Join the Iroquois Group for the People’s Climate March

In one of the largest efforts in the history of the environmental movement, a broad coalition of environmental, religious, civil rights and labor organizations have combined their resources to create the People's Climate March, to be held in New York City (rain or shine) on Sunday, September 21, 2014. The event will be a great opportunity to influence the leaders of the world, who will be gathered at the United Nations for the annual Climate Summit to be held on September 23.

The Sierra Club will join more than 500 organizations (and counting) with the goal of having tens of thousands of people marching in solidarity to stop climate disruption and replace dirty fossil fuels with clean energy prosperity. Trains will be coming from all over the country to bring marchers to this huge event. Here in Central New York, the Iroquois Group is organizing buses to get marchers to New York City. The March will begin around Noon, following a route through Central Park, Columbus Circle and Rockefeller Center before ending with a celebratory Sierra Club gathering. Our bus team coordinators are already busy planning, and we'll announce the “Where, When and How” as soon as possible.

Updates will be posted on the Syracuse Sierra Club Meetup Group webpage, the Iroquois Group website and the Iroquois Group Facebook page. To volunteer, suggest an interested group or ask a question, contact one of the following Iroquois Group representatives:

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Waste Recycling:
A Boon for Economic Development in Onondaga County & Beyond

For some cities, waste is a headache. For others, it’s a job creator. The items in our current waste stream are valuable feed stocks that can be used in remanufacturing. Central New York communities are looking for jobs, and the discard stream is a great place to start.

This strategy has seen recent success in Reading, PA, and Bridgeport, CT, where new enterprises are opening and a great number of jobs are being created in the midst of a recession. These Reuse Based Enterprises already employ more than 1 million workers nationwide, and that’s with a relatively low national diversion rate of 33%.

On Wednesday October 22, 2014, Onondaga County residents will have the opportunity to learn from a national leader in such enterprises.

Neil Seldman, founder and president of the Institute for Local Self Reliance in Washington, D.C., will present a program on the details of creating jobs from our waste stream here in Onondaga County. Seldman has worked with Sierra Clubs in Puerto Rico, Illinois, Maryland, California, and Florida and helped create the new rules that now define the Zero Waste paradigm in the USA.

We encourage individuals and businesses interested in securing the resources in your discard stream to come and learn how ILRS can assist you in becoming a Reuse Based Enterprise in your community.

This program is sponsored by the Iroquois Group and the Jamesville Positive Action Committee. For more details, see page 4 or visit the Iroquois Group website, the JAMPAC website, the Syracuse Sierra Club Meetup Group website or the Iroquois Group’s Facebook page.
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We Want to Hear From You!

We're always looking for great stories from our members, so let us know if you'd like to write an article or book review for our next issue. Questions and/or Letters to the Editor are also welcome.

New Members Welcome!

Membership is an important piece of the Sierra Club's mission, as it allows us to be a major political force and have the impact we need to create change in the world. Membership starts at just $25, and you can join online by visiting http://www.newyork.sierraclub.org/iroquois/. Join the Sierra Club today, and add your voice to the thousands of Americans committed to leaving our children a legacy of clean air, safe drinking water, and natural grandeur!

From the Chair

Dear Tree-huggers,

Have you been in the woods too long when you have to check your iPod to see whether it's Wednesday or Thursday, and the only reason you really care is because the trash is picked up on Thursday?

How about that Supermoon? Seeing it rise over the Great Sacandaga Lake was a highlight of the summer.

Feathered critter sightings of the season included: a bald eagle who hung out in an overhead pine tree watching for a bite to eat; a kingfisher that got nervous when my canoe approached; some noisy crows and blue jays; several families of ducks (mergansers and mallards that used my dock as their roadside rest stop); and the usual lonely loon. New this year, a turkey and three chicks who strolled through the woods in stately, ordered fashion.

As usual, the weekend boaters observed Gather at the Dam day, as hundreds of power boats tied up together for an afternoon of high spirits. The constant roar of boats as they came from up to thirty miles down lake announced a great local stimulus at the gas pumps. Fortunately, it's only one day a year.

I'll keep it short this time, as there's a lot of important stuff you need to read, including the People's Climate March feature on the front page. For updates and additional information, check out the Syracuse Sierra Club Meetup Group website, as well as the Iroquois Group website and Facebook page.

For the Earth and all its critters,
Martha Loew

Sierra Club Endorses Democratic Congressional Candidate Dan Maffei

The Sierra Club is proud to endorse Democratic candidate Dan Maffei for the 24th Congressional District. Maffei has shown an outstanding commitment to the protection of the environmental quality of our region and our country. He has shown great leadership in the House of Representatives while working to protect our natural resources, control Global Warming and create green jobs through his encouragement of renewable energy.

During the last session of the 113th Congress, Maffei strove to prevent big oil from harming the environment by voting against big oil subsidies, the Keystone XL Pipeline and the expansion of offshore drilling. He also voted to protect the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which maintains the public's ability to have input in environmental decisions, and voted against restricting the powers of the EPA to limit carbon emissions from power plants.

State Congressional candidates endorsed by the Sierra Club have gone through a rigorous process on several levels of the state organization to answer questions about their environmental background and future commitment to the protection of our environment. Congressional candidates are recommended by the state chapter and endorsed by National Sierra Club.
Conservation Chair Report
Linda DeStefano

Proposed Amphitheater on Onondaga Lake
The Iroquois Group joins several local organizations in urging Onondaga County not to rush into a decision regarding the construction of an amphitheater on Onondaga Lake. More time is needed to answer the many questions raised by the proposal. Jack Ramsden, Iroquois Group Secretary, points out some of the problems: lack of a business plan, site remediation plan, and long-term traffic mitigation measures, as well as environmental concerns related to noise and local wildlife.

Join the Solar Revolution
The Sierra Club continues to promote its Solar Homes Program in partnership with nationally renowned solar energy company Sungevity. When you go solar with the Sierra Club and Sungevity, Sungevity will give you a special $750 discount and send another $750 to your local Sierra Club chapter - a win for the environment, the homeowner and the Iroquois Group! Make the move toward a clean-energy future and go solar today! Learn more at: sierraclub.org/solar homes.

Lake Ontario
Rich Slingerland, Iroquois Group Water Issues Chair, hosted the Group’s annual Lake Ontario clean-up event on May 17, 2014. The group met at Southwick Beach State Park, where they took part in the international Hands Across the Sand/Land initiative. They cleaned the beaches of Lake Ontario and, at the same time, joined hands with thousands of people around the world to say “no” to dirty fuels and “yes” to clean energy.

Ash for Trash Proposal
The Iroquois Group has not yet taken an official position on the controversial “Ash for Trash Proposal,” whereby Onondaga County would burn up to 25,000 tons of solid waste each year from neighboring Cortland County. In return, Onondaga’s incinerator would send up to 90,000 tons of ash to Cortland’s landfill. Martha Loew, Iroquois Group Chair, and Don Hughes, At-Large Representative to the Atlantic Chapter, shared their concerns about the proposal at a special joint meeting of the Ways and Means and Environmental Protection Committees of the Onondaga County Legislature on June 10, 2014. Concerns recorded and submitted included the need to correct omitted details in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the need to address the issue of why incineration is a poor solution to trash management (it can cause serious health concerns and eliminates the opportunity to recover valuable materials).

Bomb Trains Vigil
Bomb trains carry highly volatile fracked crude oil from North Dakota, and frequently travel through Syracuse and environs on their way to the Port of Albany. The Iroquois Group’s Linda DeStefano, Michelle Wolfe and David Fischer were among the organizers of a July 8, 2014 vigil in downtown Syracuse in memory of the 47 people who were tragically killed in the July, 2013 bomb train explosion in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec. Our message? Stop the bomb trains! Get them off our rails! In the meantime, measures to mitigate the dangers must be taken, such as: prior notification of local emergency workers; public emergency plans; better training for first responders; improved tracks; less fragile cars; and slower speeds. Also in attendance was Jean Kessner, Syracuse Common Councilor At-Large, who spoke about the Council’s recent bomb train resolution.

You can receive information/updates about environmental conservation issues by joining our Environmental Issues listserv. If you’d like to join, contact Linda DeStefano, Conservation Chair, at ldestefano3@twcny.rr.com.
Iroquois Outings & Events
Explore, Enjoy & Protect Our Planet

Sierra Club events are free and open to all (both members and nonmembers). Indoor programs are held at 7:30 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1085 East Genesee Street, Syracuse. Please park and enter on University Avenue.

PROGRAMS

Expanding Recycling & Economic Development in Onondaga County
Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Neil Seldman is co-founder and president of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. He is senior staff for ILSR’s Waste to Wealth Initiative, which has been at the forefront of the push to move from burn and bury policies to recycling and economic development. Seldman specializes in helping cities recover more materials from the waste stream and add value locally through processing and manufacturing. Join us for this unique opportunity to hear from this national figure, who will discuss the challenges posed by our incinerator and municipal waste stream, as well as the job opportunities linked to waste recycling.

The Service Trip Experience, Presented by Sue Savion
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Sue is an Iroquois Group member who has gone on several service trips for the Sierra Club. Her most recent sojourn was to Santa Catalina Island, California, where she helped restore natural vegetation and maintain trails. Sue will share pictures and memories from her trip, offering insider tips for anyone considering a service trip.

OUTINGS

Fall Foliage & More at Lime Hollow Nature Center
Sunday, October 5, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore the trail at Chicago Bog Unique Natural Area. Chicago Bog is a kettle bog, a DEC Class II wetland, and one of the few intact bogs in the Finger Lakes Region. We’ll park and meet at the Trailhead: 3220 Gracie Road, Cortland.

Autumn Hike at Elmwood Park
Sunday, November 2, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the peace of this varied forest area. Walk the easy trails, breathe the crisp autumn air and view the picturesque landscape, with its random stone walls and natural water features. We’ll meet at the entrance to the park on Glenwood Ave., Syracuse.

Early Winter Hike at Conifer Park (a.k.a. James E. Heath Park)
Sunday, December 7, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a bit of “forest in the city” as we explore this former ESF experimental station. The park is located at 5559 South Salina Street, but parking is available at the small pull-off on Conifer Drive.