deal with economic adversity, suddenly found themselves without jobs, without homes and without the economic security they had come to expect. And while there are signs that conditions may be beginning to improve, the job market and the housing market continue to suffer.

The economic crisis, while clearly a disaster for many decent, hard-working people, also had a significant impact upon the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club and our ability to pursue our agenda. For while there is substantial evidence to support our belief that economic prosperity and environmental responsibility are not incompatible goals, in times of crisis people tend to hunker down and are reluctant to try new approaches. So our argument that environmental initiatives, far from being a drain on the economy, actually create new jobs and stimulate the economy, frequently fell on deaf ears.

But despite the obstacles we faced, and despite efforts by some to use the economic crisis as an excuse to gut environmental protections, the Chapter did manage to achieve some significant victories in 2009 and the early days of 2010 and, even where our efforts were not entirely successful, did manage to marginalize some potentially harmful initiatives.

Some of our more notable victories include the preservation of Petty's Island, a 292-acre island located in the Delaware River just outside Camden, a significant strengthening of the State's Energy Master Plan, a decision by the State's Department of Environmental Protection to require the installation of cooling towers as a condition for the relicensing of the Oyster Creek nuclear facility, Governor Corzine's veto of a bill that

would have delayed implementation of critical wastewater and drinking water regulations and our successful efforts in delivering the votes needed, including three Republican votes, for passage of the House energy bill.

So what are our goals for 2010? Clearly we need to continue to oppose legislative and regulatory initiatives to weaken or eliminate existing environmental protections. We also need to continue to lobby for legislative and regulatory measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including measures to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption and encourage the development of alternative energy sources.

Other priorities include identifying and preserving critical lands throughout the State, strengthening and reforming regulatory measures designed to protect our water supply and improve our water quality and convincing governmental officials that scarce transportation dollars need to be spent on improving mass transit and repairing the State's aging highways and bridges, not on new highways and widening projects.

As you can see, we have an ambitious agenda for 2010. Just how successful we are in achieving our goals will depend on many factors, including the extent to which our vision for a greener New Jersey is shared by our incoming governor. Early indications, including a series of anti-environmental executive orders issued by Governor Christie on his first day in office, raise concerns. But it's too early to tell how things will play out. All I can say at this point is that we will do our best to work with Governor Christie and his administration wherever possible and that, despite the difficult times in which we live, we will continue to look out for the best interests of the citizens of this State and continue to do all we can to protect and preserve the natural environment upon which we all depend.

# Thank You for Your Support!

The New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club is deeply appreciative of the financial support it receives from members and friends. We couldn't do it without your help. Listed below are the names of those who made gifts of \$100 or more to the Chapter during calendar year 2009. Space does not permit us to list all gifts, but please be assured that all gifts are very much appreciated, regardless of the amount. Thank you for your support!

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## Resolutions Adopted by ExCom in January and February, 2010

We re-elected Ken Johanson as Chapter Chair, and approved assignments of officers and issue coordinators for the year. See p.12 of this newsletter. (Jan)

Approval was given to a working draft of a Land-Use Guide, for use by Club leaders in helping people troubled by local land development projects (sometimes called LULUs). Laura

Lynch has been working hard on it. (Jan and Feb)

Ten early political endorsements were approved for Members of Congress facing re-election in June and November, making special note of the critical role of some of New Jersey's Republican Congressman in tipping the balance toward federal legislation to confront Climate Change. (Feb)

# Wildlife Issues Report

By Mary Ellen Shaw, Wildlife Issues Coordinator for our North Jersey Group

All wildlife issues are issues of habitat. Every species on Earth has evolved the ability to live in a particular habitat or, if it is lucky, in multiple habitats. We have developed an understanding of what constitutes a habitat for each species, especially in the last few decades, but there is much we don't know. Animals have made many adaptations, sometimes to extreme conditions, to survive in a habitat. An animal's habitat may include a finite territory, e.g. a particular section of a particular stream, or vast areas of the plains or oceans. Habitat may be seasonal, or may change as an animal matures, or migrates to a breeding ground.

As with "man," no species is an island! All organisms interact in complex dependencies, so habitats overlap to form ecological webs. When we start learning about animals, we start to realize the interdependency of species and at some grand level - all life. Thus, if one thing in the web falls out of balance, the impacts always come back to us.

Many animal habitats interact with that of our species. I remember the first time I observed an eagle; it started me on the path to becoming a birder. Part of the appeal of birding is the moment of discovery, part is learning about the complexities of life for each species, sometimes even a particular individual. I believe that we have an innate appreciation or fascination with wild creatures.

What of human impact upon animals? Many animals have successfully adapted to our presence - whether or not we have wanted them to do so. Some have even become dependent upon us. Many animals have not, and are declining toward extinction.

## Wildlife issues of greatest concern:

1. Habitat damage, alteration, loss and fragmentation e.g. rainforest losses.
2. Global warming - changing habitats

e.g. polar bears, walruses, narwhales.

3. Illegal wildlife trade- in some cases funding mobsters and terrorists.

4. Over-hunting, over-fishing, pet trade, over-collecting - e.g. horseshoe crabs.

5. Pollution (poisoning) by mining activities, prescription drug-dumping, etc.

6. Invasive, nuisance, exotic and feral species e.g. pythons in the Everglades.

7. Disease and parasites e.g. Asian long horned beetle.

8. Human harassment e.g. ATV use. 9. Loss of water / food resources e.g. development, farming.

10. Extremes of climate e.g. the manatees lost in a Florida cold snap.

11. Social attitudes e.g. modern culture vs. Native American.

12. Technology with unintended consequences: e.g. Navy sonar vs. whales.

For a small state, New Jersey has quite an array of wildlife, especially birds. We have many habitat zones - from the Appalachian highlands, to the piedmont, to the farmlands, wetlands, and estuaries of the coastal plain, of which the Pine Barrens are part, to the back bays, coastal dunes and intertidal oceanfront. New Jersey is also on the Atlantic flyway, a great migration route for birds.

I'd like to invite all Club members to a greater appreciation for wild animals; some can be seen in your backyard or on your commute to work. Try to learn what those creatures need to survive. Join and support other organizations that are active specifically in wildlife conservation. Contact politicians and administration officials with your concerns. Also let them know of the NJ Landscape Project Map System that has documented critical habitats statewide, and that should be consulted in all development planning and decisions. This can be viewed at [www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ensp/landscape/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ensp/landscape/). (Contact Mary Ellen Shaw at 201-906-4062)

## Saving the Historic McClellan Old-Growth "Rainbow" Forest in West Orange

By Harold Egehn, a Club member who once lived in what was previously a servants' quarters of the McClellan Estate

From June 1972 to May 1973 I lived in a house located in a majestic wonder-woodland that had a major impact on my life, and is the subject of a book I plan to write.

The 40-plus acres of woodland at 646 Prospect Avenue in West Orange, set upon the Watchung First Mountain, comprise a rare Old-Growth Forest - one of only a few left in the metropolitan area.

The Sierra Club's Essex County Group and its allies have been waging a brave effort to save this small but amazing forest, that is a natural cathedral of inspiration, peace and hope which nourishes the mind, feeds the spirit and rejuvenates all those who enter this sacred space.

In the mid-19th Century the property was owned by George McClellan, a Union Army general during the Civil War and the 1864 Democratic candidate for President. He served as New Jersey's Governor from 1873 to 1881.

In the early 1990s, neighboring Seton Hall Prep clear-cut about half the land, to expand its ball-fields, and did some more work in late 1999. In August of 2007 it applied to West Orange's Zoning Board of Adjustment for additional clearing.

A survey was commissioned in 2002 by the Club's Essex County Group, and

was performed by forest ecologist Bruce Kershner, co-author of the Sierra Club Guide to Ancient Forests of the Northeast. Kershner found 50 trees over 150 years old, including two red oaks that are 240 years old. Great horned owls and red-tailed hawks abound.

I was inspired to map the forest, and name its paths and sections. So there were the Groovy Path, the Gentle Way, the Long and Winding Road, and Abbey Road. Sections included the Guthrie Woods, Earthmother Forest, Lothlorien, the Oscar Wilds, the Whispering Winds Haunts, and the Amazing Meadow.

See the map at right. Behind "Our House" was the Whispering Wind Haunts, a backyard grassy area where we picniced, and where cats X, Y and Fatty Arbuckle, and raccoons roamed and played.

To enter the Rainbow Forest itself we went around the Peter Pan Gate on the paved Happy Road and came to the Oz Fork as the path diverged to the Groovy Way to our left and the Gentle Way to the right. The Groovy Way remained paved for over 100 feet and the Gentle Way less than 100 feet. The original mansion's foundation sat to the right of Happy Road and the Gentle Way.

I loved my home for that special year,

## Solar Panels to Help ETS 'Go Green'

By Gina Carola, Chair of our West Jersey Group - and an ETS employee (ginaceee@verizon.net)

Something 'Green' is going on at the Rosedale and Ewing campuses of the venerable Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, NJ. As this issue of the Sierran goes to press, two buildings at the Rosedale campus in Lawrence Township and one building at the Ewing campus are in the process of being equipped with solar panels. The solar panel installation is part of a larger effort to make ETS a leader in the community as an environmentally friendly business.

Although there is a benefit from a reduction in utility costs, the project, which was initiated and championed by Vice President of Strategic Bidding, Sourcing & Business Resiliency Bruce Gilbertson and CFO Frank Gatti, was not based purely on finances.

"Creating more environmentally friendly buildings through solar power and producing more clean energy than we use is good for the community," says T.J. Elliott, Vice President of Strategic Workforce Solutions.

When asked what his personal views on green energy were, CEO Kurt Landgraf said, "I believe that business is a social institution with a social responsibility. We must recognize that mankind is destroying the environment and we must take steps to protect it." Landgraf also said a variety of energy saving projects have already been completed or are underway. Some of these include computer-based energy management systems for HVAC and lighting equipment that have motion-activated lighting in most offices, energy-saving copiers and water-restricting devices on faucets with solar powered, hands-free operation. New revolving doors on some of the buildings will allow the entrances to be constantly sealed from external elements and enable the buildings to maintain a more constant temperature. According to MIT research, about eight times more air is lost to the outside when using a standard door than when using a revolving door. Tinting has been applied to windows to reduce solar heat load by 47 percent in the summer and reducing heat loss in the winter by 14 percent.

Employees can help too, so they are encouraged to do their part by carpooling, using mass transit or bicycling to work. ETS was recently recognized by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation with a New Jersey Smart Workplaces platinum award. Employees participating get special reserved parking

areas, a chance to win prizes in monthly raffles and mass transit reimbursement for some of their transit expenses.

Landgraf has other 'green' dreams of his own for ETS. He wants an employee awareness program to encourage staff to do as much as they can to save energy and keep the environment clean and healthy. A recycling program is in place along with a healthy living initiative. Over 70 percent of the ETS site is sanctioned as Green Acres land. Walking trails weave through the conservation land and the occupied campus. The Lawrence-Hopewell Trail, a 20-mile recreational trail for commuting and exercise that loops through public and private lands in Lawrence and Hopewell Townships has also been championed by ETS. The trail is still a work in progress, but the segment that runs through the ETS campus is complete. Employees are encouraged to enjoy the trails during lunch or before or after work. The Green Acres land and trails are open to anyone who wants to use them, not just ETS employees.

Landgraf also acknowledges that although the Rosedale Road campus is phenomenal from an environmental standpoint, the beautiful old buildings that sit among the trees and ponds date back to 1958 and are not energy efficient. They are eventually going to be demolished to make way for three new environmentally friendly and highly energy efficient buildings that will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

ETS has always been a progressive and socially responsible corporation so it is not surprising to see the company take a proactive approach to something as important to society as conserving energy, creating their own clean energy and protecting the environment. With the solar panels, ETS expects to reduce its carbon footprint by producing about 10 percent of the electricity that it currently uses. The other energy saving steps being taken will further reduce that footprint and create an environmentally friendly work environment while serving as a shining example to the other businesses in the community. Hopefully, other companies will follow this example by taking their own steps to save energy and reduce their carbon footprints.

Installation of the solar panels began in early January and will be complete by the end of April 2010.

## Land-Use Guide

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ments and developers. Unfortunately, many development proposals violate the rules or are otherwise inappropriate for their proposed locations.

Recent changes in state law have made it possible to build almost anywhere. Those who oppose new development plans are often at a disadvantage, with far less money and fewer other resources than the developers have.

Our Beginner's Guide to Land Use and Preservation in New Jersey describes the many steps a developer must take to get a project approved and how conscientious citizens can ensure that the MLUL is being followed. The guide explains how to protect open space from inappropriate development. It also describes how to gather information, organize, and testify at public hearings.

Because regulations are always changing it is important to follow the web links in this guide for the most up-to-date information.

In the next issue of the Sierran we will explain some of the rules for development and open space protection.



finding it a respite removed from everyday concerns.

(For a much longer version of this article, contact Harold at [HEgehn@webtv.net](mailto:HEgehn@webtv.net). For a previous article on this issue, see the Oct-Dec 2007 issue of the Jersey Sierran.)

*Sustainable Life-style*

# Introduction to Urban Farming and its Various Methods:

By Tamanna Mohapatra, of our Central Jersey Group (tmohapatra@yahoo.com)

Much has been written about the harmful effects of industrial agriculture. One alternative is urban farming, including **roof top farming** (practiced successfully in parts of New York City); **permaculture** - a means of (re)defining ourselves culturally by focusing on a 'consciously designed landscape'; and **CSA: community supported agriculture**, whereby consumers contract with local farms to receive weekly deliveries of produce. There's also **bio-intensive farming**, whose biggest proponent; John Jeavons, talks about giving back to the soil, in return for nutrition, health and tasty food!

The detractions of industrial agriculture include the need for price supports and government subsidies. Additionally there are the health costs of eating highly processed foods, water pollution (by agricultural chemicals), fuel costs (for producing fertilizers and long-distance transportation), and lastly the huge carbon footprint (15-30% of the US total).

By contrast, urban farming has a positive social, ecological and economic bottom line. The technical systems used, including worm composting and aquaponics, are relatively cheap.

**Some sample projects in New Jersey:**  
**CSA:** If you visit [www.localharvest.org/csa/](http://www.localharvest.org/csa/) and enter your zip code, you will be rewarded with a list of local farms that will contract to deliver a box of fresh organic vegetables to you every week. Besides supporting your local urban farm, you will enjoy fresh tastes and

improve your health.

**Northeast Organic Farm Association (NOFA) - NJ:** This organization is one of the better known venues for the organic and sustainable food and farming community. Last year's annual conference was attended by more than 500 farmers, gardeners, educators, policy makers, students and consumers.

An organization called Brighter Planet conducted a Sustainable Cooking Contest last year in Vermont. It brings Americans together to share tips and experiences about reducing their environmental impact in the kitchen. The average American's carbon footprint from food is as big as that of a car or a home.

**Relevant websites:**

- CSA - [www.localharvest.org/csa/](http://www.localharvest.org/csa/)
- Northeast Organic Farm Association ([www.nofa.org](http://www.nofa.org))
- Rutgers University ([www.njfarmfresh.rutgers.edu/archive.html](http://www.njfarmfresh.rutgers.edu/archive.html))
- Bio-intensive farming - [www.johnjeavons.info/workshop-main3.html](http://www.johnjeavons.info/workshop-main3.html)
- Better food habits - [www.michaelpollan.com](http://www.michaelpollan.com)
- Slow food movement ([www.slowfood.com](http://www.slowfood.com))
- Carbon Footprint: [http://attachments.brighterplanet.com/press\\_items/local\\_copies/52/original/carbon\\_foodprint\\_wp.pdf?1264533289](http://attachments.brighterplanet.com/press_items/local_copies/52/original/carbon_foodprint_wp.pdf?1264533289)
- Restaurants like Eno terra ([www.eno-terra.com](http://www.eno-terra.com)) and Namaste café in New Brunswick ([www.namastejuicebar.com/](http://www.namastejuicebar.com/))

# More on the Chapter's Annual Appreciation Day

In addition to honoring Senator Robert Menendez, as reported in the previous Newsletter, annual awards on Nov 22 went to BPU Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso and Raritan Valley Group-member Donald McBride.

Don McBride explained how, as primarily a leader of national Club outings, he had become politicized into activism to counteract a stupid decision, both nationally and in New Jersey, to require clear-cutting of excessively wide swathes under high-voltage power lines. (See his article on p.4 of our Oct-Dec, 2009, issue.) Don conducted research on the practical limits to the need for clearing, and found that the BPU was vastly over-protective. He then provided BPU Commissioner Fiordaliso with technical documents and analysis to convince him the rules needed revision, and helped him successfully champion revision of the BPU's previous ruling to make it more environmentally friendly. The Commissioner, who represents the public on the Board, then told how a mother had contacted him about saving a threatened tree she had planted as a memorial

to a son who had been killed in Iraq.

Commissioner Fiordaliso has been a consistent proponent of balancing the safety and reliability of the electrical grid with environmental concerns. In the initial hearing on the issue he pointed out the value of trees as a carbon sink and aesthetic resource, in light of New Jersey's nickname as the "Garden State". He even evoked Joyce Kilmer's famous poem "Trees". When one utility ignored a Commission letter and continued to cut under the old rules, the Commissioner intervened on behalf of township officials and the Sierra Club and forced them to comply with the new guidelines. He made countless visits to tree cutting sites, meeting with citizens, municipal officials and the utilities to get all sides of the story.

The photographs below show (left to right) Don McBride, Commissioner Fiordaliso, Chapter Chair Ken Johanson, Assemblywoman Linda R. Greenstein (D, 14th District), and Chapter Director Jeff Tittel. Credits for them are due to Meiling Chin, George Fluck and Wynn Johanson.



# Group News

FROM AROUND THE STATE

## HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)

- Skylands Group:** Sussex & northern Warren
- South Highlands Group:** Hunterdon and southern Warren
- North Jersey Group:** Passaic & most of Bergen
- Hudson-Meadowlands Group:** Hudson & SE Bergen
- Essex County Group:** Essex
- Loantaka Group:** Morris & Union
- Central Jersey Group:** Mercer
- Raritan Valley Group:** Somerset & Middlesex
- Jersey Shore Group:** Monmouth
- Ocean County Group:** Ocean
- West Jersey Group:** Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
- South Jersey Group:** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

*These designations are approximate: members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient*

### Skylands Group (formerly Northwest Jersey Group) (Sussex and northern Warren Counties)

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**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/northwest/>

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** On the first Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm, at Sussex Community College, Building D in the Auditorium. Shuttle Bus runs regularly from all parking lot areas.

Please see our website for information on scheduled guest speakers, monthly meeting topics and conservation issues our group is focusing on.

### South Highlands Group (formerly Hunterdon County Group) (Hunterdon and southern Warren Counties and surrounding areas)

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**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/SouthHighlands/>

See us and keep up to date with our Group on Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=53817136187>

**We are now on Facebook!** Now you have two ways to stay updated on our group and events/activities going on! Either go to our Facebook page or get on our email distribution list. Please contact [shighlandssierra@gmail.com](mailto:shighlandssierra@gmail.com) for more information!

Currently we have a variety of fun outings and events planned for our members. The list is constantly being updated. Please see our group Facebook page for information on upcoming activities. On the initiatives front, we are tackling a variety of important issues, but focusing on three major topics: conservation issues, such as preserving open space (a priority in Hunterdon County), protecting our environment, and clean energy / energy conservation. GET INVOLVED!

**MEETINGS, OUTINGS, and EVENTS:**

Make sure to check our Facebook page for the updates and the latest and greatest on Meetings, Outings, and Events for members and non-members! For information on any of the events, please contact us at [shighlandssierra@gmail.com](mailto:shighlandssierra@gmail.com).

Meetings are held at the New Jersey Water Supply Authority Annex, 1851 State Rte 31, Clinton 08809. Please check our Facebook page for meeting updates as dates and loca-

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## GROUP NEWS

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tion are subject to change - For more information please e-mail Greg Nelson at shighlandssierra@gmail.com.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Meetings start at 7pm on the **first Wednesday** of every month.

### GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meeting Topics:

- April - Earth Day Organic Gardening
- May - Endangered Species or Bats
- June - Hunterdon/Warren Wildlife - "Local wildlife and their environments"
- September - Energy
- October - Winter Birds
- November - Fall Harvests

### OUTINGS:

(Please RSVP - David English, dgenglish@hotmail.com - Put "Sierra Club Outing" in Subject Line when reserving)

- April 16, 12-2pm - Hike, Columbia Trail - Starting High Bridge
- May 29, 9am-12Noon - Bicycling, Stockton to Frenchtown (Round Trip)
- June 27, 1-3pm - Crystal Springs, in Teetertown Preserve (Tewksbury)

**We are in need of hike leaders** - if you are interested, please contact David English, dgenglish@hotmail.com - Put "Sierra Club Hike Leader" in the Subject Line)

### WHERE WE WILL BE:

We are anxiously awaiting our 2010 tabling events to be lined up. We will start around Earth Day in April and Continue into the Fall season!  
Please check our Facebook page for an up-to-date schedule of our events.

### CURRENT ISSUES:

#### Franklin Township Truck Depot

A 191 acre truck depot has been proposed for farmland about one half mile from Route 173 on Bloomsbury Road parallel to the Musconetcong River, a designated Wild and Scenic protected waterway. The proposed truck hub and depot include:

- 6 warehouses measuring 1.44 million square feet
- 2891 parking spots, 851 for Trucks & Loading docks, and 2040 Autos
- Roads and parking lots throughout the acreage
- An additional 700 to 1000 truck trips per day over rural roads

Construction of this depot would lead to increased pollution of the Musconetcong, increased air pollution for residents in Franklin Township and surrounding communities, and noise pollution. This will destroy pristine environmental areas that are within the Conservation Area of the Highlands Plan.

#### Spruce Run Office Building

Construction of a new three story, 10,000 square foot office building adjacent to the Spruce Run Reservoir in the strictly protected Highlands Preservation Area of the Township will degrade water quality in the Spruce Run Reservoir and two major water supply intakes in the area, and create a loophole for future development.

The building would be situated on Lot 3, Block 68, near Echo Lane in the northernmost part of the Township. That area is now zoned RC (Rural Conservation), but under the agreement would become OB-1 (Office Business). The proposed three story building will be sandwiched between Spruce Run State Park property on its northerly boundary and the nearby New Jersey Water Supply Authority property to the south and west.

#### Millford Mill Cleanup

Georgia Pacific and International Paper have stepped up to the plate to take responsibility in the clean-up of the Mill prior to the designation by the EPA of the Mill as a superfund site. What this means is still unclear and the effort the companies will put forth will still have to be seen. The community advisory group will remain active overseeing the project. We are hoping that the project will lead to an environment clean and safe for the residents. As well, we do hope the site is used for something benefiting the community - whatever it may be.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Ever think about volunteering? Do you enjoy the outdoors and/or want to help protect our environment and open space in New Jersey? Do something about it! Join us to work on important environmental issues facing Hunterdon and Warren Counties, New Jersey, the United States, and the World. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** Contact our group (shighlandssierra@gmail.com) to learn more about the Sierra Club and to join our Group.

## North Jersey Group

(Bergen, Passaic and northern Morris Counties, approximately)

### OFFICERS:

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<b>Program Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
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<b>Wildlife Issues:</b>	Mary Ellen Shaw	201-906-4062	

**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/North>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Held four times a year. For more information, please contact Betsy or Mike (above).

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Begin at 7:30 pm; dates and locations below. Please contact Betsy (above) to make sure the program is on as planned. Sign up for e-mail notices at <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-NORTH-JERSEY-NEWS.html>

**Apr:** date, place and program TBA.

**May 18:** at Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood: a program on water issues that will include the film "Flow" about the worldwide trend to privatize water resources and its impact.

**CONSERVATION ISSUES:** To find out more or tell us about an issue, contact Mike, Tom or Betsy (above).

(1) The proposed 1,196-unit Tuxedo Reserve in the Ramapo River watershed upstream in NY threatens to degrade the drinking water for 2.3 million New Jerseyans. If built, this development would drastically alter the landscape (massive tree clearing, bulldozing, rock blasting), destroy critical habitat for reptile and amphibian species (notably the 'threatened' timber rattlesnake), fragment the regional forest, and double the town of Tuxedo's population. During hearings last fall, the supplemental EIS was shown to be full of errors. We await Related Companies' responses.

(2) Bad news for the NJ Highlands - and the over 65% of New Jerseyans who depend on it for their drinking water: PSE&G has received BPU approval to build the 500kV Susquehanna-Roseland 45-mile transmission line with new 190-foot towers - a dirty coal project that will pollute Highlands water, damage forests and slopes, and spoil the views. Because the power lines will cut through the Delaware Water Gap and Appalachian Trail, the National Park Service is undertaking an EIS. Please write your concerns to the NPS by March 5, 2010!

Meanwhile the Highlands are facing other threats: funding for the Highlands Protection Fund has been frozen. And the planned Tennessee Gas Pipeline is to cut through 230 acres that contain C1 streams, exceptional resource wetlands, critical habitat, and conservation priority lands.

(3) The Hackensack River's vegetative riparian corridors north of Route 4 should remain undisturbed: they are essential for habitat, flood control and the health of the river. Bulldozing them for a paved pathway would harm the fragile ecosystem in the heart of this watershed where the Northern Harrier, Black-crowned and Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Osprey, and foraging Eagles have been observed.

(4) Still under threat: Soldier Hill wetlands in Paramus containing the headwaters of a C1 brook that flows into the Oradell Reservoir; open space in Clifton at Latteri Park and Schultheis Farm; and parkland in the Overpeck County Park (Leonia), slated for a park-and-ride lot and new roadway.

**TRAIL MAINTENANCE:** If you'd like to help maintain a hiking trail and can commit to do this at least once a year, please contact Marty Cohen (above).

**RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES:** Leave your used cartridges in the window box by the exit door at Whole Foods Market, 905 River Road, Edgewater, 8am to 10pm daily. No rebuilt ones, please. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** To find out how you can help with outings, meetings, conservation issues, environmental justice, or in other ways, please contact a group officer (above).

## Hudson-Meadowlands Group

(Hudson County and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgefield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

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<b>Political Chair:</b>	Janet Glass*		
<b>Fundraising Chair:</b>			
<b>Cool Cities Chair:</b>	Helen Manogue*	201-963-3511	
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	Steve Lanset*		slanset@hotmail.com
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**MEETINGS:** The Hudson-Meadowlands Group holds their meetings during the last week of each month. Please contact the Secretaries, Judith or Ruth for more information about the next meetings and/or check out our web page: [http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Hudson/njs\\_hudson.asp](http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Hudson/njs_hudson.asp). Our Open Meeting in February featured two speakers on evolution and habitat: Janet Glass on her National Geographic Charles Darwin tour of the Galapagos and Alison Evans-Fragale speaking about our very own monk parakeets of Edgewater. Also look for our table at Liberty State Park on Earth Day.

**CONSERVATION ISSUES:** We focus on issues need our immediate attention and stay with them until they are resolved - for the good of the environment, we hope! The most important issues facing us are saving open space on the Hudson River shore and protecting the glorious New Jersey Palisades south of the George Washington Bridge. **Get involved in the fight to save some of this last open space in Hudson County.** To find out how you can take some action call Jodi or Helen. We continue to support the **Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs.** The Coalition has filed a lawsuit against a development for a proposed Walgreens, Starbucks and Bank of America which will cut significantly into the Palisades and violates the New Jersey Steep Slopes law. Please contact them at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/Coalition-to-Preserve-the-Palisades-Cliffs>. **If you wait any longer it may be too late! Make a difference in your community... get involved, take action!**

*We are also opposed to a 256-unit development proposed on the last parcel of open space on the Hudson River in North Bergen.* The oversized residential plan's application was "denied without prejudice" at a Hudson County Planning Board meeting in

October which means they can bring it back at any time. The plan is still before the Town of North Bergen Planning Board and we continue to attend these meetings to dispute the application. As planned this development will cause many traffic issues on an already congested roadway plagued with flooding problems and it will destroy the view of the Hudson River for many current residents. We would like to see this space become permanent parkland as it had been designated in the Hudson County Master Plan. We feel that it is much needed open space in this urban environment.

### Essex County Group

web-site: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Essex/>. Or click from the NJ Chapter's web-site.

**OFFICERS:** The Essex Group is in reorganization. To facilitate this, the Chapter Executive Committee has assigned mediators to help rebuild and strengthen the Group. Essex members will receive a postcard giving the time and place of a reorganization meeting. Questions? Contact Joan Denzer: [jdenzer73@yahoo.com](mailto:jdenzer73@yahoo.com).

**ACTIVITIES:** Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the Second Watchung Mountain (known as the West Essex Highlands) in West Orange as open space. Also working to preserve a five-acre forested tract in West Orange and an ancient forest on Gov. McClellan's former estate. Contact Sally Malanga at 973-736-7397 or [sally@eccobella.com](mailto:sally@eccobella.com) or Linda Stiles at 973-736-2224 or [birdlady07052@msn.com](mailto:birdlady07052@msn.com) if you want to get involved.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are free and open to the public. They usually take place on TUESDAYS, from 7 to 9pm, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave, in Roseland. Contact Walt Goldenbaum ([goldenb1@optonline.net](mailto:goldenb1@optonline.net) or 973-925-8662) for general information.

### Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

The website address for the Loantaka group: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>

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If you might be interested in getting involved, come to one of our Executive Committee Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and get to know us. Or come to one of our General Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

To find out our activities, go to: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>

To join our e-mailing list, go to: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St, Chatham.

All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St, Chatham.

Come learn something new and make some new friends. We'd welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves. Please see the schedule, below, and join us!

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions are posted on our website : <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**Apr 14: The Environmental Impact of Population Growth in India.** Bonnie Tillery, who recently went on a Sierra Club trip to India, will give a presentation on the environmental impact of population growth

**May 12:** Dennis Anderson will present a slide show on Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Part of the presentation will be spent describing Fiji history, botany and stories of why the Fijians became cannibals. Find out about hunting wild boar in the Fiji jungles and white water rafting there today. Dennis has some Fiji war clubs to show and explain.

**June 9:** Eric Hausker will show segments of CNN's "Planet in Peril, a CNN Worldwide Investigation." "Planet in Peril" was filmed in 13 countries, uncovering places where environmental change is not a theory or a future forecast, but a crisis happening in real time. Featured are CNN anchor Anderson Cooper, CNN's chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta and Animal Planet host and wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin.

**ACTIVITIES:** (Consult our website (<http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>) for more information.)

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and

to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome. Call Paul (908-233-2414) or Eric (732-669-0719).

### Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County and neighboring towns in adjoining counties)

Website: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central>.

Please visit our online calendar via our website for conservation news, meetings, event details and last-minute announcements.

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*We need you!* Want to help out? Thinking of becoming involved? Opportunities abound. Open positions: Conservation Chair, Publicity, Secretary, Treasurer, Recycling, Events and Outreach. Try volunteering for a few hours or an event! Please contact Terry or Leona.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** All Sierra Club members are invited to find out what's happening in Central Group and to help make things happen too! Please contact Terry.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Our meetings are held from 7:30 to 9pm (pre-meeting social at 7) on the THIRD TUESDAY at the Whisk and Spoon meeting room of Whole Foods Market, Windsor Green Shopping Center, Rte 1 South, Princeton. No general meeting in July, August and December; special event in January.

**April 20 (Tue):** Rain Barrels. Don't let the spring rains go to waste! Save money on water bills, help prevent basement flooding, control pollution and reduce storm water runoff in local rivers and streams. Middlesex County Master Gardener April Lippert-Faczak will have a wonderful slide show and discuss how rain barrels can be constructed and used to harvest rain water and benefit the environment.

**May 18 (Tue):** Travel to the South Pacific. Dennis Anderson, [dennisaza@aol.com](mailto:dennisaza@aol.com) Chair of the Jersey Shore Group will present his slide show on Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. The remainder of the time will be spent describing Fiji history, botany, stories of  
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## GROUP NEWS

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why the Fijians became cannibals. Also, hunting wild boar in the Fiji jungles and white water rafting today. Dennis has some Fiji war clubs to show and explain.

**June 15 (Tue):** India is on track to overtake China as the most populous country on Earth. Hear Bonnie Tillery, the NJ Population Issues Coordinator speak about her recent Sierra Club study trip to India and the efforts being taken to slow population growth there.

**CENTRAL GROUP SERVICE ACTIVITIES for Earth Day Week: Important: For details, updates and new events visit the Central Group online calendar accessed from the Central Group website.** ALWAYS check for cancellations, etc. We would appreciate your support on any of the service events planned for this 40th Anniversary of Earth Day! Please volunteer your time. Complete details are in The Jersey Sierran Outings Section.

**Apr 18 (Sun): Earth Day Week – Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join us for a day of service collecting trash from Cherry Tree Lane to Millstone.

**Apr 22 (Thurs): Earth Day Hike and Cleanup at Mercer County Park (Mercer Co). 10am.** 5 miles, easy pace. We'll pick up trash along macadam and woods trails.

**Apr 24 (Sat): Earth Day Week!! Land Cleanup in Assunpink Wildlife Management Area (Monmouth Co). 10am.** Service day with NJ Sierra Central and the Princeton Ski Club. Cleanup ends 12:30pm. Option for late lunch at La Piazza Ristorante.

**Apr 25 (Sun): Earth Day Week – Canoe/Kayak the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join Friends for the Marsh and the NJ Sierra Central Group. We'll paddle the Marsh while we pick up trash on the way to Roebling Park.

**Apr 25 (Sun): Earth Day Week – Tree Planting (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join the NJ Sierra Central Group and NJ Community Water Watch and participate in this "green" event by planting 25+ trees that have been made available through the NJ Tree Foundation.

**Outings (see The Jersey Sierran Outings Section for details): There are Central Group outings on the following days: Apr 11, Apr 21, May 9, May 15, May 19, May 23, May 30, June 7, June 11, Jun 14, June 26, and June 27. .**

**NJ-CENTRAL-NEWS:** You can receive infrequent e-mail reminders of meetings and events and occasional notices of local import. Just send an email message to Membership Chair Don Carlo at: [documentsdon@gmail.com](mailto:documentsdon@gmail.com)

### Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties and surrounding areas)

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**WEBSITE:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/>

Please see the website for news of meetings. We need members to keep us informed of environmental concerns in their communities. So please come out and meet with us during the next few months.

If you can't attend our meetings, then try to attend your town's planning/zoning board or land use board meetings. If you are aware of any large development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, PLEASE come to a meeting and tell us about it. If you can't make a meeting, please give us a call. We rely on our members to keep us informed and strongly encourage members to attend their town Land Use or Planning/Zoning meetings.

### Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

**Web Site:** <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/JerseyShore/>

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#### Shore Group Happenings:

The Shore Group is working on getting Green Teams formed in all the towns in our area. These teams help towns to become more sustainable and thereby increase our quality of life. We are working with the Sustainable Jersey program which gives points to towns for forming Green Teams. Contact Lois Blake ([lqblake@optonline.net](mailto:lqblake@optonline.net)) if you want us to help you with your green team. See [www.SustainableJersey.org](http://www.SustainableJersey.org) for more info. It's a great program!

Along with Monmouth University, we are in the process of forming a coalition of all the towns on the Whale Pond Brook watershed. Our goal is to clean the watershed and keep it clean by educating the surrounding towns about fertilizers, integrated pest management and storm water run-off. Our first project on the watershed is to help build a rain garden in Long Branch with the Long Branch Environmental Commission.

**SPECIAL EVENT: Apr 10 at 8pm:** Would you like to spend a leisurely evening talking to like-minded friends? Come to our "Sustainability Salon at the Shore." Meet your fellow activists for fine wine and good conversation. Contact Faith Teitelbaum [faithtei@aol.com](mailto:faithtei@aol.com) if you would like to come. All are welcome! Where: The shore in Long Branch Contribution: \$10.

**Help Needed:** If you would like to participate in cleanups of our local waterways, please contact Laura Bagwell at [l.bagwell3@verizon.net](mailto:l.bagwell3@verizon.net). In this vital effort, our Group joins forces with the Navesink Swimming River Group which since 2002 has removed more than 40,000 pounds of debris from our local banks and streams.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held at 8pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month - except in July, August and December - at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft (please check the congregation's website for directions (<http://www.uucmc.org/where-we-are.htm>) or use Google or MapQuest). Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For additional directions or information, please contact Dennis Anderson or Faith Teitelbaum (above), or visit our web site at <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/JerseyShore/>.

**April 26:** Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action at Sandy Hook, and COA attorney David Byer will analyze how a **federal approval for a liquid natural gas (LNG) terminal** in the Gulf of Mexico could affect the applications by several companies to build three LNG facilities in the Atlantic Ocean off the NJ and NY coastlines. COA criticized the federal approval that said US reliance on imported fuels would be reduced by the Florida facility, which COA quickly pointed out will receive only imported LNG.

**May 24:** The NY/NJ Baykeeper's Executive Director, Deborah Mans, will discuss major challenges in **protecting the region's Hudson and Raritan estuaries**, which includes 150 species of fish and shellfish and 330 bird species, from the pollutants of 15 million people in the region. Last year, the 20-year-old group joined two other conservation groups to sue National Lead and other organizations to make them clean up toxic wastes in the Raritan River. In addition to advocacy, the Baykeeper has an active oyster restoration program.

**June 28:** We plan outdoor fare this month at **Sandy Hook**, with a trail cleanup at 5 pm and a pot luck family picnic by the lighthouse at 6 pm. Children are most welcome. At 7 pm, National Park Historian Tom Hoffman will discuss the history of Sandy Hook in the Lighthouse Keepers Museum. For 30 years, Tom has been gathering information - from when Henry Hudson dropped anchor in Sandy Hook bay in 1609, through the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and during the evolution of coastal defenses in the 20th Century.

### Ocean County Group

**Website:** [www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean](http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean)

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Generally held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at the Ocean County Library.

**ACTIVITIES & ISSUES:** We're hard at work: Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and off the Jersey Coast, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting Mountain Top Removal, watching the progress of legislation resulting from the International Copenhagen meeting on Global Warming and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We've also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues with special emphasis on the massive "over-development" of Jackson Township and Lakewood. We're also involved in the campaigns to create a new park at "Anchor Reef" on Barnegat Bay and to stop "nitrogen pollution" of the Bay. Protecting the Ocean County Hiking Trail in Lacey. We're watching the progress of the first Wind Turbine erected in the County which resides in Ocean Gate. We're also involved in creating a greener and sustainable environment in Ocean County.

Volunteers are needed to help with these all issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fund-raising and a computer-based voter education program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about our activities and events, please visit our **WEBSITE:** [www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean](http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean).

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS:** General Meetings are held bi-monthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the "Skywalk Cafe" in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. See our Web Site (above) for directions.

**April 17 (Sat):** Please mark your calendars for our 5th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEAN UP in Toms River. This is our opportunity to highlight the need for legislation to stop the trash going into our waterways. Meeting place for this event will be on the Marshall's side of the "Seacourt Pavilion". We will meet in the side parking lot at 9:30am for coffee and bagels. To join us in our efforts to clean up Long Swamp Creek, please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6340.

**June 26 (Sat):** Our 5th Annual CANOE and KAYAK TRIP. We plan to canoe either down the Batsto or Mullica River. Please check our web site for further details. Please bring lunch and sunscreen. To register please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6340.

**West Jersey Group**

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

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- Outings Chair:** *Open position! Call Gina to volunteer. . 856-848-8831*

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month, September thru May at the Quaker Meeting Hall on Friends Ave in Haddonfield.

**Directions:** From I-295, take exit 34B onto Rte 70 West. Follow the signs for Rte 41 South, which is Kings Hwy (you will have to exit to the right into a jug handle and then turn left onto Rte 41 (Kings Hwy). Cross over Rte 70 and you will be briefly on Rte 154 (Brace Rd). Make the next right and then the next left onto Kings Hwy. After about 1 mile, you will cross Grove Rd (Indian King Tavern is on the right corner). After crossing Grove Rd, go two more blocks and turn right on to Friends Ave. Go one block to the Meeting House. Park in the lot next to the Meeting House and enter the auditorium through the doors on the right side of the building. Do not go into the Meeting House.

**Apr 14:** Andy Kushner, Watershed Ambassador for the Lower Delaware Region will present "Healthy Streams, Healthy People".

**May 12:** This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Come watch a new DVD of footage of this amazing place and listen to an update from Julia Shaw of the Alaska Wilderness League.

The West Jersey Group does not meet June through August. Please join us on a hike or paddle trip. See you in September!

**South Jersey Group**

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

**OFFICERS:**

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- Membership Chair:** *Open Position!*
- Secretary/Treasurer:** Julie Akers 856-697-3479 julie\_akers@hughes.net

[Enclose in a BOX:] The Cape May County Conservation Committee hosts bi-monthly educational presentations at the Arc of Cape May administrative building: 822 Rte 47 in South Dennis. Our get-togethers are 7-8:30pm, each with a guest speaker covering an environmental topic ranging from wind power and solar power to aquifers and habitat. The Chair is Douglas Jewell, 5 Timber Lane, Swainton 08210-1462 (e-mail jewell-rea@comcast.net, cell phone 609-780-7129), or call Vilma Pombo at 609-465-3565. Look for our meeting notices in the CMC Herald. [End box]

The central conservation issue, for which the South Jersey Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of those few officers who remain active both within the Sierra Club and in the Watershed Association (GEHWA) that "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we once scheduled. For now, we'll continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. We strongly recommend GEHWA's website for keeping up with local issues, and for links to many other local, regional, state and national environmental organizations: www.gehwa.org. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meetings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.

**Current Issues:** Two Cape May County campaigns to prevent the use of tropical rainforest wood for rebuilding oceanfront boardwalks, in Ocean City and Wildwood, are being led by Georgina Shanley [shanleyg2001@yahoo.com]. Club officers and staff have been following closely the several studies seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey, with the hope that findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) who authorize development. Other hot issues include damage done to sand trails by ATVs, a campaign to promote Community Solar (photovoltaic) installations (especially in each municipality in Atlantic County), and support for a New Jersey Bottle Bill, known as the Smart Container Act.

**Some Possibly Relevant Meetings of Allied Organizations:**

**Apr 15, May 19 and June 17, 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks:** Monthly meetings of Friends of the Parks, a group which works to improve and promote the Atlantic County Park System. All are welcome. Warren Fox Nature Center (WFNC\*), Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor, Milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50, 3½ miles south of Mays Landing. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

**Apr 21 and June 16, 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council:** Representatives of the 12 municipalities discuss river management strategies. Open to the public. WFNC\*. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

**Apr 25, 10am – 4pm: ACUA 2010 Earth Day Festival.** Annual free public event at the Atlantic Co. Utilities Authority's Haneman Envl. Park, Delilah Rd, Egg Harbor Twp. Many activities for children, but also booths offering solar, wind and geothermal energy solutions. Tours of the ACUA's wind and solar farms, and its recycling center. Visit www.acua.com.

**Apr 27, 7pm:** Special members' meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assn, open to the public. The annual Belinda Irizarry Memorial Award will be bestowed. WFNC\*. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

**May 1, 10am – 5pm: Wheaton Arts Eco-Fair:** a community open house that is free, supported by the Cumberland Co. Improvement Authority. Exhibitors and presenters will offer resources, products and advice for living healthier and more sustainable lives. Call Wheaton Arts (1-800-998-4552) or use www.wheatonarts.org. 1501 Glasstown Rd, Millville 08332.

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**Become active in one of your Group's conservation campaigns! Attend a Group meeting! Meetings offer interesting speakers and topics, nice fellow-members, and usually food!**

## GROUP NEWS

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**May 12, 6:30 pm:** Bi-monthly meeting of **Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River** and its Tributaries: Meeting place: Gant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street. Cumberland County development issues are commonly discussed, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Renee Brecht (CU) at 856-305-3238 or rbrecht.cumaurice@yahoo.com. Website: www.cumauriceriver.org.

**May 25, time and location TBA:** Bimonthly members meeting of the **Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assn**, open to the public. The annual "Hike for Frogs" will take place at a local vernal pond in the watershed. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

### Singles Section

(A chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanups, social gatherings, meetings, etc.)

Please join us! The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them - if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

Webpage address: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Singles/>

The BEST way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv. Anyone may subscribe by going to: <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html> and clicking on "Join or leave the list." You may subscribe and unsubscribe at will; directions on how to unsubscribe are at the bottom of each announcement. We recommend joining the listserv as some events are advertised only by email. If you prefer not to receive email, you may view an archive of all prior messages at <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html>.

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**Volunteer Opportunities:** We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed for the positions of: hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including social event planners. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We're happy to help you learn the ropes.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, speakers, and letter-writing at the Chatham Library (214 Main St). Dates and topics will be announced on our listserv; see above for subscription information.

**ExCom MEETINGS** take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

#### SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

**SOCIAL DINNER: FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner in Morristown at the Famished Frog. RSVP required; join our listserv for further details.

**SOCIAL DINNER: THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner in a Montclair restaurant. Location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required to jkhaddad@juno.com or 973-364-7573 option # 4.

**Consider volunteering with the Cool Cities Campaign.** The message and method of empowering groups to manage carbon dioxide emissions are relevant for public and private school systems, nonprofit community operations, etc. in New Jersey. Volunteers with diverse skills and contacts are important for environmental success. Sign on now. Want to promote the Cool Cities goals but have limited free time? Contact Terry Stimpfel at terystimb@hotmail.com with your ideas and to learn about short duration assignments.

#### HIKES:

Please join our listserv to receive notification of our outings See above for instructions on how to subscribe to the listserv.

### Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section

(A chapter-wide special interest section which offers a monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, dinner get-togethers and other functions intended for those members over fifty). In addition, a monthly Buy & Sell newsletter is sent out to members in which they can list items they are searching for or want to buy, at no charge.

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues.

We work through a "List Serve," by which members learn about current environmental issues, and how they can be supported.

Arline Zatz is the editor of the Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section. She can be reached at azatz@funtravels.com. and invites members to check her web site at [www.funtravels.com](http://www.funtravels.com) for trips and travel information.

### Young Sierrans

(A special interest section for Sierra Club Members in their 20's & 30's, providing Socials and Outings to inspire a sense of community, appreciation for the environment, and involvement in preserving our future. Many events are open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status, so whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)

Web site: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans/>

#### YOUNG SIERRAN COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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<b>Outings Chair: (South Jersey)</b>	<i>Open Position! Please Contact Us!</i>	

We need Young Sierran Outing Leaders for all areas, but extra especially for the Northern and South Jersey areas. We will help you step-by-step through the training process to properly lead hikes and outdoor activities. Reimbursement, insurance and guidance are provided under the Sierra Club's membership. If interested contact Chair or Young Sierran Coordinator at [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com)

**EVENTS:** Volunteers for events throughout New Jersey wanted. Meet great people in your area! Publicity provided. Contact Coordinator at [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com) for information.

All Events will be announced via The Young Sierrans' E-Mail List Serve. To be put on it, send an e-mail to [YoungSierrans@yahoo.com](mailto:YoungSierrans@yahoo.com) with subject heading "Young Sierrans E-Mail List" - or to subscribe directly go to <http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-YOUNG-SIERRANS-NEWS.html>. Events for 20's only are available for those wanting to volunteer to host 20's only events. Young Sierran Event Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

### Sierra Student Coalition

(a semi-autonomous organization of college and high-school students)

National Website: <http://www.ssc.org/>

### Inner City Outings Section

(another Chapter-wide special interest activity with the motto: No Child Left Inside!)

#### OFFICERS:

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Inner City Outings is a community outreach program, providing wilderness adventures for city youth of New Jersey. Volunteer certified outings leaders conduct outings (generally day-trips) mostly on weekends. If you would like to experience the rewards of introducing inner-city youth to the wonders of nature, your involvement is encouraged and you are requested to contact Marty at the above e-mail address. To learn more, visit our webpage at <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/>.

#### YOU HAVE MORE TO GIVE THAN YOU KNOW

Maybe you can't make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to a special Club program or to the New Jersey Chapter.

For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter call George Denzer at 609-799-5839.



# Outings

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**Outing Leaders:** Please send July-September 2010 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before May 1. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our quarterly publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierran, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

**Note:** If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Group Outings Coordinator instead of directly to the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

**Group Outings Coordinators:** Please submit your July-September trip write-ups by May 5.

**NOTES ON OUTINGS:** In general, all Outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. ALL participants must sign liability waivers on ALL outings sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the event description specifically includes bringing pets.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety, welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment,

routes to be followed, and special precautions to be taken. Please arrive adequately prepared and equipped. If you have any allergies, please remember to bring your medication. The leader has the final word in the conduct of the trip. Your cooperation will help assure a safe and pleasant outing.

Please arrive early at the meeting place so that the outing can start on time. For day hikes, lunch, water (at least a liter), extra clothing, rain gear, and emergency equipment should be carried in a small daypack. For all except easy hikes, sturdy over-the-ankle shoes or boots should be worn. For most trips, you are expected to have your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers -check the yellow pages or call the trip leader. If the weather is questionable on the date of the outing, you may assume that it will take place, unless the schedule indicates otherwise.

Unless registration is required, such as for weekend trips or river tours, or if you have a question about the outing, it is not necessary to contact the leader before the trip. Do not call to join a trip after the posted deadline date. When phoning a leader, please honor his or her requested calling times and call 3 to 5 days before the outing. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) when writing to a leader. On popular trips, Sierra Club members will be given preference.

Watercraft trips let you experience the unspoiled parts of our region, but water safety does impose special require-

ments. The size and skill of each party must be appropriate to each river, so participation in each trip must be at the discretion of the leader. We ask you to register at least one week in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest assessment of your paddling experience, whether you need or can offer a ride, your phone number, and any questions you may have. You will receive a description of the trip, with directions, where you can rent a canoe, and what you will need to bring. Almost all trip leaders can arrange for partners to share a canoe if you will be coming by yourself. Unless stated otherwise: rental canoes are available, trips do not require advanced paddling skill or exceptional physical conditioning, public transportation is not available, non-members may participate, and responsible smokers are welcome.

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in becoming an Outing Leader or have suggestions for new outings, contact your Group Outings Chair or the Chapter Outings Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Group contributing each outing is given at the end of the write-up, as follows:

(C) Central Jersey	(JS) - Jersey Shore
(L) - Loantaka	(N) - North Jersey
(NW) - Northwest Jersey	(S) - South Jersey
(W) - West Jersey	(NJ) - NJ Chapter
(H) - Hudson	(RV) - Raritan Valley
(IC) - Inner City Outings	(RT) - River Touring
(E) - Essex County	(ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter Outings Comm.

## APRIL

**Apr 4 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the N. Branch Rancocas River (Burlington Co). 9:30 am.** We'll look for the "Easter Bunny" as we paddle 10 miles from Pemberton to Mt. Holly. Wear your "bunny ears"! Meet at the Vincentown Diner, Rtes 206/38 - arrive early for breakfast!! Rentals are not available. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**Apr 10 (Sat): Black River, Chester (Morris Co). 10am.** This hike will cover 7 miles in 3-4 hours in moderately hilly terrain in a picturesque venue along the Black River. No pets. Hiking boots and a day pack with water are required. After the hike we will have lunch at a rustic local tavern and restaurant. Registration required: email the leader Jimi Oleksiak: the\_hikist@mac.com.

**Apr 11 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh and Tour the Watson House (Mercer Co). 10am.** Join us for an 8-mile round trip from Bordentown Beach to Watson Woods in Roebing Park. We'll have lunch and then tour the fine stone house built by Isaac Watson in 1708, recognized as the oldest house in Mercer County. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**Apr 14 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek (Ocean Co). 9am.** We'll paddle 13 miles from Cedar's headwaters at Bamber Lake to Dudley Park. This is an all day trip for experienced Pines paddlers; expect downfalls. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**Apr 17 (Sat): Earth Day Celebration at the Essex County Environmental Center 10am.** Come help us celebrate Earth Day at the Essex County Environmental Center : 621 B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ. We will meet at the center at 10A.M. and work till 3 P.M. Come for a couple of hours or all day volunteering in various ways. Leaders: Ron Pate at ronpate31@verizon.net and Dave Ogens at Bandit29@aol.com.

**Apr 18 (Sun): Earth Day Week - Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join us for a Global Day of Service during Earth Day Week. We'll tow a "canoe barge" to collect trash from Cherry Tree Lane to the Millstone Aqueduct - 10 miles. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Trash bags provided. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**Apr 18 (Sun): Social Hike. Ralph Stover State Park (PA), 8:30am.** 7-8 miles at moderate pace. Be prepared for rock scramble and steep climbs for spectacular views of the Tohickon Creek. Hiking boots required and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Crown Plaza (formerly Hilton Hotel) rear parking area, Rte 70, Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Or meet at Ralph Stover St. Park near the bridge on Tohickon Hill Rd. in Pt. Pleasant PA at 10am. Leader: Paul Serdiuk: 609-462-3593 evenings only, or pis1@cccj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

**Apr 21 (Wed): Earth Day Week - Hike the D&R Canal. 10am.** 6 miles, easy pace. In 1892, John Muir and other supporters formed the Sierra Club "to make the mountains glad." Muir was born in 1838 and today we're celebrating his birthday with a hike from Bulls Island to Prallsville Mill where we'll have lunch before returning to Bulls Island. Bring lunch, snacks and beverage. Leashed dogs welcome! Co-leaders: Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com, and Terry S (terystimb@hotmail.com). (C)

**Apr 22 (Thurs): Earth Day Hike and Cleanup at Mercer County Park. 10am.** 5 miles, easy pace. Join us on the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day and participate in Sierra's Day of Service. We'll pick up trash along macadam and woods trails. Meet at the Boat Marina parking lot; accessible from Hughes Dr. or Edinburg Rd. Bring gloves. Trash bags provided. Bring lunch and beverage. Leashed dogs welcome. Co-Leaders: Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com, and Terry S terystimb@hotmail.com. (C)

**Apr 24 (Sat): Earth Day Week! Land Cleanup in Assumpink Wildlife Management Area (Monmouth Co). 10am.** Join our Central Jersey Group and the Princeton Ski Club for a "day of service" to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day! Bring gloves and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Trash bags provided. Cleanup ends 12:30 pm. Rain or shine! Meet at the Assumpink WMA Conservation Center. GPS Coordinates: N40 12.253 W74 30.136 Option for late lunch at La Piazza Ristorante, Allentown. Co-Leaders: Leona Fluck, leona@pineypaddlers.com, 609-259-3734, or Joanne Pannone (cell 609-977-8222) or Bob Sandberg (cell 732-241-7757). (C)

**Apr 24 (Sat): B 4-5 B+ - Pyramid Mountain (Morris Co), 10am.** This will be a 4-5 mile loop hike past Tripod Rock using a variety of trails. Hiking boots are a MUST! There is quite a bit of elevation change and significant climbing. See the Morris County Parks website <http://www.morrisparks.net/aspparks/pyrmtmain.asp> for directions and info. Bring lots of water and a light snack. Optional lunch at a local eatery afterward if we get done in time. Meet in the Visitor's Center parking lot. Inclement weather cancels. No pets please. Joint ADK-NJ and Sierra Club hike. Leaders: Jeffrey Sovelove (Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com) and Lee Ousley (Ousleycl@mindspring.com).

**Apr 24 (Sat): Blauvelt Parks: Piermont-South Nyack NY. 10am.** Strenuous 10 miles. Visit Rockland Cemetery, an old Nike base and an abandoned National Guard rifle range. 2 quarts water. Hiking boots. Take Rte 9W to Piermont NY. Meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural) by 10:15 am. LP out. Return via rail-trail. Leader John P. Jurasek, 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10pm), or Jurasek@optonline.net. (ACOC)

**Apr 25 (Sun): Earth Day Week Canoe/Kayak the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join Friends for the Marsh and our Central Jersey Group during Earth Day Week! We'll paddle the Marsh while we pick up trash on the way to Roebing Park. Bring work gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**Apr 25 (Sun): Earth Day Week - Tree Planting (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join the NJ Sierra Central Group and NJ Community Water Watch and participate in this "green" event by planting 25+ trees that have been made available through the NJ Tree Foundation. Our commitment requires taking care of these trees for two years after planting them. Please contact Tamanna Mohapatra for more information at tmohapatra@yahoo.com or 732-801-9629. (C)

**Apr 28 (Wed): Hike at Jakes Branch County Park (Ocean Co). 10am.** 5 miles, easy pace. Jakes Branch is the newest addition to the Ocean County Parks System. There is a nature center with an observation deck that offers breathtaking views of the Pinelands. Bring lunch, snacks and beverage. Leashed dogs are welcome. Meet at Jakes Branch Park, 1100 Double Trouble Rd, Beechwood. Leaders: George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**Apr 30 (Fri): Social Moonlight Hike, Campfire and Campout, Bryne State Forest (Burl-Ocean Cos). 7:30 pm.** 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic-type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnight camping is available, call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rte 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rtes 70&72. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve., or pis1@cccj.net.

## MAY

**May 1 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak the N. Branch Rancocas Creek (Burlington Co). 9am.** Celebrate May Day on our 10-mile trip from Pemberton to Mount Holly. Spring is in full blossom. Meet at the Vincentown Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Rentals are not available. Please contact leader to confirm trip and participation. Co-leaders: Leona F. 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com, and Dave L, 609-784-4066, or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net. (W)

**May 5 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak the Wading River (Burlington Co). 10am.** Viva the Fifth of May! Our annual paddle is 10 miles from Hawkin Bridge to Beaver Branch. Sombreros are optional! Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental, 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoerental.com](http://www.mickscanoerental.com). Meet at Hawkin Bridge. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**May 8 (Sat): Round Valley Recreation Area, Lebanon (Hunterdon Co), 10am.** This hike will cover 7 miles in hilly terrain along the reservoir. If you haven't hiked with the Hikist before, send the leader a brief description of your hiking experience. No beginners. No pets. Hiking boots and a day pack with water required. Bring a lunch. Registration required. Email the leader: Jimi Oleksiak: the\_hikist@mac.com.

**May 9 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh on Mother's Day (Mercer Co). 9:30 am.** Birds are returning to the Marsh in their spring migration so bring your binoculars. Join us for an 8-mile round trip from Bordentown Beach to Roebing Park. Optional walk to Spring Lake after lunch. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm participation and trip. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**May 15 (Sat): Guided Interpretive Hike at Cheesequake State Park (Middlesex Co). 10am.** 4 miles, easy pace; some elevation. Join us for a very special guided walk with Jim Faczak, Park Naturalist. Cheesequake is an ecological preserve and lies in a transitional zone between northern and southern vegetation, coastal salt marsh, freshwater wetlands and upland forests are present within the 1500-acre park. Norway Spruce seedlings will be available at no charge. Bring water and snacks. Option for late lunch at Big Ed's BBQ, Old Bridge. Meet at the Main Office parking area. Contact leaders for further information. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com.

**May 15 (Sat): Smell the Spring Flowers in Bloom at Skylands Botanical Gardens. 10am.** Take a leisurely stroll in New Jersey Botanical Gardens at the peak of its bloom and visit two ponds in the neighboring woods. Approximately 4 miles, 3 hrs. Optional lunch after the walk. Rain date: May 16 (Sun); bad weather on both days cancels. For details, directions, and to sign up, contact the Leader: George Ekel, GeorgeEkel@aol.com, 201-444-2096.

**May 16 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek (Ocean Co). 9am.** Cedar is one of the loveliest Pines streams, especially in the spring. The trip is 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Rentals are not available. Meet at Double Trouble Park headquarters, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Rds. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**May 19 (Wed): Clayton Park Hike (Monmouth Co). 10am.** 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. This is a lovely spring hike along meadows, Doctor's Creek and on trails through stately stands of red and white oak, beech, ash and birch trees. Directions: I-195 exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner). Eastbound, turn right and follow to end; westbound, turn left and follow to end. Turn left onto Rte 526 and make immediate right onto Imlaystown-Davis Station Rd. Follow to Emley's Hill Rd, turn left. Follow to Park on left. Leashed dogs are welcome! Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders: Leona and George F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**May 21 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak the Oswego River (Burlington Co). 10am.** The Oswego is a favorite destination for paddlers as it winds through diverse and varied Pinelands forests and savannas. Meet at Lake Oswego, Lake Oswego Rd. Boats can be rented from Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoerental.com](http://www.mickscanoerental.com). Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**May 22 (Sat): Canoe Trip on the Passaic River, Essex Co, 10am.** Canoe 4 hours at a steady pace observing the wildlife and natural settings. Bring water, picnic lunch and comfortable clothes. Meet promptly at the canoe garage next to the Environmental Center at 621 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, 1/2 mile west of the intersection of Eisenhower Pkwy and Eagle Rock Ave. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. A limited number of canoes are available at \$15 per seat. (\$20 for non-members). Older children are welcome and can sit in the middle. Rain cancels. For further information and to register; email leader Walt Goldenbaum: gold-enb1@optonline.net.

**May 23 (Sun): Canoeing/Kayaking Skills Refresher on Lake Oswego (Burlington Co). 9am.** New and beginning paddlers are welcome. Knowledgeable paddlers will share information about boats, equipment, safety practices, self-rescue, paddling techniques and efficiencies. Then we'll practice on the lake. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoerental.com](http://www.mickscanoerental.com). Please contact leaders to confirm your participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**May 29 (Sat): B 6 B: Lewis Morris Park, 10am.** We will start at Sunrise Lake, then hike to the parking upper lot and back down to the lake using a combination of the Yellow and Red trails. The pace will be a moderate one. See the Morris County Parks Commission website <http://www.morrisparks.net/aspparks/lmain.asp> for directions. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet in Sunrise Lake parking lot. Heavy/steady rain cancels. No pets please. Leader: Jeffrey Sovelove: Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

**May 30 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Tidal Raritan River (Middlesex Co). 10am.** Our trip is about 16 miles from New Brunswick to Perth Amboy. The Raritan Riverkeeper, Bill Schultz, will provide an update on the river's environmental importance and his role as a citizen guardian to stop polluters and improve river quality. This trip is for experienced paddlers; expect power boat traffic and boat wakes. Kayaks must be 14ft. or over; bring spray skirts. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

## JUNE

**June 2 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak the Wading River (Burlington Co). 9am.** Our 17-mile trip will begin at the town of Speedwell - the former site of an iron furnace. We'll takeout at Beaver Branch. This is a trip for experienced Pines paddlers; expect downfalls and portages. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm participation and trip. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**June 5 (Sat): Yoga and Hike at the Essex County Environmental Center, 9:30 am.** Renew your spirits as we walk through a wooded wetland, look and listen for birds, and stay present with our surroundings. The hike will begin with breath awareness and will be followed by a dynamic restorative yoga class led by Gina Mongiello. Bring a light lunch or a snack. All levels are welcome. Meet in the Essex County Environmental Center parking lot: 621 B Eagle Rock Av, Roseland. Fee: \$8 per person. Must pre-register with leader: Ron Pate: ronpate31@verizon.net.

**June 6 (Sun): Social Flatwater Kayak Introduction Training, Wading River (Burl. Co) 8:30 am.** A certified ACA instructor will be on hand to share information about paddling techniques, safety and equipment. Come out and learn about this ever growing popular sport. Learn how to handle a flatwater kayak or improve your skills, great for beginners. Call leader to reserve space. After a brief lake training we will paddle on the Wading River. Bring picnic-type food to share at tailgate social after trip. NC/NP. Meet at Bel-Haven Paddle Sports on Rte 542, 12 miles E of Hammonton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk: 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccj.net.

**June 7 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak the Crosswicks Creek Water Trail (Mercer Co). 9am.** This is a 14-mile shuttleless trip with the tide from Bordentown to Anchor Thread Park and back to Bordentown. Kayaks must be 12ft or over. Few stops. Bring your lunch and beverage. Meet at Bordentown Beach, Park St. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**June 8 (Sun): Social Wissahickon Gorge Hike (PA), 8:30 am.** 7 miles at moderate pace over hills. Hike the Gorge in late spring with a spectacular views. Bring picnic-type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet in rear parking lot Hilton Hotel, on Rte 70, Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan. Or meet at 9:30 am at Valley Green parking lot in park. Leader Paul Serdiuk: 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccj.net.

**June 11 (Fri): Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal and the Delaware River (Mercer Co). 9am.** Join us for a 10-mile shuttleless paddle on the canal from Washington Crossing State Park to Firemens Eddy. We'll then portage to the Delaware River and float downriver to Washington Crossing. Bring lunch and beverages. Rentals are not available. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F. 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**June 12 (Sat): Terrace Pond, West Milford (Passaic Co), 10am.** This hike will cover 7 miles in rugged terrain with great views. If you haven't hiked with the Hikist before, send the leader a brief description of your hiking experience. No beginners. No pets. Hiking boots and a day pack with water required. Bring a lunch. Registration required. E-mail the leader: Jimi Oleksiak: the\_hikist@mac.com.

**June 14 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak the Delaware River (Hunterdon Co). 9am.** It's a "Grand Old Flag" - wear your red, white and blue on Flag Day! Our trip is 15 miles from Kingwood to Lambertville. Kayaks must be

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All members are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, held on SECOND SATURDAYS. Details, including agendas and travel instructions, are available from Ken Johanson, the Chapter Chair. (Best confirm!)

**Apr 10 at the Chatham Public Library (124 Main St),**  
**May 8 at the New Brunswick Public Library (60 Livingston Av),**  
**June 12 in our Trenton Office (145 W. Hanover St)**

Conservation and/or Political Committee meetings usually start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meeting starts at 1pm. We sometimes continue discussions informally over dinner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.

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12ft or over. Helmets and spray skirts are recommended. Rentals are not available. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com.

**June 19 (Sat): B 5 B+ Sterling Forest Fire Tower Ramble (NY), 10am.** 5 miles, moderate to slow pace. We will do the Ramble with the option to extend if the group desires. This is a moderately strenuous hike with a considerable amount of climbing. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Visitors Center. See the Sterling Forest website for information and directions: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=81>. No pets please. Inclement weather cancels. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike. Leaders: Jeffrey Sovelove: Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com, and Lee Ousley: Ousleycl@mindspring.com.

**June 20 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek on Father's Day (Ocean Co), 9am.** Sarah Summerville, director of the Unexpected Wildlife Refuge, will join us on this trip and teach us about NJ's beloved beavers. We'll paddle 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Meet at Double Trouble Park Headquarters, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Rds. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**June 21 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak - Summer Solstice on the Mullica River (Burl. Co), 9am.** June is a beautiful time of year on the Mullica to enjoy the aquatic flowering plants of the NJ Pinelands. This is an all-day trip for experienced Pines paddlers; expect downfalls and portages. Please contact leaders to confirm trip, participation and meeting logistics. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**June 26 (Sat): Canoeing/Kayaking Skills Refresher on Lake Oswego (Burl. Co), 9am.** New and beginning paddlers are welcome. Knowledgeable paddlers will share information about equipment, safety practices, self-rescue, paddling techniques and efficiencies. Then we'll practice on the lake. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental: 800-281-1380 or [www.mickscanoerental.com](http://www.mickscanoerental.com). Please contact leaders to confirm your participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

**June 26 (Sat): Social Moonlight Hike, Campfire and Campout in Wharton St Forest (Camden Co), 7:30pm.** 6 miles at moderate pace. Join us as we hike under the Strawberry Moon on sand roads lit by moon light and come back to a roaring fire. Overnight camping is available, contact leader for reservation. Bring picnic-type food to share at the tailgate social after the hike, any firewood and a chair to sit on. Meet at Goshen Pond campsites, from Rte 206 take Atsion Rd 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond campsite sign, turn onto dirt road and follow to campsites. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593, eve. or pis1@cccny.net.

**Jun 27 (Sun): Canoe/Kayak the Tidal Raritan River (Middlesex Co), 9am.** Our trip is about 16 miles from New Brunswick to Perth Amboy. The Raritan Riverkeeper, Bill Schultz, will provide an update on the River's environmental importance and his role as a citizen guardian to stop polluters and improve river quality. This trip is for experienced paddlers; expect power boat traffic and boat wakes. Kayaks must be 14ft. or over; bring spray skirts. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (C)

**June 30 (Wed): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek to the Bay (Ocean Co), 9am.** We'll paddle 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park with an option to continue 2 miles to Lanoka Harbor. Meet at Double Trouble Park, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Rds. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, or leona@pineypaddlers.com. (W)

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept 5 - 10 (Sun-Fri): September in Western Maine! Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc.** This is an historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Many activity options, fine dining and a comfortable warm environment provide relaxation and fun. Internet access available. Check the website [www.baldmountaincamps.com](http://www.baldmountaincamps.com). Trip includes: hiking, guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers, with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick. Log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, first class breakfasts and dinners in the lodge dining room, sack lunches for the trail. For more information: Contact: Judy Norcross 856-235-8735 [jsnorcross@aol.com](mailto:jsnorcross@aol.com) or Leona Fluck leona@pineypaddlers.com. 609-259-3734. (W)

**Sept 12 - 17 (Sun-Fri): September in Western Maine! Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc.** Same description as just above.

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