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D.C. Council Considers Options to Provide Stable Funding for Metro

by Melanie Mayock

Could a stable source of funding be coming soon to our region's chronically underfunded Metro system? That was the hope expressed at a hearing of the D.C. Council Public Works and Environment Committee on May 5th, chaired by Councilmember Carol Schwartz (R-At Large).

Metro is projecting a \$2.4 billion deficit over the next 10 years, simply to keep up with growing population and demand. Without funds for new rail cars, buses and station improvements, the system could face extreme overcrowding by 2012. And because these capacity expansions take years to put in place, funding needs to be forthcoming soon to forestall nightmarish conditions in the future.

Our Metro system is the only large transit system in the country that has no dedicated source of funding, such as a percentage of sales tax revenue. The result is that, in lean years particularly, important longer-term projects like buying new rail cars or rehabilitating track are put off.

The D.C. Council hearing follows a January report on Metro funding by the blue ribbon panel appointed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The panel identified several potential measures to provide dedicated revenue for Metro, among them a sales tax increase (0.25% to 0.5%); a payroll tax (0.16% to 0.32%); a parking tax; and a property tax. The panel called for the tax to be levied at the same rate throughout the Metro service area – the District, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia.

The Sierra Club has not yet taken a



photo by Chris Carney

Washington's crowded Metro system needs a stable funding source to prepare for future needs.

position in favor of one specific source of funding.

At the D.C. Council hearing, strong interest in the issue was shown by councilmembers and the public. Both Committee Chair Carol Schwartz and Finance and Revenue Committee Chair Jack Evans expressed interest in moving legislation forward this year. (Legislation in the District would likely be conditional upon Maryland and Virginia also passing similar legislation.)

Members of the D.C. Chapter, along with members of the business community, testified in favor of dedicated funding and urged the council to take the lead in moving the region toward a solution that will ensure top-quality transit service into the future.

The D.C. Chapter will be working to build public support for stable Metro funding over the coming months. Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer! To get involved, contact Melanie Mayock at 202-546-5363 or mkmayock@yahoo.com, or attend a Transportation Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at 401 C St. N.E.

Letter from the Chair

The Power of Activism:

A Few Individuals Can Make a Difference

by Jason Broehm

We have probably all seen the famous Margaret Mead quote printed on enough t-shirts and bumper stickers for it to seem a bit trite: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” But there is something very powerful and empowering in the quote—the idea that a group small in numbers can make the world a better place. It’s the story of activism, or taking action to achieve a social or political goal.

The Sierra Club has a long tradition of activism that began with a small group of hikers and mountaineers in the Sierra Nevada mountains who joined together to fight for the preservation of special natural places like Yosemite Valley. Thanks to their efforts, today we have Yosemite National Park. And their legacy of activism lives on.

In recent weeks, I have witnessed a number of great examples right here in the District. On a recent Saturday, I joined 10 other activists going door-to-door on Capitol Hill to educate our neighbors about chronic underfunding of the Metro system and build support for a new stable source of funding for Metro. In only about two hours, we knocked on more than 500 doors, engaged 156 residents in conversation, and of those got 99 people to sign our petition.

Across town that same day, about 20 Sierra Club and neighborhood activists spent the better part of a day picking up trash in Klingle Valley, a beautiful stream valley leading into Rock Creek Park, and they filled about 50 large garbage bags. These and many other activists have fought for more than a decade to stop a harmful road project in the valley.

Only a couple of weeks earlier, on

Earth Day, a group of nine dedicated activists braved a steady rain to hand out more than 700 flyers outside the Dupont Circle Metrorail station, educating office workers about commercial recycling. Afterward, they held a protest outside a CVS store to highlight the citywide problem of commercial buildings’ failure to comply with the recycling law.

The passage of the recent emergency legislation banning the transportation of ultrahazardous materials through the heart of the District is a perfect illustration of the power of activism. A core group of activists from the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace had methodically laid the groundwork for this victory over the course of a year. In November 2004, however, when the legislation first came before the D.C. Council, it failed on a 5-5 vote. Just before the bill came up for a second vote in February, activists put out a call for citizens to contact their councilmembers. Council offices were inundated with thousands of calls and e-mails in support of the legislation, and it passed 10-1! [This legislation is currently under review in federal courts. The Sierra Club is active in these court proceedings. *Editor*]

Whatever time and expertise you may have to contribute, you too can make a difference by getting involved and taking actions—large or small—to help fight for the District’s environment. With more volunteers knocking on doors, handing out educational flyers, talking with friends and neighbors, participating in public meetings and helping in others ways to build support for our environmental goals we can achieve even greater success.

To learn what you can do to help, please contact me at 202-299-0745 or jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org.

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Conservation

Struggle to Sink Georgetown U. Boathouse Continues

by Amber Jones

Sierra Club members' vigilance and opposition are important as Georgetown University (GU) and the National Park Service (NPS) continue with their plan to build an exclusive boathouse and recreational facility for the university inside the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

Two opportunities to comment on the boathouse proposal are coming up.

First, on Wednesday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m., the D.C. Council invites testimony at a round table on the quality of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and the proposed construction of the GU boathouse. The round table will be in the Council Chamber, Room 500, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Written comments can be submitted until July 6 to Phyllis Jones, Secretary, D.C. Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Second, the public comment period

on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed boathouse, which is expected later this year, will be a critical time for the Sierra Club to voice opposition.

To study the potential impacts of the proposed boathouse, the NPS and GU are preparing an EA, which would contain the minimum documentation required, instead of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which would consider alternative locations. Despite ongoing requests by neighbors, citizen organizations and conservation groups to consider other locations, public statements by NPS officials have indicated that this is unlikely.

To receive e-mail updates on the D.C. round table and the EA comment period, please contact Defenders of Potomac River Parkland, c/o Sally Strain at seawalk@starpower.net. More information is available at www.save-thecanal.org.

Members are also asked to continue the letter-writing campaign to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton at 1849 C St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, and Fran Mainella, director of the NPS, at fran_mainella@nps.gov. In your letter, demand that the NPS:

- preserve national parkland for public use, not develop it for private facilities;
- build private boathouses outside the C&O Canal National Historical Park; and
- prepare an EIS that considers alternative locations.

The Sierra Club is also keeping an eye on a separate study of the impact of dismantling the Whitehurst Freeway. The area designated for the GU and other boathouses is in the affected area and should be considered in any study of this kind. Likewise, the Whitehurst plans should be considered in the EA of the boathouse.

Earth Day Events Focus on Recycling Scofflaws

by Sharon M. Hannon

Earth Day 2005. On this grey, chilly, rainy morning, members of the D.C. Chapter's Recycling Committee – Brenda Moorman, Matthew Tisdale, Heather Kerst, Beth Tredwell and Bob Morris – met in Dupont Circle at 8:00 a.m. to begin a series of events aimed at raising awareness about the state of recycling in the District.

Over the previous week, the group had designed a flyer to let citizens and workers know that recycling is mandatory in the District. The flyer also listed the D.C. recycling hotline phone number to encourage people to call and leave anonymous information about buildings, restaurants, offices or bars that don't recycle. *Continued on page 4*



Recycling activists targeted CVS and other downtown businesses which are disregarding District recycling laws.

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Recycling

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“We decided to hand out flyers on Earth Day to raise awareness about the deplorably low rate of commercial recycling in D.C.,” says Moorman. “We chose Dupont Circle because of its central location in the business and restaurant district.”

Despite a steady rain, the group handed out over 700 flyers to hurried commuters in 90 minutes. By 9:30, they had given out all of their flyers and moved on to their next event.

For several months, the committee has been working with businesses to get them to initiate recycling plans for their District stores. One particular chain store with a large D.C. presence, CVS, had come to the committee’s attention early this year. “The Recycling Committee has run an extensive ‘dumpster diving’ campaign targeting CVS and they have consistently been found in violation of D.C. recycling law,” explains Tisdale. When their numerous letters and e-mails to CVS management had not produced any results, the Recycling Committee decided it was time to take more visible action.

So, this morning, they met Sierra Club members Sarah Robbat, Stephanie DeMoss and Jim Dougherty at the CVS store at the corner of 20th and M streets N.W., where they formed a line and picketed the store. Tisdale continues, “We’re picketing CVS to inform the D.C. community of the company’s irresponsible waste management practices and to apply pressure in the hope that they will begin to comply with D.C. recycling law.”

Next the group moved to the alley behind the CVS building where they conducted one of their trademark “dumpster dives.” While Dougherty climbed into the CVS dumpster, Tisdale described the dumpster dive process to a reporter who was covering the event

for a radio network with 2,000 radio stations across the country. In the CVS dumpster, Dougherty found a number of recyclables including newspapers, cans, plastic bottles and a plastic bag full of CVS sales flyers.

Tisdale told the reporter that whenever they find recyclables in a company’s dumpster, they document the findings with photographs and send a letter explaining District recycling laws to the manager of the building or business. Then they try to work with the business to get them to institute a recycling plan.

Dougherty then looked into a dumpster located behind the CBS News building at 2020 M Street and found piles of white paper with the CBS News

letterhead along with newspapers. To document their findings, the group placed a note saying “CBS News” on the improperly discarded materials in the dumpster and took a photo. This information will go into the committee’s files so they can follow up with the company and/or building owner to find out why so much recyclable material was thrown in the trash.

At 11:30, the soggy but enthusiastic group disbanded and headed for their offices and homes, happy that they had taken another small step to encourage recycling in the District.

To get involved in the D.C. Chapter’s recycling efforts, contact Brenda Moorman at 202-333-5424 or brendamoorman@aol.com.

Klingle Valley Cleanup



photo by Jason Broehm

Sierra Club and community volunteers stand behind bags of trash carted out of Klingle Valley during a May 7 park cleanup. From left to right: Ken Mazzer, Lisa Colson, Ralph Scott, Lisa Swanson, Kristina Jones and Nick Danforth.

Conservation

Environmental Groups Stay Vigilant on Stadium Design

by Gwyn Jones

As plans for the new Washington Nationals ballpark move forward, efforts continue to ensure that it is sustainably designed as mandated by funding legislation passed late last year.

At this early stage in the design process, the core alliance of environmental groups, formed during the legislative efforts, continues to take every opportunity to emphasize the need for a “green” ballpark along the Anacostia, sending letters, meeting with key parties, and attending community workshops.

In April, Sierra Club volunteers, along with representatives from the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, had informal discussions with the HOK, the

firm selected to design the stadium. Joseph Spear, AIA, HOK senior principal and lead designer, and Susan Klumpp, AIA, HOK project manager, agreed that strategies outlined in our “Green Stadium Report” were sound and suggested additional strategies they might incorporate into their design.

On April 23, the D.C. Office of Planning, Department of Transportation, and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation sponsored a community planning workshop to get input on the guidelines for development along the South Capitol Street corridor and the area surrounding the planned ballpark.

The environmental groups’ presence was again felt as they emphasized the need for sustainable design of the

ballpark and other development, as well as ample green space, pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the area. Additional community meetings are scheduled for May and June.

As of press time, the core group was scheduled to meet with representatives from the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, which is managing the design and construction process. The group hopes to establish a dialogue to keep the ballpark’s sustainable design front and center as the project moves forward.

For more information, contact Gwyn Jones, 202-607-7094 or gwynjones@aol.com.

Conservation Wrap-Up

Continuing Efforts on Hazmats, Smoke-Free Workplaces and CNG Buses

by Chris Craig

As we go to press, many of the D.C. Chapter’s causes in Washington are in the midst of rapid political developments that have been widely covered in the mainstream media.

D.C. legislation to ban the transport of hazardous materials through the District has been challenged in court by CSX Railroad (see *Capital Sierran*, spring 2005, p. 3). Although the District, with the help of the Sierra Club, won the first round in court, the law has been delayed from taking effect by an appeals court judge. Hearings continue.

Meanwhile, the D.C. Chapter continues to work with the American Cancer Society’s Smoke-Free Workplaces Campaign to pass legislation

that would ban cigarette smoke from indoor workplaces in the District. The campaign recently enjoyed a strategic victory when D.C. Councilmember Kathy Patterson (D-Ward 3), joined by four other councilmembers, introduced a comprehensive smoke-free workplaces bill. The bill was referred to the Committee on Health, chaired by Councilmember David Catania (I-At Large), who is a co-sponsor of the legislation. With a majority of the council believed to be in support of the bill, its prospects look bright. To get involved in this campaign, contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

News was less cheerful in the cause of cleaner air outdoors. In April, Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. of Maryland was

successful in turning back the commitment made by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit (WMATA) to greatly expand its number of compressed natural gas (CNG) Metrobuses. Instead, Metro will purchase hybrid and “clean diesel” buses in the future, in spite of the lack of a significant price difference. Studies have shown that CNG buses emit much less pollution than these alternatives. The WMATA board overturned the commitment to CNG buses by a thin majority. The District’s representatives on the board were split: D.C. Councilmember Jim Graham (D-Ward 1) voted to expand the CNG fleet, while Vice Chair Gladys Mack voted for diesel and hybrid buses.

Conservation

Metro Branch Trail Closer to Reality

by Chris Craig

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has released the Concept Plan of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT) and will be accepting comments on the plan through June 6. The 11-mile multi-use trail will eventually link Silver Spring with the National Mall and several D.C. neighborhoods in between. It will provide a non-motorized commuter route and park space to residents of Northeast D.C. It will also include a connector route from Fort Totten to the Anacostia Tributaries Trail System in West Hyattsville, Md.

The Concept Plan reveals that the MBT will include 6.8 miles of shared use path, .05 mile of bike lanes and sidewalks, 2.2 miles of shared use streets and sidewalks, and .05 mile of separated use pathways (bicyclists and skaters separate from pedestrians and runners).

The plan calls for special signage, information and map kiosks, trailside art, interpretive signs, bicycle racks, benches and water. It also makes proposals for lighting and other features that enhance security and safety. The landscaping and structures are to be low maintenance and environmentally sensitive.

Within the District, two branches of the MBT run on either side of Union Station, the west side

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Cleaning Kenilworth Gardens on Earth Day



photos by Yoma Ullman

Students from Kenilworth Elementary School, aka "Habitat Heroes" from Discovery Creek's environmental education program run out of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, help in the cleanup of the gardens on Earth Day. From left to right: Marcus and Donte Johnson, Emily Hestness, Discovery Creek Museum educator, Angel Myles and Ashley Parraway.

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Conservation

Building Environmental Community

Get Active for Our Environment and Our Earth

by Chris Carney

How many times have you wished we had more activists? More people working on conservation issues? Well, we're working on it, and we can use your help. A major goal of the D.C. Chapter's Building Environmental Community Campaign is increasing the number of our neighbors who are engaged in conservation issues. Not just aware, but active. That means we have organizing to do. When asked for his secret to organizing, United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez famously said, "First you talk to one person, then you talk to another person, then you talk to another person...."

It's really that simple, and it works. This past May, D.C. Sierra Club activists put Chavez's tried and true organizing tactics to work when they kicked off a grassroots campaign to build support for a new, stable funding source for the Metrobus and Metrorail systems that would provide more buses and rail cars and better and more frequent service.

On Saturday, May 7, 11 of the D.C. Chapter's finest met in the damp basement of the Southeast Branch Public Library. Over coffee and breakfast they pored over maps, gathered materials and then set out, clipboards in hand, to talk to Capitol Hill residents. Two hours later they regrouped, having knocked on over 500 doors. The results? Most residents they found home were happy to hear someone was working to get better Metro service, and two-thirds of them took action on the spot to support Metro funding!

This is a great start, and this summer we'll do more talking—on doorsteps, at Metro stations, and in community meetings. If you're new to the District, or new to the Sierra Club, join us on June 22 when we're holding a Sierra Club 101 training that will introduce you to activism in the club. Contact Chris Carney at 202-237-0754 or visit www.sierraclub.org/dc/sprawl.

Chris Carney is conservation organizer for the Sierra Club's regional Building Environmental Community Campaign.



Above: Jennifer Stoloff and Dennis Jaffe ring the bell for better public transportation. Below: Building Environmental Community volunteers (left to right) Marguerite Bruchesi, Sharon Hannon, Melanie Mayock, Colin Peppard, Ralph Garboushian, Jennifer Stoloff, Jason Broehm, Leah Wasserman, Bob Morris and Dennis Jaffe.



photos by Chris Carney

Metro Branch Trail

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linking the trail to the National Mall. These branches join near the New York Avenue Metro Station, where a recently opened elevated path runs alongside the Red Line and will soon provide a safe passage over New York and Florida avenues.

The trail continues through neighborhoods and industrial areas in East Stanton Park, Eckington/Edgewood,

Brookland and Fort Totten. In the vicinity of Rhode Island Avenue, a proposed pedestrian/bicycle bridge would provide safe passage over the CSX tracks. Currently, many neighborhood residents cross the tracks on a dangerous and illegal makeshift path. The trail splits again in Takoma, D.C., allowing access from neighborhoods on both sides of the Red Line.

The complete Concept Plan may be read at www.metbranchtrail.com. Compact disks and a limited number of hard copies are also available from DDOT. Contact Chris Holben, MBT project manager, at 202-671-2638 or chris.holben@dc.gov. To get involved in volunteer efforts in support of the trail, contact Paul Meijer at Meijer@cua.edu or 202-726-7364.

States: The Opportunity Level of Government

by Paula Carrell
—Reprinted from *The Planet*

Are you looking for a chance to work toward strengthening environmental protections? You may not need to look any further than your state capitol. While Congress and the Bush administration seem to be dead set on

dismantling decades of air, water and land protection laws, state legislators across the country are moving resolutely in the opposite direction. With your help, progress is still possible.

Below is a sampling of proactive

environmental protection measures supported by the Sierra Club and under consideration by state legislatures or rule-making bodies. To join this parade, contact your local chapter, befriend your close-to-home state legislators, sharpen your pen and help carry us all forward into the future. (This is the first year of what is for most states a two-year legislative session between now and the 2006 election.)

Clean Cars/Clean Air: In Washington state, improved air quality and consumer savings on fuel costs are a real possibility as the Legislature considers a bill to adopt the California clean car standards. Under the Clean Air Act, states can adopt federal emissions standards or the tougher California standards, and a growing number of states are insisting that the auto industry produce for their drivers the same clean cars that Californians get to drive. Eight states and Canada have already chosen clean cars, and affordable vehicles that meet these standards are in dealer showrooms today.

The bill being considered in Washington state's capitol would mandate that new cars and trucks sold in the state emit 30 percent less carbon dioxide, 20 percent fewer toxics and 15 to 20 percent fewer smog-causing pollutants than vehicles sold under the current federal standards. "If you don't think about the air, think about the costs," says the bill's sponsor, Rep. Ed Murray (D-Seattle). Improved gas mileage will save drivers \$20 billion by 2020.

Similar legislation has been introduced in North Carolina, and other states--Tennessee and South Carolina among them--are considering incentives like tax credits for clean vehicle purchases and a mandate that state

Buying Green: How Corporations Use International Trade to Limit Our Choices

by Susan Green

Sacramento, CA—Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently vetoed proposed legislation that would have required the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to increase its use of rubberized asphalt made from recycled scrap tires. Assembly Bill 338 could have increased the number of tires the state recycled by as much as 3 million to 5 million annually, according to Mark Murray, executive director of Californians Against Waste. Murray said the state generates more than 33 million scrap tires per year.

The bill would have required CalTrans to use asphalt made from crumb rubber generated in the United States in lieu of other materials.

"While I am supportive of the overall policy of this bill, I am concerned that ... limiting the product to those of U.S. origin only may violate various trade agreements," said Schwarzenegger in his veto. "In addition, this bill may invite sanctions from other nations against products produced in California."

In fact, the most recent trade deal being considered, the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which would expand the model of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to Central America, specifically states that conditions for participa-

tion in bidding (for example on a state contract) are limited to "those that are essential to ensure that the supplier has the technical and financial abilities to fulfill the requirements..." In other words, distinctions between wood that is old growth or wood that is farmed, or distinctions between tuna caught with dolphin-safe nets and tuna not caught with such nets could come under attack. Issuing contracts to "green" builders based on their environmental performance, such as using recycled materials and other environmentally sound measures, could also be challenged. All our state's hard-won "buy recycled" programs are at risk.

"These trade deals have gone too far," says Joan Holtz, a Sierra Club volunteer. "How can we sit back and let international law undermine what we have fought so hard for?" She continues, "I am not just speaking as a Sierra Club member, I am speaking as a consumer. I don't want to support sweat shops, or fishing that kills endangered turtles, or fish farms whose genetically modified fish get into the wild salmon and change their genetic makeup for the worse. I thought choice was part of a free society."

For more information on international trade go to: www.sierraclub.org/trade.

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government fleets include a percentage of low emission cars and trucks.

Getting the Mercury Out: Governors and state legislators in Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire and New York are considering measures that would reduce emissions of toxic mercury from coal-fired power plants faster and more significantly than the Bush administration's proposed mercury standards. In Minnesota, Republican Rep. Ray Cox and Democrat Sen. Scott D. Dibble have introduced a bill calling for a 90 percent reduction in mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants by 2011. In New Hampshire, the state Senate has passed a bill requiring the state's coal-fired power plants to eliminate 80 percent of the mercury they emit by 2013.

The new proposed federal standards would let coal-fired power plants release three times more mercury into the air than strong enforcement of the existing Clean Air Act would allow and delays full reductions for years longer. According to a recent report by the inspector general of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), political appointees in the agency set "modest" new mercury pollution limits that just so happened to coincide with those in the administration's "Clear Skies" proposal. They then told EPA scientists to work backward to justify those limits.

Clean Energy Action: State legislators in Montana are moving toward a bill to mandate the production of power from renewable sources in their state. Other states, including Colorado, Massachusetts and Washington, are approaching the same problem from the consumption side by considering measures to reduce energy waste by increasing building or appliance energy-efficiency standards.

Clean Water Is Fundamental: In Michigan, state legislators are seeking

Club Announces 2005 Election Results Local Jim Dougherty to Join the Board

Sierra Club members turned out in historic numbers this year to elect five of their peers to the 112-year-old environmental organization's Board of Directors and to reject a ballot initiative that would have forced the group to support restrictions on immigration. Over 15 percent of the club's membership returned 122,308 ballots – the second highest in the club's recent history – and defeated the anti-immigration measure by more than a 5-1 margin.

Jim Dougherty of the Washington, D.C., Chapter, who served from 1989-1992, was elected for a second term with the chapter's endorsement. Incumbent director Jim Catlin of Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected to a second consecutive term. Former president Jennifer Ferenstein of Missoula, Mont., who served on the board from 1998 to 2004, was elected to a second term, as was Joni Bosh of Phoenix, Ariz., who served from 1989 to 1995. Barbara Frank of La Crosse, Wis., was elected to a first term.

Sierra Club president Larry Fahn said the strong turnout was the mark of an engaged and informed membership.

"At a time when many of America's basic democratic values are under attack, we're proud of the fact that we walk the walk when it comes to public participation," stated Fahn. "The five members elected to our Board of Directors all have distinguished records of service on crucial environmental issues in the club and in their communities."

Regarding the resounding defeat of the anti-immigration measure, Fahn added, "Our members have once again displayed great wisdom and made their views perfectly clear. Now we can put our focus back where it is needed most, into strengthening communities and building alliances to protect our environment for our families and our future."

For more information about the Board of Directors election, visit the Sierra Club's Web site at www.sierra-club.org/bod/2005election/.

to reduce the water pollution caused by confined animal feeding operations (at the same time that the Bush administration has decided to study the problem for a few more years). In Hawaii, legislators have introduced a bill to guarantee that all those cruise ships are not dumping their sewage into the islands' marine environment. Does it come as a surprise that no one in Michigan or Hawaii really wants to swim or surf in sewage?

Protecting Wetlands and Wildlife: Wetlands are critical to many species, not to mention their contribution to clean water for our own species. In New York, Illinois, South Carolina and

Maine, bills have been introduced that would protect acres of wetland habitat not protected under federal rules.

In Wyoming, the state legislature passed a bill establishing a Wildlife Trust. Governor David D. Freudenthal then used the line-item veto to tidy the bill up, creating a solid program to purchase land or easements for wildlife habitat protection. The fund will start out with \$15 million—an amount the governor is expected to enhance from his flexible spending account.

With these victories at hand, celebration is in order. Come join the parade.

Humane Food

Eggs from Caged Birds Scrambled Out of George Washington University

by Josh Balk

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and an animal protection group at George Washington University (GWU) have negotiated an agreement with Aramark to discontinue its sale of eggs from caged birds in the university's grocery store. This landmark decision represents the first major victory in HSUS's "Cage-Free Campus Campaign." According to Aramark, the school store sold approximately 200 dozen eggs per week.

The campus group, Animal Advocacy, worked with HSUS to gather reports, photographs and videos on egg factory farming and collected more than 1,000 student signatures urging Aramark to shift its purchasing to more humanely produced eggs.

"We're thrilled that the campus store has listened to GWU students and our concerns for animal welfare," said junior April Meyer, president of Animal Advocacy. "The suffering caged laying hens endure is simply too great for any humane person to support."

The "Cage-Free Campus Campaign" was launched by HSUS to combat the widespread cruelty in the industrial egg industry. Approximately 98 percent of eggs sold in the United States come from birds confined in "battery cages" so small they can't even stretch their wings or engage in many other natural behaviors, such as nesting, foraging, perching and dust bathing.

HSUS advises student activists and provides information on egg producers who do not use battery cages. The movement against battery cages is growing quickly, with student governments passing resolutions urging their dining services to join the campaign. This coming fall, several universities will begin using exclusively cage-free eggs in their cafeterias, among them, it is hoped, American University.

According to Paul Shapiro, HSUS's factory farming campaign manager, "Birds in battery cages suffer immensely. George Washington University has taken a bold step by phasing out the sale of eggs from caged birds, and we enthusiastically applaud their efforts to help reduce animal suffering and encourage other schools to follow suit."

For those interested in purchasing eggs locally, look for those labeled "cage free," "free range" or "organic." Most D.C. supermarkets, especially Whole Foods, carry such eggs in some form. Beware of eggs labeled "Animal Care Certified," which come from hens that are confined in cages too small for them even to spread their wings. Currently, not one restaurant in the District uses cage-free eggs.

Josh Balk is outreach coordinator for the HSUS Factory Farming Campaign.



98 percent of egg-laying hens in the U.S. are confined in cages too small for them even to spread their wings. Photo courtesy of Compassion Over Killing.

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Sierra Club Summit

From Our Roots to the Summit

Help Set Club Priorities at June 11 Chapter Session

by Bob Morris

When I have a chance to get together with friends and others who share a large part of my worldview, I get excited. If it has been a long time since we gathered, I get really excited. And if the gathering will not only include fun, social and learning opportunities but also provide a chance to work on achieving our common objectives I get really, really excited. Well, I'm really, really excited about the Sierra Summit and I want you to get excited, too.

Did I say "a long time since we gathered"? How about over a century? That's right, not since the very early days when they numbered under a dozen have all of the Sierra Club's members had a chance to get together in fellowship and common purpose. From September 8 to 11, the Sierra Club will hold Sierra Summit 2005 in San Francisco and all 800,000 members are invited. We will have speakers like Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, Robert Hass, poet laureate, pundit Arianna Huffington and many more.

Entertainment by comedian Bill Maher; a climbing wall; a expo of green products, lifestyles and food exhibits; workshops and panels on topics including activism, building progressive media, women who rock ...you've got to check this out at www.sierrasummit2005.org because I can't put it all here. There will even be a Sierra Showcase where club chapters will put up exhibits and talk with you about their successes and campaigns. The D.C. Chapter's Recycling Committee will be highlighting our campaign to get corporate compliance with recycling laws.

At the heart of the summit will be the gathering of 1,000 delegates from

club chapters and groups across the country and from national governing committees to deliberate on the Sierra Club's direction for the next five years. "There is broad debate in the environmental community now that so much is at risk," says Lisa Renstrom, chair of the board and summit co-chair. "With the summit we have an extraordinary opportunity to give voice to our members and draw upon their experience, passion and wisdom to set our future."

Your D.C. Chapter will be represented by five delegates chosen at our general meeting on May 12. They are Jason Broehm, chapter chair, Lisa Swanson, chapter vice chair, Matthew Tisdale and Bob Morris, Executive Committee members, and Julie Eisenhardt, delegate at large. We all are hoping that a big delegation of D.C. Chapter members will also come to the summit and help us in building the basis for a revitalized and unified Sierra Club and positioning it to lead a resurgent national environmental movement.

On Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., activists in the D.C. Chapter will gather at 401 C St. N. E. and engage in the pre-summit portion of From Our Roots to the Summit. Every chapter and group in the country has been engaged to hold these sessions, which will provide the local perspective on national priorities for what we want to achieve and how we want to do it. Those sessions will provide the basis for the deliberations of the delegates at the summit. If you haven't already notified us that you are coming to the June 11 meeting, contact Bob Morris now at 202-548-8240 or capitalbob@earthlink.net. If you just show up without notifying us ahead of time we may not have materials or room for you.

So are you excited now? Yeah! Are you going to wait another hundred years to get together with other people who share your passion for the environment? Nah! Register now to come to Sierra Summit 2005. See you there!

To register, go to www.sierrasummit2005.org and either complete the form online or mail or fax it in. If you want to go but don't have access to a computer, contact Bob Morris at 202-548-8240 and we'll figure out a way to get you registered.

Bob Morris is a Council of Club Leaders delegate to the summit.

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Announcements

Changes for *Capital Sierran*

As this issue of the *Capital Sierran* goes to press, I retire from my position as volunteer editor. In August I leave the District for new adventures (and no doubt new activism) in West Virginia.

I began this job on the winter 1999/2000 issue and have learned and labored through the subsequent 20 quarterly issues. Through it all, I've gained a bit of knowledge about editing and desktop publishing, but a lot more about the conservation problems facing Washington and the nation at large. I'm proud that I've helped provide a dependable and interesting forum to showcase those subjects.

But I certainly didn't do it alone. I'd like to thank the many writers and photographers who have been willing to share their time and talent. The members of the chapter's Executive Committee have been without exception wonderful, talented people dedicated to making Washington a greener, better place to live. Most of all, I want to say thanks to our super production volunteers: Teresa Duran, Nadia Steinzor, Anna Kinsman and Jim Dougherty. Yoma Ullman has made the *Capital Sierran* one of the few club newsletters with its very own style guide and has been our faithful guardian of clear language and accurate facts. Gwyn Jones taught me nearly everything I know as she wrote and laid out much of each issue and kept our message consistent with the Sierra Club's mission.

It would be sad to leave the newsletter without knowing it would continue in capable hands. And fortunately we have found a new editor, Jessica Hanff, who is both capable and enthusiastic. Jessica has a background in both the environment and desktop publishing. I know she will help this publication and our chapter improve and grow.

July 6 General Meeting

Global Warming: Learn How You Can Act Now

Take action on global warming! Come to hear the basics on this vital topic: what it is, why we must act now, and how you can make a difference. Then hang out for some green activist networking. We'll meet on Wednesday, July 6 from 6.30-8:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Library, Room A-5, 901 G St. N.W. (9th and G), one block from either Gallery Place Metro Station or Metro Center Station. For information and to RSVP, contact jerryhinkle@sbcglobal.net.

Chapter Fund Raising: Your Time to Give

Our March Window D.C. Chapter fund-raising campaign is off to a great start. More volunteers than ever helped put out our mailing in record time, and we soon started hearing back from our loyal members. As of press time, nearly 50 members had contributed over \$2,900 to our chapter and its conservation activities.

But the need is still great! Our goals of increased recycling, environmental justice, cleaner air and parklands safe from development need help from all our members. Mail your contributions to Karen Cordry, 10705 Torrance Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20902.

We send a special thank-you to these contributors, in addition to three others who preferred that they not be listed:

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In late March more than 25 Sierra Club volunteers assembled the D.C. Chapter's annual fundraising mailing to our membership of over 3,000 members.

Announcements



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Solstice Paddle on the Potomac

Join a Sierra Club kayaking adventure on the Potomac during the summer solstice (and under a full moon), 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23. Meet at Jack's Boathouse, 3500 K St. N.W. Rental kayaks are available from \$15 (one hour) to \$35 (three hours), cash only. All participants must sign a liability waiver. RSVP by Monday, June 20 to Lisa Swanson at 202-291-5972 or melatar@yahoo.com.

Join True Cost of Food Outings

by Susan Prolman

The True Cost of Food campaign seeks to promote sustainable food choices and asks consumers to choose vegetarian, locally produced and organic foods whenever possible. The campaign sheds light on the intensive use of natural resources and the air and water pollution that result from a highly industrialized approach to agriculture.

This past winter, the D.C. Chapter of the Sierra Club kicked off its own True Cost of Food campaign by introducing monthly restaurant outings. These events give environmentalists the opportunity to meet others in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, enjoy delicious meals at restaurants that support a sustainable approach to food, and learn more about how our food choices affect the environment, animals and our health.

True Cost of Food restaurant outings also provide a great way to introduce newcomers to the D.C. Chapter, so please feel free to bring friends along. See page 15 for a listing of upcoming True Cost of Food restaurant outings.

As part of the campaign, the Sierra Club has developed an entertaining 15-minute animated feature that aired on DCTV, the public access station for the District, on several days in April, including Earth Day.

To learn more about the True Cost of Food campaign, visit www.truecostof-food.org.

Chapter Forming Nominating Committee; Seeks Candidates for 2006 Executive Committee

Elections for the leadership of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Sierra Club will take place in December 2005. The chapter seeks members interested in running for the Executive Committee and members willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. Executive Committee members serve two-year terms, meet monthly, and participate in at least one of the chapter's conservation or organizational functions. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or would like more information about running for and serving on the Executive Committee, contact Jason Broehm at 202-299-0745 or jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org.

Chapter Seeks New Chapter Assistant

Beth Tredwell, staff assistant for the Washington, D.C., Chapter recently resigned her position due to family issues. Beth has done a tremendous job in the short time she has been here, and we wish her the very best as she returns to her home in Rochester, N.Y.

The chapter is now accepting applications for that position. The chapter assistant performs various administrative duties in support of the day-to-day operations of the chapter and its officers, interacts with volunteers, coordinates chapter activities and meetings, and responds to routine inquiries from members, volunteers and the general public. It is currently a half-time salaried position, providing benefits. It is an ideal position for someone looking for a part-time job in retirement or for someone returning to the workforce after time away for family. A complete job description may be found at www.dc.sierraclub.org/volunteers.

Calendar

Outings

Following is a *partial* list of activities offered by the Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP). For a more complete and up-to-date list and additional information, visit www.mwrop.org or call 202-547-2326.

Thu. June 2 (rated B). McLean, Va. Approximately 8-mi. hike over varied terrain, including parts of Scotts Run Nature Preserve and Potomac Heritage Trail, with some good overviews of the Potomac River. Meet at 10 a.m. in the Scotts Run Nature Preserve main parking lot (west parking). Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Ray Evert 703-893-3792 or Hikerdude22@msn.com and Henri Comeau 703-451-7965 or HenriComeau@aol.com.

Sat. June 4 (unrated). Scouting trip by canoe for the Annual Seneca Creek Cleanup project. See June 18 entry for details. Leader: Jim Finucane 301-365-3485 before 9 p.m.

Sat. June 4 (rated A + A). Lands of Rolling Ridge Foundation. Combined work trip and gently hilly 5-mi. pleasure hike in private wilderness preserve on forested western slopes of Blue Ridge in W.Va. The work will involve our using our limbs and some paint to do much-needed trail marking. Then it will be time for our Niles Cabin lunch (you can either pre-order \$5 buffet meal created by resident chef Sheila [call leader by June 1] or bring your own grub). Then we'll do an afternoon hike to visit some of preserve's historic sites and a hidden waterfall (complete with stone viewing chairs), and the Shenandoah River. To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at Vienna Metro Station's north parking lot. Call leader about travel options. Joint event with AMC-DC. Leader: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351.

Sat. June 4 (rated B). Brandymore Castle. Eight brisk and invigorating miles along Four Mile Run in Arlington Co., with a visit to the historic Brandymore "Castle." Bring lunch or purchase food along the way. Return to start via Metro. Meet at 9 a.m. at East Falls Church Metro Station. Joint event with NVHC. Leader: Mike Gingerich 703-772-8203 or m.gingerich@comcast.net.

Sat. June 4 (rated C). Cross County Trail. Celebrate National Trails Day by hiking the Cross County Trail from Colvin Run to Oak Marr in the heart of Fairfax Co. Enjoy the beauty of Difficult Run and historic Colvin Run Mill. Special guest will be Bill Niedringhaus, the father of the Cross County Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Oak Marr Recreation Center parking lot, off Jermantown Rd. in Oakton, Va. Leader: Glenn Gillis 703-430-0568.

Sat. June 4 (rated F). Shenandoah Circuit. Partially unscouted hike in SNP using Jenkins Gap Trail, AT and Browntown Trail. Approximately 11 mi. and 2,200 ft. elev. gain. Short car shuttle involved. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Vienna Metro Station's north parking lot. Leader: Scott Wilson 301-220-3248 or swilson@rnrnc.org.

Sun. June 5 (rated B). Get to Know D.C.: Rock Creek Park. Explore the beauty of Rock Creek Park in the spring. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Rock Creek Nature Center (just south of Military Road and Oregon Ave. N.W.). Bring water and a snack. Kids who can walk 7-plus mi. on relatively level terrain are welcome. Leader: Jim Finucane 301-365-3485 before 9 p.m.

Sun. June 5 (rated B). C&O Canal Towpath plus Carderock Picnic. Out-and-back hike of up to 10 mi. starting at 9:30 a.m. at Carderock, heading toward Great Falls and turning around to finish by noon (choose your own pace and distance), followed by optional potluck picnic and cookout at noon to celebrate One Day Hike's 32nd year. Call for details or if carless. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Carol Ivory 703-476-8730 or carolivory@verizon.net.

Tue. June 7 (rated H). Little Devils Stairs in northern SNP. Begin with scenic ascent of the stairs, connect to the Sugarloaf Trail to be engulfed by blooming laurels and descend the Piney Branch Trail—for total of 17 mi. and 4,000 ft. climb. Leader: Chris Nolen 301-469-8931 or chrishiker@erols.com.

Sat. June 11 (unrated). Scouting trip by canoe for the Annual Seneca Creek Cleanup project. See June 18 entry for details. Leader: Jim Finucane 301-365-3485 before 9 p.m.

Sat. June 11 (rated C). Potomac Heritage Trail Hike #2. Enjoy a 10-mi., one-way hike along the Potomac River from Algonkian Regional Park in Loudoun Co. to Riverbend Park in Fairfax Co. Highlights of this newly opened section of the rapidly developing Potomac Heritage Trail will include Lowes Island, Sugarland Run and the Potomac's scenic rapids known as the Seneca Breaks. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Potomac Sportsplex parking lot at the entrance to Algonkian Park. Driving directions: From Tysons Corner, drive west on VA 7 for about 14 mi.; turn right onto Algonkian Parkway and proceed for about 3 mi.; turn right onto Cascades Parkway and proceed for 0.2 mi to the parking lot on the right. From there, we'll carpool to the trailhead. Joint hike with AMC-DC. Call if carless. Leaders: Glenn Gillis 703-430-0568 and Paul Elliott 703-256-6351. Special guest: Karen Jones of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association.

Sat. June 11 (rated E). Mason Dixon Trail in Pa. Challenging 9.5-mi. hike with 3,000 ft. elev. change. Enjoy spectacular views of Susquehanna River, cool off in streams along a trail reminiscent of the Great Smoky Mountains and eat lunch by the rushing water of Holtwood Dam. Leaders: Russ Norfleet 703-294-6068 and Ted Conwell 301-589-1513 before 9 p.m.

Sat. June 11 (rated G). Great North Mtn.'s Crackwhip Furnace Trail. Circuit hike of 18 mi. and 4,000 ft. elev. change. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Oakton Shopping Center. Inexperienced hikers call for hiker requirements. Leaders: William Needham 410-884-9127 or Needham82@aol.com and Jack Thorsen 703-339-6716 or Thorsen4@juno.com.

Sun. June 12 (rated A). Rachel Carson Conservation Park (9 a.m.-noon). In 1980, this park in Sunshine, Md., was nominated as a national natural landmark in a report that stated, "[T]he site contains the best known examples of mature chestnut oak forest in the Middle Atlantic States and contains rare orchids and other unusual plants in the herb ground layer." We will walk about 3 mi. to observe the natural beauty of this little-

known park and discuss Montgomery Co.'s plans for its recreational uses. Leader: Ron LaCoss, 301-946-1106 before 9 p.m. or ronenviroed@aol.com.

Tue. June 14 (rated G). Brown Mtn.-Big Run in southern SNP. From Brown Mtn. Overlook, we'll tour on the Brown Mtn. Trail, Big Run Portal Trail, Patterson Ridge Trail and AT for a total of 13 mi. with 3,000 ft. climb. Options for longer hike available. Leader: Chris Nolen 301-469-8931 or chrishiker@erols.com.

Sat. June 18 (unrated). The 27th Annual Seneca Creek Cleanup—by canoe as usual. Join Sierrans and volunteers from other environmental organizations to clean up Seneca Creek from Seneca Creek State Park (near Montgomery Village) to the mouth of Seneca Creek at the Potomac River. We will cut out major logs, take out smaller branches and de-trash this beautiful close-in creek (full of wildlife) to make this stretch canoe-accessible. A picnic celebration will follow. Leader: Jim Finucane 301-365-3485 before 9 p.m.

Sat. June 18 (rated A). Geology-Wildflower Educational Walk (9 a.m.-about noon). On a walk of 2-3 mi., a geologist and naturalist from the EcoStewards Alliance will discuss the geology and summer wildflowers of the Great Falls area. Participation limited. Call leader for location. Leader: Jim Fremont 301-681-7475 before 9 p.m.

Sat. June 18 (rated B). Turkey Run. A pleasant 7-mi. hike along a stream in the Turkey Run section of Prince William Forest Park. Meet at 9 a.m. in Woodbridge Commuter Lot. Park entrance fee: \$5 per car; suggested carpooling fee: \$2. Joint event with NVHC. Leader: Mike Gingerich 703-772-8203 or m.gingerich@comcast.net.

Sat. June 18 (rated E). Little Devils Stairs. Moderate circuit hike in northern SNP of 10.7 mi. with 2,800 ft. elev. change. Hike up scenic canyon along Keyser Run. Meet at 8 a.m. in Vienna Metro Station's north parking lot. Leader: Marcia Wolf 301-565-3165 before 9 p.m. or wolffmk@comcast.net.

Sun. June 19 (rated F). Big Schloss in GWNF. Moderate- to fast-paced hike of 12 mi. with 2,450 ft. elev. gain. Very scenic hike with panoramic views from the top. Meet at 8 a.m. at Oakton Shopping Center. Beginners must call for requirements. Leader: Ted Fryberger 410-312-2982 before 9:30 p.m. or tkfryberger@comcast.net.

Tues. June 21 (unrated). Massanutten Hike-Shenandoah Paddle. A 12-mi. hike along the east ridge of the Massanutten, followed by a 12-mi. canoe paddle down the Shenandoah River. Suitable for amateur paddlers. Leader: Cliff Noyes 540-373-8267 or cliff.noyes@juno.com.

Sat. June 25. (rated A). Lake Accotink Park. Leisurely paced 5-mi. woodland circuit hike in wilds of Springfield, including historic railroad trestle associated with Darwin Award. Leashed dogs and children welcome. Posthike options include lunch in

Hike Rating System

One point is assigned to each mile and each 400' elevation change, up & down. The higher the point total, the more difficult the hike. For example, a five-mile hike with 1,200' elevation change (400' up, 800' down) gets a point total of 8 and is rated B; an 8-mile hike with an elevation change of 3,600' gets a point total of 17 and is rated E.

Rating	Points	Rating	Points	Rating	Points
A	7 or less	B	8-10	C	11 - 13
D	14- 16	E	17 - 19	F	20 - 22
G	23 - 25	H	more than 25		



Calendar

D.C. Chapter and Related Events

Following is a list of activities of the D.C. Chapter at press time. All events are free unless indicated by (\$). Please RSVP where indicated. Because of the possibility of changes, please confirm with the contact person or by checking our Web site, www.dc.sierraclub.org/.

June

Thu. Jun. 2

Outreach Event: Metro funding/accountability. Metro Stations throughout D.C. New volunteers welcomed and needed! Contact Chris Carney at 202-237-0754 or Chris.Carney@sierraclub.org.

Thu. Jun. 9

Executive Committee meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Club offices, 401 C St. N.E. (2 blocks from Union Station). All members welcome. Contact Jason Broehm at 202-299-0745 or jason.broehm@dc.sierraclub.org.

Thu. Jun. 9

Ward One Forum on Smoke-Free Workplaces. 7 p.m. Lincoln Theater, 1215 U St. N.W. (U Street/Cardozo Metro). Contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Sat. Jun. 11

From Our Roots to the Summit: A meeting to help set the Sierra Club agenda for the future. 9 a.m. Club offices, 401 C St. N.E. (2 blocks from Union Station). All members welcome. Contact Bob Morris at 202-548-8240 or capitalbob@earthlink.net.

Mon. Jun. 13

Second Monday Happy Hour. (\$) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tequila Grill, 1990 K St. N.W. (Farragut West Metro). Contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Outings, cont'd.

marina area, ride on antique carousel and exploring lake by rental canoe. Meet at 10 a.m. at marina. Call for directions or if carless. Joint event with AMC-DC. Leaders: Paul Elliott 703-256-6351 and Carol Ivory 703-476-8730 or carolivory@verizon.net, supported by leader emeritus Dick Terwilliger.

Sat. June 25 (rated C). Yellow-Blue-White Trails, Sugarloaf Mtn., Md. Moderately paced 8-9-mi. circuit hike with approx. 1,300 ft. elev. change. Best views at White Rocks; maybe ascend summit. Limited to 12 people. Leader: Ted Conwell 301-589-1513 before 9 p.m..

Sat. June 25 (rated D). Cedarville State Forest. Circuit hike of 14 mi. with minimal elevation change in Brandywine, Md., area. Venue includes headwaters of state's largest freshwater swamp, the Zekiah. See and learn about interesting natural and historic features, including bald cypress trees and pitcher plants. To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at the Branch Ave Metro Station's north parking lot. Leader: Russ Norfleet 703-294-6068 or russnorfleet@venison.net.

Sun. June 26 (rated B). Work-Play-Splash along Little Bennett Creek. Bring swimsuits or old clothes and Texas or old sneakers to explore this usually

Tue. Jun. 14

Transportation Committee meeting. All members welcome. 7 p.m. Club offices, 401 C St. N.E. (2 blocks from Union Station). Contact Tom Metcalf at 202-832-3809 (evenings) or thmetcalf@mac.com or Melanie Mayock at 202-546-5363 or mkmayock@yahoo.com.

Tue. Jun. 14

D.C. Committee on Public Works and the Environment public round table on the issue of smoking in the workplace. 10 a.m. John A. Wilson Building Council Chamber, Room 500 (Federal Triangle Metro). Contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Wed. Jun. 22

Sierra Club 101: Volunteer training for club activists. 7:00-8:30 p.m. Club offices, 401 C St. N.E. (2 blocks from Union Station). All members welcome. RSVP to Chris Carney at 202-237-0754 or Chris.Carney@sierraclub.org.

Thu. Jun. 23

Metro D.C. Building Environmental Community Steering Committee meeting. 7-9 p.m. Club offices, 401 C St. N.E. (2 blocks from Union Station). All members welcome. RSVP to Chris Carney at 202-237-0754 or Chris.Carney@sierraclub.org.

Thu. Jun. 23

Summer Solstice Kayaking on the Potomac. (\$) See announcement, p. 13. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jack's Boat-house, 3500 K St. N.W. RSVP to Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Mon. Jun. 27

True Cost of Food Campaign restaurant outing. (\$) 6:30 p.m. Soul Vegetarian (soul food), 2606 Georgia Ave. N.W. (Metrobus 7071). RSVP to Susan Prolman at 202-667-1162 or prolmans@aol.com.

off-limits waterway in upper Montgomery Co.'s Little Bennett Regional Park. And be ready to help out if we find things to clean up as we splash down some 3 mi. of the creek. If the water is too high or it's too cold, we'll explore the trails around this old mill stream, where some structures—including the enchanted Froggy Hollow Schoolhouse—still stand. Leader: Larry Broadwell 301-215-7135.

Sun. June 26 (rated E). Gunpowder Falls, Hereford Area. An 11-mi. circuit hike with 2,900 ft. elev. change, from York Road to Prettyboy Dam along both banks of Gunpowder Falls in a wild and beautiful area little known to D.C.-area hikers. Discover and learn about the ecology of this Chesapeake Bay tributary and its importance to Baltimore's water supply. To carpool, meet at 8:15 a.m. in the Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot, by bicycle stands outside main entrance. Leaders: Mike Darzi 301-593-4551 and Christine Ford 703-425-6899.

Tue. June 28 (rated H+). White Rocks Overlook in GWNF. This vigorous hike includes sections of the Tuscarora, Old Mail Post and Pond Run Trails, with a side trip to the White Rocks Overlook for a total of 18 mi. and 3,800 ft. elev. gain. Leader: Dave Kennamey 301-299-9563 or dkennamr@yahoo.com.

July

Wed. Jul. 6

Basics on Global Warming, a public meeting. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Library, Room A-5, 901 G St. N.W. (Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro). RSVP to Jerry Hinkle at jerryhinkle@sbcglobal.net.

Mon. Jul. 11

Second Monday Happy Hour. (\$) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Buffalo Billiards, 1330 19th St. N.W. (Dupont Circle Metro). Contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Tue. Jul. 12

Transportation Committee meeting. See June 14.

Thu. Jul. 14

Executive Committee meeting. See June 9.

Sun. Jul. 24

True Cost of Food Campaign restaurant outing. (\$) 11 a.m. Asylum (vegan brunch), 2471 18th St., N.W. (Woodley Park Metro). RSVP to Susan Prolman at 202-667-1162 or prolmans@aol.com.

Thu. Jul. 28

Metro D.C. Building Environmental Community Steering Committee meeting. See June 23.

August

Mon. Aug. 8

Second Monday Happy Hour. (\$) 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Reef, 2446 18th St. N.W. (Woodley Park Metro). Contact Chasta Jones at 202-320-1205 or nckaos@aol.com.

Tue. Aug. 9

Transportation Committee meeting. See June 14.

Thu. Aug. 11

Executive Committee meeting. See June 9.

Thu. Aug. 25

Metro D.C. Building Environmental Community Steering Committee meeting. See June 23.

Mon. Aug. 29

True Cost of Food Campaign Restaurant Outing. (\$) 6:30 p.m. Mr Chen's Organic Chinese Cuisine, 2604 Connecticut Ave. N.W. (Woodley Park Metro). RSVP to Susan Prolman at 202-667-1162 or prolmans@aol.com.

September

Thu. Sep. 8

Executive Committee meeting. See June 9.

October

Sun. Oct. 2

Save the Date: Washington, D.C., Chapter Awards Banquet.

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