



## **Sierra Club Maryland Natural Places Committee ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Friends of Natural Places Committee,

Three important events are coming up before our June Meeting and we wanted to let you know about them. Hope to “see” you soon!

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### **OPEN STREETS DISCUSSION**



**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6: 00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Event Organizer:**

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Join us to volunteer for the Open Streets initiative! Please register for this event if you are in a local Sierra Club Group or would like to work with your local Group in getting involved in the open streets campaign. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in taking in action and looking for 1-2 people to help serve a leadership role. Even if you can't make the call please register to indicate your interest!

The Sierra Club Open Streets campaign encourages local government officials to close select streets to cars and open them for safe physical distance for people to bike, walk, and roll. It is important that decisions about street closures center marginalized groups and essential workers that are hit the hardest by this crisis, particularly communities of color.

**Join by URL:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86597623671?pwd=ak1nSC9lV3E0SUZGS2xVOHp2dmcrZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 9762 3671 Password: 811168

**Join by phone:** +1301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 865 9762 3671

### **Agenda:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uT0-QkKSFa2ACKEAp1lOj4IP2RnMC1ZKIH\\_21kZ6VSg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uT0-QkKSFa2ACKEAp1lOj4IP2RnMC1ZKIH_21kZ6VSg/edit?usp=sharing)

## **NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**



### **Thursday, June 11, 7:00-7:45pm**

On May 28, 1892, the Sierra Club was founded by a group of hikers-turned-conservationists. Over the past 128 years, this organization has grown an incredible grassroots movement that still finds time to get outdoors and support each other and the earth during the best and worst of times.

**You are invited to join us on Thursday June 11th at 7pm, for a very special evening with Sierra Club**

**Executive Director Michael Brune, new Board President Ramon Cruz, and State Delegates Robbyn Lewis and Brooke Lierman.**

They will be sharing their perspectives and saluting the changemakers we've become over the last 128 years. Diverse and inspiring videos from outdoors enthusiasts, activists, and volunteers will also be featured. This significant event will provide an opportunity for reflection on where we have come from and where we are going and renew our sense of purpose and hope that together we can create a better future for all.

[Register in advance here to get a Zoom log-in](#)

or Join us for free via [Facebook Live](#)

Everyone deserves clean water and breathable air—but for many communities, access to those basic necessities is compromised by systemic racism and discrimination. The better tomorrow we seek will only come with persistent pursuit of equity and opportunity for people of all backgrounds. Sierra Club is an organization that protects more than trees. The most vulnerable among us are the first to feel the impacts of the environmental crisis, and we'll settle for nothing less than a healthy world for all.

While we are marching and supporting calls for racial equity, we are also looking inward, and will use this event not just to recognize accomplishments, but also reflect on the important changes and work we will do moving forward. We ask for you to join and support us as we continue to learn, grow, and fight for environmental and social justice.

We hope you can save the date for our [virtual gathering](#) at 7pm Thursday June 11th! We would love to have you join us!

### **BREAK FREE FROM PLASTIC POLLUTION ACT-WEBINAR**

**Friday, June 19, 1:00-2:20 pm**



Join *Beyond Plastics* President Judith Enck, Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Jonathan Black (senior policy advisor to Sen. Tom Udall), and Shane Trimmer (Rep. Lowenthal's senior legislative assistant), for an informative and interactive webinar on the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act (S 3263/ HR 5845).

**Register for the FREE webinar [HERE](#).**

### **And don't forget: NATURAL PLACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday, June 20, 2:00-3:30pm Register [Here](#)**