

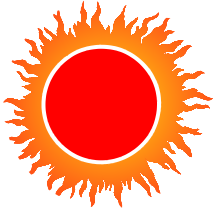


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ROCHESTER REGIONAL GROUP

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global warming The Heat Is On - What You Can Do To Turn It Down

General Meeting, 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 14th
Brighton Town Hall

Al Gore's documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, has been hugely successful. By now, the case for global warming is established as a fact in most people's minds. But the film is not strong on what we can do about global warming. Our Rochester Group invites you to a showing of positive answers described on other DVD's and a discussion of solutions to this mega environmental problem.

If you need motivation to come, it should be noted that Al Gore's most recent lectures have focused on "Plans for Emergency Solutions." He's now saying, "The debate over

climate crisis has now moved on to the question of how we can craft emergency solutions in order to avoid catastrophic damage." Fortunately we already have all the basic tools and technologies to solve this problem. What we lack is the political will and a vision of international cooperation.

The Sierra Club recommends a number of immediate actions on both the personal level and on state and national levels. At this meeting, we will explain how we can work on global warming "one city at a time" through the Cool Cities program. We'll see parts of some

new DVD's showing solutions and we'll explain our New York State Chapter programs which call for fair net-metering laws, energy efficiency, conservation, and alternative power. We'll also discuss the dangers and difficulties of the big coal option which is being heavily touted as the solution to our dependence on foreign oil.

This is a program on the future of the earth. For the sake of our children you can't afford to miss it. Brighton Town Hall is located at 2300 Elmwood Avenue.

Winter Solstice Celebration

5:30pm Thursday, December 14th
Chestnut Court, St. John's Meadows, 220 Johnsarbor Drive West, Brighton

Most Sierra Club members love "Our Feathered Friends" and now we can visit them "up close and alive." Ron Walker will be there with his Tufted Screech Owl, his Barred Owl and his Red Shouldered Hawk for our annual Winter Solstice Celebration. This is a program which Rochester Group families with children will particularly enjoy. We also hope to greet many new members of Rochester Group.

Bring a dish to share and your own utensils. We will provide wine and cheese from 5:30 to 6:15pm. followed by our shared dinner from 6:15 to about 7:00pm. After a brief annual report to members by our Chairperson Frank Regan, we will see live (but too injured to release) tufted and non-tufted owls and a hawk. Thanks to Ginny Tyler we again will hold this popular event at the St. John's Meadows residence.

Directions: The residence is on the south side of Elmwood Avenue, just west of South Clinton Avenue in Brighton. Look for the white fence and sign. After entering the complex bear right on Johnsarbor to Chestnut Court. If you plan to come a call ahead of time to our Sierra Club number (585) 234-1056 would be appreciated so we have some idea of the number to expect. Again, please remember to bring a dish to pass.

Hearing Announced On New Water Plant

by Hugh Mitchell

The Monroe County Water Authority has announced plans for a public hearing on its proposal to build a new \$130 million dollar water treatment plant in Webster. The Sierra Club has extensively studied this project (See our paper *Watering Sprawl*) and has come to the conclusion that this massive project is unnecessary and unneeded at this time.

The idea of a new eastside treatment plant was initially conceived in the 1960's when the county was rapidly growing. Later, under John Stanwix, expansion designs were drawn up at the very time Monroe County was starting to lose population to surrounding areas. In 2000, the Sierra Club charged in our paper that *Sprawl Follows the Pipes*. Now the statistics are in. Monroe County population has dropped more than 27,000.

Two hearing times are scheduled, both on Thursday, November 30: at 1:30pm, Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Ave; and at 7:00pm, Spry Middle School, 119 South Ave., Webster.

At the hearing we plan to ask how a new 50 million gallon water treatment plant will help Monroe County? It will facilitate growth in the surrounding counties, but it will be paid for mostly by Monroe country rate payers. Citizens may also want to ask how we can trust an opaque public authority, recently involved in scandal, which still has a lopsided Board with three members that failed to supervise John Stanwix.

If you plan to testify at the public hearing, the MCWA permits under application include: public water supply, pollution discharge, wetlands, protection of Great Lakes waters, water quality and coastal erosion control.

Energy Committee Gearing Up for Global Warming

by Bob Siegel

The Rochester Regional Group's Energy Committee which has recently been renamed the Global Warming & Energy Committee, is looking for more volunteers to help implement a coherent response to Global Warming at the local level. Several Rochester Sierra Club leaders attended a statewide meeting this summer to develop a state strategy for the Global Warming issue. The primary response was to implement the Cool Cities program around the state. (For more information on Cool Cities visit: <http://www.coolcities.us>.) While Rochester signed onto the Cool Cities under Bill Johnson's tenure, little of substance has actually been implemented. Our goal is to work with Mayor Duffy and County Executive Brooks to develop solutions here in the Rochester area. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Bob Siegel or Hugh Mitchell. To do that, call 585-234-1056 and leave a message.

Volunteer Database

Join our Volunteer Database [http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/helping_out.htm]. You can sign up for specific projects or help on one of our Committees. Just send an E-mail to: FrankRegan@RochesterEnvironment.com or call our Sierra Club Voice Box at 585-234-1056, or print out the online form and send it to: Rochester Regional Group P.O. Box 39516, Rochester, NY 14604-9516.

E-Mail List Up and Running

Our unofficial Rochester Regional Group's E-mail list is now active. It is easy to subscribe and unsubscribe. We will only contact you for our Group's meetings, programs, and actions. Just add your E-mail to the Google Groups box at <http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/index.html>

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Sierra Club Urges Vote For Eric Massa on Nov. 7th

by Hugh Mitchell

Our Rochester Regional Group has succeeded in securing a Sierra Club endorsement for Eric Massa in the 29th Congressional District. Such a national endorsement is hard to come by and requires review and approval from four separate Club levels.

Massa's campaign gave positive answers to our environmental questions. His program includes plans to work for smart energy solutions, re-energize the Kyoto agreement, support new CAFE

standards, seek a law mandating that 20% of our power come from clean, renewable sources by 2020 and rebuild the Clean Air/Clean Water Acts which the Bush administration has cut to pieces. We support Eric Massa and oppose his opponent Randy Kuhl who the League of Conservation Voters scored only 6% on environmental votes.

Here are some ways you can help get Eric Massa elected: 1) Volunteer with the campaign. Call 672-5335 or visit his office at 15 State St., Pittsford; 2) Contribute funds to the campaign; 3) Contact friends and neighbors in the 29th District and urge them to vote. (The 29th District

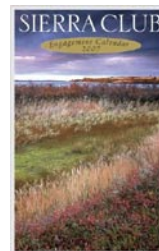
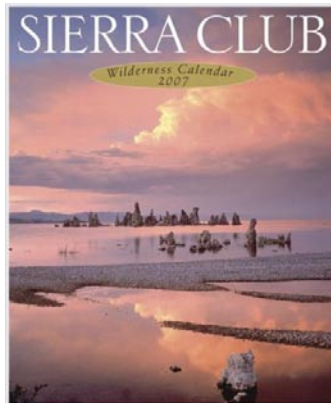
Sierra Club Outing The Wild Side of Letchworth

9:30 am, Saturday, November 11

The lesser-known east side of Letchworth State Park provides undeveloped wilderness, relics of an ancient and ingenious canal system, as well as trail access to the banks of the Genesee River itself. We will meet at First Unitarian Church parking lot for car-pools to Letchworth. For further information call Howard Camp at 473-1410.

stretches from Brighton & Henrietta south through Corning & Olean). Call Hugh Mitchell at 244-2625 for further Sierra Club support actions.

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CALENDAR

Nov. 7	Tuesday	9AM-9PM	----- Vote (for Eric Massa in 29 th District (see page 3)) -----	your polling place
Nov. 9	Thursday	6:30 PM	ExCom meeting ¹	Brighton Library ²
Nov. 11	Saturday	9:30 AM	----- Outing: Letchworth Park (see page 3) -----	meet at Unitarian Church for car pooling⁵
Nov. 13	Monday	7:00 PM	Book Study Group	contact Dave Ruekberg for place ⁶
Nov. 14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	----- General Meeting, Global Warming (see page 1) -----	Brighton Town Hall Auditorium²
Nov. 16	Thursday	7:30 PM	Wetlands Committee	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton ³
Nov. 21	Tuesday	7:30 PM	-----Alternative Energy Committee -----	6 Sibley Place, (basement office) ⁴
Nov. 28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Great Lakes Committee meeting	Brighton Library ²
Dec. 14	Thursday	5:30 PM	----- Winter Solstice Celebration (see page 1) -----	Chestnut Court, St. John's Meadows
Dec. 19	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Alternative Energy Committee	6 Sibley Place, (basement office) ⁴
Dec. 19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	-----Great Lakes Committee meeting -----	Brighton Library ²
Dec. 28	Thursday	7:30 PM	Wetlands Committee	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton ³
Jan. 11	Thursday	6:30 PM	-----ExCom meeting ¹ -----	Brighton Library ²
Jan. 14	Sunday		eco-logue deadline	
Jan. 16	Tuesday	7:30 PM	-----Alternative Energy Committee -----	6 Sibley Place, (basement office) ⁴
Jan. 23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Great Lakes Committee meeting	Brighton Library ²
Jan. 25	Thursday	7:30 PM	-----Wetlands Committee -----	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton

¹Open to members. Call 234-1056

²2300 Elmwood Ave.

³Call Mike at 414-6511 to confirm

⁴Call Bob at 576-8144 to confirm

⁵220 Winton Rd. South

⁶SierraRochTix@hotmail.com

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Also worth a visit: <http://rochesterenvironment.com>

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