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## Nov. 7 Election Important for Environment

*Please vote, and encourage others to do so, with environmental issues in mind:*

Candidates Endorsed for US Congress  
(Locations are approximate)

US Senate:

- Robert Menendez** (D, incumbent)  
1st District (Camden, Gloucester Counties):
- Robert Andrews** (D, incumbent)  
2nd District (Atlantic, Cape May, Cumb, Salem):
- Frank LoBiondo** (R, incumbent)  
3rd District ( Burlington, Ocean):
- James Saxton** (R, incumbent)  
5th District (N. Bergen, N. Passaic, Sussex):
- Paul Aronsohn** (D, challenger) **Story on p. 5.**  
6th District (Middlesex, Monmouth):
- Frank Pallone** (D, incumbent)  
7th District (Hunterdon, Somerset, W. Union):
- Linda Stender** (D, challenger)  
8th District (N. Essex, Passaic):
- William Pascrell** (D, incumbent)  
9th District (Bergen, N. Hudson):
- Steven Rothman** (D, incumbent)  
10th District (Essex, E. Union):
- Donald Payne** (D, incumbent)  
12th District (Hunterdon, Mercer, M'sex, Monmouth):
- Rush Holt** (D, incumbent)

YES vote advocated on the State Parks Referendum  
(Public Question No. 2). See story below.

Essex County Executive: Joseph DiVincenzo

## Parks for People Referendum

By Crystal Snedden, Program Assistant  
(Crystal.Snedden@SierraClub.org)

Thanks to our own Jeff Tittel and all of the members of the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (a coalition of environmental organizations, sportsmen's groups, affordable housing advocates, and environmental justice activists), a Referendum to fund New Jersey's State Parks will be on this November's ballot. Public Question No. 2 proposes a State Constitutional Amendment to authorize use of the Corporate Business Tax to fund acquisition and development for recreation and conservation purposes. It would provide funding for our severely under-funded and neglected state and local parks without requiring any new taxes. You read that correctly. NEW PARKS, NO NEW TAXES!

Decades of inadequate park funding have resulted in a steady decline in services and maintenance, including a \$250 million back-log in repairs, fewer conservation officers, closure of park facilities and lost educational opportunities. The Governor originally proposed a \$40 million appropriation for emergency capital repairs to New Jersey's parks, wildlife management areas, and forests. But during the budget crisis that amount was reduced to only \$9 million for the coming year. This November, we have the opportunity to substantially increase this amount, and create stable future funding without new taxes or new revenue sources.

The amendment would reallocate existing, already environmentally-dedicated, funds from Corporate Business Tax revenue, in the amount of \$15 million a year through 2015, and \$32 million a year thereafter, to improving urban and rural parks across the state. This money could also be used to bond \$350 million, which would put a dent in the \$250 million repair backlog, and provide money for new state parks and our local and county parks.

The Sierra Club, in coalition with NJ Audubon Society, NJ Conservation Foundation, NJPIRG, NJ Environmental Federation, The Trust for Public Lands, NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and many other organizations have formed the Outdoor Recreation Alliance to lobby for this long-term stable source of funding for capital projects and operation.

We urge all members to check out the website, [www.outdoorrecreationalliance.org](http://www.outdoorrecreationalliance.org), spread the word, and vote YES on Public Question No. 2! ☺

## Introducing Crystal Snedden, our new Program Assistant

by Jeff Tittel, Chapter Director

Please welcome Crystal Snedden, to the New Jersey Chapter staff. Crystal is a recent graduate of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. She is poised, articulate, and committed to the environment.

As an intern with the New Jersey Pinelands Commission she helped manage a community planning project in Egg Harbor Township, and analyzed affordable housing and crime in and out of the Pinelands. She is particularly interested in New Jersey land use, urban redevelopment and the environmental effects of development.

Her interests and initiative led to an independent analysis of the development of Asbury Park and the social implications of gentrification, displacement and lack of affordable housing, as well as the need to include a grassroots community voice in order for the city's redevelopment to thrive. Crystal recently visited Belize, studying sustainable development.

Crystal has volunteered for a wide variety of social causes: voter registration, assisting at a local women's center and food bank, and she organized support on the Stockton campus for establishing a new PIRG chapter. She is from Galloway Township, Atlantic County. ☺



## Menendez Endorsed for US Senate

By Richard Isaac, Chapter Political Chair

The Club has endorsed incumbent Senator Bob Menendez's re-election campaign. While his opponent has been a good friend environmentally on the state level, Senator Menendez is a trusted ally with a 13-year, extremely strong record on many federal issues — often achieving a League of Conservation Voters voting record of 100%.

For examples, Senator Menendez has opposed loopholes in fuel economy standards for gas guzzling trucks and SUVs, supported preservation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and supported funding for local governments to stop stormwater pollution. (To view his stellar voting record, go to <http://lcv.org>.) Senator Menendez clearly deserves to stay in office, and we will work hard to keep him there.

If you'd like to help us return him to Washington, please contact me at: [risaacx@aol.com](mailto:risaacx@aol.com), or (H) 973-716-0297.

## Welcome to a Cool Cities Workshop, on Oct 21

"Cool Cities" is a national Sierra Club campaign to reduce global warming at the municipal level, by convincing cities and towns to reduce their total energy consumption and to obtain their energy from renewable sources. The campaign began in 2005 when Greg Nickels, mayor of Seattle WA, challenged all mayors in the nation to commit to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. 275 mayors have now made the commitment, including 23 from New Jersey.

We in New Jersey invite individuals and partners (other environmental groups, garden clubs, faith-based institutions, civic organizations, etc.) to attend a training session and then reach out to their own municipalities. The comprehensive Cool Cities workshop will take place on October 21, at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, NJ, from 9:30 am to 4pm, including lunch (provided).

Topics include instruction on how to approach local authorities, a case study of our success in Montclair, and the showing of a motivational film, "Kilowatt-ours."

To register: Please contact Stefano Crema, Workshop Coordinator, at "[stefcre@aol.com](mailto:stefcre@aol.com)," or Faith Teitelbaum, Chapter Global Warming Issue Coordinator, at [faithtei@aol.com](mailto:faithtei@aol.com). ☺

## SIERRA CLUB BALLOT

2006 Election of Sierra Club Chapter/Group Officers:

This year there's a **Chapter Referendum on a Bylaws change**, plus the opportunity to elect **four** members to two-year terms on the **Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom)**, joining the five members elected last year, and the 11 Group Chairs or their delegates. (The five members elected last year are Michel Cuillerier, Mike Herson, Rich Isaac, Bob Johnson, and Jane Tousman.)

(This 20-member ExCom elects, at each January reorganization meeting, the Chapter Chair, Vice-Chair, Conservation Chair, Legislative Chair, Political Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Delegates to National Council, Delegates to the Northeast Regional Conservation Committee (NERCC), Delegates to various Ecoregion bodies, and other officers included on the Leader List - back page of this Newsletter.)

On p. 2 are statements from six candidates for ExCom selected by a Nominating Committee (consisting of Sunil Somalwar, Gina Carola and John Kashwick). There was an opportunity, (announced in the July-September issue of this Newsletter), for nomination of petition candidates, but no petitions were received this year.

Please detach the entire ballot along the vertical dotted line on this page. If it includes your mailing label, the label will authenticate your ballot and will be removed before any ballots are counted.

Please mail the entire completed ballot **in your own separate envelope to Ballot, Sierra Club, 145 West Hanover Street, Trenton NJ 08618 — to arrive by Nov 30;** ballots are traditionally counted at our annual holiday party in December.

### (1) Chapter Bylaw change

(text is on p. 4):

yes  no

(2) Chapter ExCom: Candidates for at-large member of Chapter ExCom (name-order has been randomized): Vote for UP TO FOUR candidates. The second column of boxes is for the second member of a FAMILY membership. Candidates' statements are on p. 2 of this Newsletter.

- Joan Denzer  Bonnie Tillery
- Lee Snyder  George Denzer
- Ken Johanson  Ruth Prince

(ballot continued on pg. 2)

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**BALLOT** (Continued from page 1)**(3) Group Ballots:**

(Please don't detach from the Chapter ballot.)

Vote only those ballots for Group(s) and Section(s) in which you participate. Club rules require the nomination of at least two more candidates than the number of positions open. When those additional candidates haven't been identified, write-in slots are provided instead. PAIRs of boxes are provided for FAMILY members, so that two people can vote. Information about candidates may be available from Group officers listed in the Group News section of this Newsletter.

**Candidates for Northwest Group Executive Committee: Vote for three, maximum.**

- Marie Springer       Dennis Miranda  
 Sue Rotter  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for North Jersey Group Executive Committee: Vote for four, maximum.**

- John Kashwick       Tom Thompson  
 Mike Herson       Nancy Wysocki  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Hudson-Meadowlands Group Executive Committee: Vote for nine, maximum.**

- Louise Taylor       Rosemary Arena  
 Mike Selender       Donald Kopczynski  
 Charlotte Ermoian       Dave Case  
 Connie Ftera       Gil Hawkins  
 Melissa McCarthy  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Essex County Group Executive Committee: Vote for four, maximum.**

- Sally Malanga       Lori Tanner  
 Billi Schloss       Walter Clark  
 Dave Ogens  
 Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Loantaka Group Executive Committee: Vote for four, maximum.**

- Chris Mills       Bob Campbell  
 Joyce White       Stefano Crema  
 Doug Williams  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Central Jersey Group Executive Committee: Vote for four, maximum.**

- Rocky Swingle       Sandi Lowich  
 Terry Stimpfel       Harold Rapp  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Raritan Valley Group Executive Committee: Vote for three, maximum.**

- Sandi Lowich       Michael Ricketts  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Jersey Shore Group Executive Committee: Vote for five, maximum.**

- Patricia Fuschetto       Dennis Anderson  
 George Newsome       Joellen Lundy  
 Marinel Mukherjee  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Ocean County Group Executive Committee: Vote for nine, maximum.**

- A. Gregory Auriemma       Sandra Brown  
 Jocelyn Isaza       Joyce Isaza  
 Margit Meissner-Jackson       Rick Washik  
 Dawn Marie Johns       Howard Schwartz  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for West Jersey Group Executive Committee: Vote for two, maximum.**

- Ellen Zinni       Frank Zinni  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for South Jersey Group Executive Committee: Vote for two, maximum.**

- Julie Akers       Sally Nunn  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates for Singles Section Executive Committee: Vote for seven, maximum.**

To be eligible to vote in the Singles Section ExCom election, you must have attended at least one Singles meeting (not other events, only second-Monday-of-the-month meetings at a library) within the past year.

- Diana Christine Eicholz       Jeff Sovelove  
 Lynn Forrest       Betty Stapleton  
 Walt Goldenbaum       Terry Stimpfel  
 Joyce Haddad       Bob Johnson

**Candidates for Young Sierrans Section Executive Committee: Vote for seven, maximum.**

- Jackie Enfield       Bill Sevchuk  
 Steve Timmerman       Christine Toth  
 Diana Christine Eichholz       Kelly Enright  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

# Statements of Candidates for Chapter ExCom:

**JOAN DENZER**

This is a worrisome and exciting time for environmentalists: worrisome because of the administration's attacks on our accomplishments; exciting because unprecedented membership growth clearly says that the citizens agree with our positions and concerns. Our Chapter, through the efforts of our hard-working staff and volunteers, has been successful in the last few years in furthering our goals of saving open space and keeping our air and water clean. As an ExCom member I would work to continue that success by using experience gained in positions on the state, regional and national levels. I would appreciate your vote.

**LEE SNYDER**

As a Life Member of the Club, I have served as Pinelands Coordinator for the West Jersey Group since 2002, and for the New Jersey Chapter since 2003. I actively work with the NJ Pinelands Commission, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, NJ Conservation Foundation and other organizations and individuals to protect New Jersey's natural treasures. As a part time volunteer, I participate in many Sierra Club and Pinelands related meetings, hearings and classes including attendance at the Sierra Club Training Academy. I was elected to the ExCom two years ago, and would like proudly to represent the interests of the NJ Chapter.

**KEN JOHANSON**

I have been actively involved with the Chapter for quite some time now. I currently serve as Chapter Chair and chair of the legislative, litigation oversight and fundraising committees. I also serve on the finance and personnel committees. Thanks to our exceptional staff and our dedicated volunteer activists, the New Jersey Chapter is making a difference. I hope to continue to contribute to this effort as a member of the Executive Committee.

**BONNIE TILLERY**

I am presently serving as secretary of the Executive Committee, a responsibility I have held for the past six years, and as Population Issues Coordinator for the past 6-1/2 years. Recipient of the Club's 2006 Environmental Alliance Award for working with non-Sierra Club groups to help further environmental goals. Currently giving presentations about a recent Sierra Club study trip to Madagascar where we saw how family planning is helping the Malagasy people save the endemic flora and fauna of this unique island nation. I am committed to the Sierra Club mission and would appreciate your vote.

**GEORGE DENZER**

As a lifelong resident of New Jersey, I have watched as sprawl and the resultant clogged roadways have taken over our State. As a Sierra Club member, I have worked for increasing mass transit and expanding commuter light rail to counteract this. As a Chapter, we have had some success on this issue, but we have more work to do! I have held positions at the Chapter, regional and national levels, and am currently Chapter Treasurer, where I have been successful in increasing funds to help our strong grassroots activists to protect New Jersey's environment. I would appreciate your vote.

**RUTH PRINCE**

I have been involved with the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club since 2001, as Chair of the Hunterdon County Group, Vice-Chair of the Chapter Conservation Committee, and since 2005 as Chapter Vice-Chair. I also Chair my township's Planning Board, and am a member of the Environmental and Open Space Commissions. I am a PhD toxicologist with regulatory experience, and with expertise in land use and toxics. As Vice-Chair, it has been rewarding to aid our Chapter Chair with the complex matters of the Chapter organization, and I would like to continue in that capacity as an Executive Committee member.

**POPULATION ISSUES COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

## Champion Women, Champion Communities

By Bonnie Tillery (blt44blt@verizon.net)

Madagascar, the magical island in the Indian Ocean off the south-east coast of Africa, is home to diverse and colorful species of plants and animals. In the April-June 2006 issue of the Jersey Sierran I described some of the wonders I saw there on a Sierra Club-sponsored study-tour of this island nation. Hands down, the lemurs (see photos, below) with their big round eyes, and wide-set teddy-bear ears are the island's ambassadors. These prosimians, the earliest form of primate, are found in the wild only in Madagascar. They live in the forests, yet 90% of the island's forests have been destroyed to grow crops, herd zebu (cattle), or make charcoal for a growing human population. Destruction of the forests has led to erosion. From space, astronauts have talked about seeing Madagascar's red earth bleeding into the sea.



Average Malagasy income is less than \$300 a year. Many of the people, especially the children, suffer from malnutrition. Short-term the people need food, but long-term the forests must be preserved for the people and the ecosystem. To do



this, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), funded with assistance from USAID (United States Agency for International Development), are providing alternatives to slash-and-burn agriculture that help feed the people and save the forests.

NGOs talk with people in the villages to see what their needs are, then help the communities set challenging but attainable goals to meet those needs. Village workdays are set aside and a friendly competition is created. Achievements are celebrated, and when a significant number of a village's goals are met, it attains Champion Community status. Some goals we saw targeted in the villages we visited: a community vegetable garden to provide a nutritious and varied diet and produce to sell at market; lychee trees planted to bring income into the community; a fish farm dug so that tilapia and carp can add protein to the diet and income to the community; treated mosquito netting used to lower the incidence of malaria; and increased access to, and voluntary use of, contraceptives so that women can space their children. When women hear about modern contraceptives, they are eager to use them so that they can work in the fields to help feed the children they already have.



In the three villages we visited the women who volunteered as health care workers were literate, respected by their communities and spoke with authority. Although men are the traditional leaders, these women are also recognized as community leaders, helping their villages prosper. One health care worker, in a village far off the main dirt road, walks six hours one day a month to bring contraceptive supplies back to the village. These volunteer health workers also teach their communities how to purify water to reduce the incidence of diarrhea, which, along with malaria, is one of the biggest killers of children under five.

Madagascar is working to save its unique environment, but it needs our help. Through USAID, we are all lending a hand, but that contribution is just \$3.85 per person per year - about the price of a designer cup of coffee. Surely we can do better, and here are a couple of suggested actions. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives and urge them to vote for increased assistance for the programs like those I saw in Madagascar as well as those in the more than 100 other countries where USAID operates. Ask your representatives where they stand on family planning, and vote for those who support access to voluntary family planning services. These are some of the ways we can all help protect our shared environment.

To learn more, go to [www.sierraclub.org/population](http://www.sierraclub.org/population), and to read about one of the Champion Women we talked with see the Sierra Magazine article at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200607/flora.asp>. ☺

Please vote for Club officers using the ballot on this page.

## Editorial Free Enterprise in Trouble

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

When in the Eighteenth Century Adam Smith touted free enterprise as an "invisible hand" that maximized economic benefits for everyone in a society, there began the rapid advances of technology and wealth of the industrial age, and it seemed as if there was nothing more for economists to advocate.

Then, in the late Nineteenth Century, came the Gilded Age, when robber barons such as John D Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and J P Morgan achieved enough market dominance to condemn masses of workers to miserable living and working conditions, producing a two-class system of haves and have-nots, that begged for an economic "revolution." Two solutions to the problem were tried: Russia, China and Cuba tried a socialist economic system, not very successful either in raising average incomes or narrowing the income-gap between the rich (bureaucrats) and the poor (workers). The other solution consisted of a "double tweaking" of the market economic system: labor unions to increase the power (and incomes) of the workers, and anti-trust laws to limit the monopolistic power of the corporate executives. That all took place roughly a hundred years ago. This second "solution" seemed to have worked: following the Second World War, the free enterprise system produced unprecedented economic growth and prosperity in the US and many other countries. Technology (aided by government subsidies such as corporate tax credits, cheap mortgages and interstate highways) brought us TV, the mobility of suburbs, and the many other conveniences that have made us leisured, affluent and overweight.

(It's worth asking why free-enterprise and all the resulting wealth is so geographically ill-distributed. The theories include effects of religion - see John Roberts' "Triumph of the West," the subjugation of free enterprise in many countries by tyrants or military-industrial oligarchies, the unequal distribution of key raw materials, other geographical explanations, and ethnic disabilities. Some of them are expounded in Jared Diamond's "Guns, Germs and Steel.")

## Resolutions Adopted by ExCom in June-August

We urged upon NJDoT one of two proposals for upgrading Route 21 in Newark (Essex County), south of the downtown area, that we thought would be more pedestrian-friendly. (July)

We proposed measures to reduce the noise, safety, pollution, and health impacts of truck traffic in Newark (Essex County). (July)

In Mercer County's Hamilton and Washington Townships, we urged that the right-of-way of the historic Camden and Amboy Railroad be preserved as a hiking and biking trail. (July)

We initiated a possible lawsuit to protect the red knot, an endangered bird species which depends on Horseshoe Crab eggs on the Delaware Bayshore for pole-to-pole migration. (July)

We joined a task force that is generating a renewable energy master plan for the NJ Meadowlands (Bergen and Hudson Counties). Mike Herson was appointed to represent the Club. (July)

We authorized challenging the Pinelands Commission's approval of a business park in Stafford Township, Ocean County. (August) ☺



Photo: James Mendelsohn

## Chair's Message Six Reasons to Keep on Fighting

by Ken Johanson, Chapter Chair (KJohan@comcast.net)



But now there's a new, environmental, threat to free enterprise - examined in Jared Diamond's more recent book, "Collapse." The technology that pampers us has also generated the harmful wastes that pollute groundwater, landfills and the atmosphere. Wealth (and Madison Avenue) have corrupted us into wanting homes far larger (and cooler in summer) than those our grandparents lived in, and in places that require the consumption of far more energy, and water, resulting in the unsustainable emission of greenhouse gases. Arguably, overpopulation threatens Americans and all other humans with the depletion of fish, forests, petroleum and many other resources. The success of the free enterprise system has reared a new threat and crisis. What are the possible solutions?

The market "responds" to shortages, of course, by adjusting prices upwards. That's what's happening to the price of gasoline; it is the classic solution to the environmental threat. Equally classic is the attempt to be fair to poor people: government and other charities provide "compensating subsidies." We've seen something of how this works (or doesn't work!) in the response to the damage done, a year ago, by Hurricane Katrina. But there's another way to "tweak" the economic system, suggested (to me) by Garret Hardin's "Tragedy of the Commons" scenario, which says simply that scarcities tend to spread "evenly" over the members of a society, gradually lowering everyone's quality of life. The obvious "solution" to the Tragedy of the Commons is government intervention to reduce the demand on resources, starting with regulations to reduce wasteful practices (such as overwatering of lawns or cars), and extending to bans on commercial fishing (to permit replenishing of stocks), measures to restrict greenhouse gas emissions, limit sprawl, etc.

"Environmental tweaking," analogous to the "anti-trust tweaking" of the 20th Century, would be a new modification of the basic pattern of free enterprise. It's time for the practice to become established and acknowledged. ☺

There's been no shortage of bad news lately. Global warming continues to disrupt long-established weather patterns and accelerate the extinction of species, the world's human population continues to grow and the planet's finite resources, including its water and forests, continue to be consumed.

Add to this the sad state of affairs in Washington, where Bush and his right-wing cronies are in a state of denial with regard to global warming and continue to do all in their power to dismantle environmental laws and reward their friends in the extractive industries, and it is no wonder that some who recognize the seriousness of the problems we face have thrown in the towel and have decided to join in the consumptive free-for-all that is engulfing the nation. Their motto appears to be: "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we fry."

As my wife Wynn will testify, I am not much of an optimist, but I do not subscribe to this doomsday scenario. Here are six reasons why I believe we need to keep on fighting:

First, there are signs of change. When I first began to advise friends and acquaintances of the dangers of global warming I estimate that 80 percent of those who I contacted wrote me off as a blithering idiot. I currently estimate that the number is down to 50 percent.

Second, there is hope in 2006 and beyond that in 2008. Bush and his right-wing agenda have a long list of problems, including many that are not directly related to the environment. Hey, we'll take help anywhere we can get it. The goal is to get him and his friends out of there. I think we have a good shot at accomplishing this.

Third, despite all the bad things we read about in the press, we in New

Jersey are doing some really good things. The New Jersey Chapter played a leadership role in the passage of the Highlands Act, which will protect thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive lands in the Highlands region, the Clean Car Act, which will require that automobile manufacturers comply with California clean car standards, and the Diesel Act, which will require that school busses and other diesel vehicles be retrofitted to reduce harmful emissions. And the Chapter is currently engaged in a campaign to urge municipalities to adopt measures that address global warming concerns. So yes, we're out there and we are making a difference.

Fourth, working on environmental campaigns provides those of us who are involved in the movement with an opportunity to interact with an incredible group of activists, including many young people who are our hope for the future. These people share our views on the importance of protecting the environment and, more often than not, our views on other social issues as well. Working with these people has enriched my life and strengthened my resolve.

Fifth, if you have children or grandchildren (or know people who have children or grandchildren), how could you not want to keep on fighting? We have a moral obligation to provide future generations with a world that is capable of sustaining human life.

And sixth, we just can't cave in. I am unwilling to provide Bush and his cronies with the satisfaction of knowing that he got the best of us. For our own sense of honor and our commitment to the values that we all share, we need to stand up to Bush and his anti-environmental agenda. I certainly hope that we will prevail. But even if we do not, we will go down fighting. ☺

### 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.

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

# Transco, Spare That Tree!

by Rocky Swingle, Co-Conservation Chair of our Central Jersey Group

I had been up in a maple tree in my back yard for two hours. A police sergeant with a SWAT patch on his uniform was telling me I would be arrested for contempt of court. There were another six or eight cops around the tree, plus EMTs, the fire department and TV and newspaper reporters. The temperature was pushing 100 degrees. Transco, the pipeline company, had cut down four of my trees and was waiting for me to come down to finish off the remaining five. My wife was alternately crying and cursing the Transco reps. I was in a Franz Kafka version of David and Goliath. How had it come to this? Is there anything to be learned from it? Here's the story.

Last November we received a scrawled message on a business card left in our mailbox. It was from Transco, a Williams Pipeline company that transports natural gas from the southern and Gulf Coast states to the Northeast via more than 10,000 miles of buried pipeline. The note said that they would be back in the next few days to cut down all the trees in my back yard because they were on their easement.

We were shocked, to say the least, since we had no idea the pipe was there. It wasn't on our title insurance, survey, or title. In the 15 years we had lived in Hamilton Twp [Mercer County], no one had ever cleared the area, and we had never seen anyone inspect it. Our next-door neighbors, residents for the past 47 years, said the same thing - no clearing, no inspections.

After some panicked phone calls we discovered that one of Transco's pipes did indeed run through our back yard. Laid in 1955, it was 24 inches in diameter and buried three feet underground. I went to the County courthouse to check on my deed for easements, and sure enough, Transco had one. It was eight feet wide, ran completely across the rear of my yard, and they were allowed to keep it clear of vegetation.

But the nine trees had been growing undisturbed for 50 years and formed a shady green canopy around our yard, plus a natural buffer between two softball fields and a parking lot directly behind our house. The trees were our green haven, full of birds and squirrels, the heart and soul of our home. To take them down would be unbearable, and it would diminish the value of our property.

We met with the Transco reps. "Why are you doing this?" we asked, "and why now after all this time?"

"National security", they said. My jaw dropped. I thought for a moment, but couldn't ever recall seeing a tall, bearded Saudi ex-patriot, in a white robe, toting an AK-47 anywhere near their pipe. I just laughed at the Transco rep.

"No, really." I said. "Why are you doing this?"

"The tree roots grow around the pipe and eat away the protective coating," they said. That sounded odd to me. Why would trees roots attack a metal pipe that carried natural gas, and if it was true why hadn't they done anything about it in the past? So we hired a certified tree expert who said that the roots of our trees didn't grow that deep, and were not attracted to natural gas, and that Transco was completely wrong.

"No, really." I said. "Why are you doing this?"

We need to inspect the area to make sure no one is digging above the pipe," they said.

"Let me assure you that now that I know your pipe is there, we won't be doing any digging - not that we ever did," I replied. "Also, have you been inspecting it since 1955?" I asked.

"Yes we have," they said. "Once every month."



Frank Jacobs, Trenton Times.

"Then keep doing what you've been doing and we'll sleep well, knowing we're safe," I said. "And let me ask you something else. Are we in any danger, right now?"

"No," was the answer.

"Are you planning on doing any maintenance, repairs, upgrades, anything at all that would necessitate immediate access to the pipe?"

Again, "No," was the answer.

"Great. There's no current danger. The roots don't cause a problem. You can continue to inspect as you have for the past 50 years. And don't embarrass yourself again with that national security stuff. So you can leave the trees alone, right?"

"No, it's impossible," they said. "The trees must go."

So we hired a lawyer.

We found that in two other similar NJ cases courts had ruled that when pipeline companies failed to exercise their right to clear vegetation for such a long period of time, they lost their right to do so. You snooze, you lose. It's called the "doctrine of laches". We thought we had them, and were elated - briefly. So began the three-step process of saving our trees via the legal system.

First we asked the court for a temporary restraining order to stop the initial cutting. It was granted.

Step two, a preliminary injunction, was more difficult. After six months, and lots of legal fees, the judge ruled that even though there would be "irreparable harm" he would not issue the injunction since he doubted we would ultimately succeed "on the merits of the case" in the third and final phase, the permanent injunction. Without the protection of the preliminary injunction, Transco had a legal right to cut down the trees.

We tried to negotiate with them, but their offers always started with, "After we cut down your trees..." That's like telling someone on death row, "After you're dead, we'll talk about that plea bargain."

Transco decided not to wait for the ruling on the permanent injunction, saying that if they ultimately lost, they would simply pay us damages. But we didn't want money. We wanted our trees! The arrogance of that statement was a slap in the face.

We were furious, depressed, and frustrated. What could we do? Give up and watch the trees go down? It wasn't in me to do that. They were doing this simply because they could, because it was what they did, and not for anything remotely related to safety, maintenance or any other rational reason. It was a bureaucracy feeding upon itself. "We cut down trees because that's our job and since it's our job we're going to cut

down your trees." Plus the Transco rep had the temerity to tell me they had some extra money in their budget, and that's why they decided to do it now.

The clock ticked, and on Friday, July 28, our lawyer called to say Monday was T-Day.

I thought a lot about how sitting in a tree would play out, and what the consequences would be. Would I go to jail? Charged with what? How would it affect my family? My job? My financial situation? What could be gained? I decided that the very best outcome would be that Transco, embarrassed by the bad publicity, would back down at least until the court ruled on the permanent injunction. Deep down they're bullies and I was hoping by fighting back they'd behave like bullies do when they're confronted. But that was a very long shot. Beyond that I didn't know what would happen. I wasn't even sure if I'd resist to the point of going to jail.

I checked with a couple of lawyers on the legal consequences, but they weren't really sure what I'd be charged with. They mentioned trespassing (strange but true!) and civil disobedience, which didn't sound too bad, but jail and a fine for anything didn't sound too good either.

In the end, I just couldn't see myself sitting in my yard and watching while my green wall came down and my back yard was destroyed. So I called some friends, made some signs, alerted the media (the Trenton Times had done two other stories previously) and set my alarm for 6am. They arrived at 8am and I climbed the tree.

After they cut down trees to right and left of me, they stopped and asked me if I was going to come down. I told them yes...but not just yet. I wanted Transco to promise not to cut down any more trees until the permanent injunction was ruled on. I said I wanted them to let the legal process run its course. They'd waited 50 years, so what would another month or two matter?

Eventually, as I knew they would, they called the police. Amazingly the cops said Transco needed to have some proof they could do what they were doing. In thirty minutes Transco returned with the judge's decision on the preliminary injunction.

Then began a series of negotiations with the police and calls to my lawyer. At one point a reporter asked me how far I was willing to let this go. It struck me that I still didn't really know. As I said to her, it was moment by moment.

Unknown to me, my wife asked a friend to call the Mayor. I've gotten to know him a bit over the past three years. We don't agree on a lot of issues, but he had the right stuff that day. After two phone calls to Transco he worked out a deal to let two additional trees stand until Nov. 1. So we were up to four trees because Transco had agreed to let two remain until this fall, since I was considering moving them.

At that point it became decision time. Stay up in the tree and eventually go to jail or come down and call it a success since we'd gotten excellent media coverage and saved four trees, at least temporarily. I still didn't know what I'd be charged with, because the cops could never tell me. I had found that the contempt of court charge wasn't correct since there had never been a court order prohibiting me from sitting in my tree. The worst case was that Transco would leave, get an injunction to prohibit further interference and I'd have to pay their legal costs at \$300 per hour. That and the fact that I didn't think my going to jail would change the situation led me to

decide to come down. So three hours after it started, it ended.

## Postscript:

The real reason Transco wants to cut down the trees is that they don't want to loose another precedent-setting case like the two others we learned about.

Sitting in the tree was a last act of desperation, not a first act to get publicity. Negotiation and the legal system failed, and I was pushed into a corner. In the end the return in terms of trees saved was minimal. It's likely we'll loose the other four trees November 1 when our agreement with Transco expires.

The police were exemplary. The SWAT sergeant was a trained negotiator and a decent guy. He was patient, calm and had one goal: a peaceful solution.

So was it worth it? I have to say, yes. Personally, I would have regretted not doing all I could to save the trees. Sometimes you have to go down swinging, even if it's just for your self-respect.

This is a very small issue compared to global warming, drilling in the ANWR, saving the Highlands, or a thousand others. It's just a few trees in one family's back yard in suburban, overdeveloped New Jersey. But the Transcos of the world need to know that individuals, not just organizations like the Sierra Club, will stand up to their bullying and their arrogant absurdities, their deep pockets and political clout, and in a way that strikes me as even more powerful. If people are willing to go it alone, then that sends a message - not only to Transco, but also to the public - that there's something drastically wrong. When the social and political climate favors and rewards such wrong-headed and irresponsible actions by big corporations, and punishes individuals for fighting them, then it needs to be changed. On the other hand I'm not so naïve to think this one act will change much, if anything. Does Transco care? Do they get it? No. But if people don't make themselves heard, it's certain they never will.

## Post-postscript:

Later I discovered that Transco was dumping the chipped tree limbs from my yard and other nearby jobs in the woods near my house and filling in perennially wet areas. They were dumping on their easement, but it still seemed wrong, if not illegal, to me. DEP is investigating. ☺

## Chapter Bylaw change

(Please use the ballot on p. 1):

Membership approval is required for a change in the Chapter Bylaws (which regulate how the Chapter does business), which would change the terms of office of the elected (at-large) ExCom members from two years to three, so that three of the nine at-large members would be elected each year. This change has been recommended by a unanimous vote of the ExCom. The complete Bylaws are available on the Chapter's web site. The revised Bylaw, which would not take effect until 2007, would read as follows:

"3.1 Number: Subject to the powers of the members as provided by these Bylaws, the management of the affairs and activities of the Chapter shall be in the hands of an ExCom of nine (9) members elected by the Chapter membership for terms of three (3) years, one representative from each Chapter group selected according to the group's bylaws, and the Council Delegate ex-officio. Group representatives may vote and hold any office except Council Delegate or Alternate. Groups may designate alternates from their Group ExCom who may vote in the absence of the representative.

In any election, up to three (3) members may be elected for full terms, as long as the size of the at-large delegation of the ExCom does not increase as a result, and no fewer than three (3) terms will expire in any future year. To implement this, five (5) members shall be elected in 2007, of whom the three with the highest number of votes will serve for terms of three (3) years and the remaining two will serve for terms of two (2) years, and in 2008 four (4) members will be elected, of whom the three with the highest number of votes will serve for terms of three (3) years and the fourth member will serve for a term of one (1) year. In 2009 and thereafter, three members will be elected each year. When filling vacancies in unexpired terms by election, longer terms shall be awarded to candidates with more votes. The candidates who win the highest numbers of votes shall receive any available full terms and the others shall receive the unexpired remainders of the vacated terms.

Members elected in an annual election shall take office at the first meeting of the year.

If not otherwise members of the ExCom, the Secretary and Treasurer shall serve as non-voting members."

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM TRENTON

by Jeff Tittel, Chapter Director  
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At a time when property taxes are soaring and farmland is being paved over at historic rates, we need to take a look at New Jersey's Farmland Assessment Program. This offers a property tax break to anyone who owns a minimum of five acres of land and sells \$500-worth of agricultural products per year. If the Governor and Legislature are looking for ways to reform the property tax, they should closely examine this Program.

Although most farmers are dedicated and really need help from farmland assessment, others take advantage of the Program. The largest "farmer" in central New Jersey is the Thompson Land Company, a land speculator and developer, and the largest "farmer" in Hunterdon County is Toll Brothers. For years developers have used the Program to land-bank property for future development, buying property cheap, and harvesting just enough wood or hay to qualify for a 90% reduction on property taxes.

Some of our largest corporate headquarters lawns are considered farmland by the Farmland Assessment Program. A developer in Ringwood is using the trees on his property both to build the houses and to meet his agricultural quota! Then we have wealthy McMansion owners who use farmland assessment to get a 90% tax break by buying a few horses and growing some hay. Former Congressman Dick Zimmer and Steve Forbes of Forbes Magazine are examples.

The Program cost municipalities over \$300 million in 1999, closer to \$500 million today. And we are still losing about 10,000 acres of farmland a year. In Hopewell Township, Mercer County, farmland assessment costs the municipality roughly \$11 million a year – for total farm income of

about \$150,000 a year! More than half of Hopewell is considered farmland under the Program, but the "farmers" pay only 6% of the property taxes.

New York State's equivalent Program requires ten acres of land and \$10,000 worth of agricultural production annually.

We have no problem with the Program as long as the land is honestly farmed. But developers and land speculators should not receive benefits. The Program needs to be revamped in order to protect New Jersey's threatened farmland. Developers are hardly an endangered species. It is time to stop hand-feeding them. For some it's not how well you farm the land, but how well you farm the government. ☺

### Joseph DiVincenzo Endorsed for Essex County Executive

By Chris Weis, Political Co-Chair of our Essex County Group

During Mr. DiVincenzo's past four years in office he has built an environmental center, established recycling programs for electronics, household hazardous waste and old tires, and spent over \$80 million on the county park system. He spearheaded an Open Space Local Aid Program for municipal parks, assisted environmental initiatives by local non-profit groups, preserved historic sites and acquired open space. The New Jersey Chapter is pleased to support Mr. DiVincenzo in his re-election bid.



## Sierra Club Endorses Aronsohn for Congress – 5th District

By Richard Isaac, Chapter Political Chair (risaacx@aol.com)

The Sierra Club hopes that Paul Aronsohn (D) will unseat incumbent Representative Scott Garrett (R), the Congressman with both the worst environmental record in New Jersey's thirteen-member delegation, and also the worst record in memory.

Our choice was easy. Rep. Garrett's environmental record has been abysmal, currently just 11% according to the League of Conservation Voters. Some of Garrett's most glaring anti-environmental votes and actions are as follows:

- Garrett was the only member of the New Jersey delegation to support lifting a quarter-century moratorium on offshore drilling that includes the coast of New Jersey. (May 19, 2005)

- Garrett was also alone in the delegation in opposing an amendment to the House energy bill to spare the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling. (April 20, 2005)

- Garrett was the only member of the delegation to vote to undermine the Endangered Species Act through legislative riders and regulatory rollbacks, such as exempting the EPA's regulation of pesticides, and eliminating all protections for habitat essential to the conservation of a species. (September 29, 2005)

- Garrett was one of only two members of the delegation to vote against an amendment to raise the CAFE (fuel mileage) standard for cars and light trucks. (April 20, 2005)

- Garrett was one of only two members of the New Jersey delegation to vote against lifting the existing liability shield for manufacturers of MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether), a gasoline additive that is also a carcinogenic pollutant. (April 21, 2005)

- Garrett was the only member of the New Jersey delegation not to sign a letter

to President Bush urging him not to reduce the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act.

- Garrett has done virtually nothing to address the health threats from hazardous paint sludge in the Ringwood Mines/Landfill, a Superfund priority site within the community of Ringwood (his District), instead leaving it up to congressmen in other districts to place the toxic site back on the Superfund priority list.

By contrast, Paul Aronsohn is a breath of fresh air.

A former public affairs executive for a health care company, Paul fully understands the health aspects of many environmental issues, such as clean air and clean water. He understands the health threats posed by plant emissions, car emissions, and contaminated soil, and would fight for clean air and for cleaning up toxic waste sites. Paul fully supports the Clean Water Act and would fight attempts to weaken it. A staff member for former Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, Paul understands that global warming is a reality that cannot be ignored, and supports increasing both vehicle fuel efficiency and our use of renewable energy.

The contest between Paul Aronsohn and Rep. Scott Garrett provides the clearest contrast between candidates this year, and it is absolutely essential that we do everything we can to help Paul win. I urge all our members and everyone who cares about the environment to vote for Paul, and to help his campaign. If you'd like to help us send him to Washington, please contact Greg Tondi, the Political Chair of our North Jersey Group, and the Chapter's liaison to the Paul Aronsohn campaign, at: gregt75@yahoo.com, or at: (H) 201-935-7162. ☺

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**Two of our Congressional endorsements (p.1) attempt to unseat entrenched incumbents. Please help!**



# Group News

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## HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)

**Northwest Jersey Group:** Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren  
**North Jersey Group:** Passaic & most of Bergen  
**Essex County Group:** Essex  
**Hudson-Meadowlands Group:** Hudson & SE Bergen  
**Loantaka Group:** Morris & Union  
**Central Jersey Group:** Mercer  
**Ocean County Group:** Ocean  
**Raritan Valley Group:** Somerset & Middlesex  
**Jersey Shore Group:** Monmouth & 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*

## Southern Singles Starting

from Marie Hageman, of our West Jersey Group

Calling all Single Sierrans who live south of Trenton. Do you want to participate in the Singles Section but feel daunted by the long drive to North Jersey?

A group in the southern half of the state is forming for food, socializing, activism, and good, (environmentally!) clean fun. Every unattached Sierran, who lives south of Trenton, and her/his guests are invited.

Wayne Zanni and I, from the West Jersey Group, are organizing an initial meeting to get acquainted and plan.

We need some idea of the number of interested enviro-singles and the activities preferred.

Please send an e-mail to wzanni@hotmail.com to show your interest — and so we can secure a suitably-sized location. We will respond with all the information.

## Northwest Jersey Group

(Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon Counties; note that the former Hunterdon County Group has merged into the Northwest Jersey Group)

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**ACTIVITIES:** In Hopatcong Boro, the Northwest Group mobilized the residents to oppose a 200-acre development in the Highlands for 700 new adult housing units. Attending the Planning Board meetings, representatives of the Northwest Group managed to have over 1,000 people show up in opposition as well. The application was postponed when we raised issues that violated the Boro's land use ordinances.

The Northwest Group is helping to mobilize and support citizen groups in Andover Borough and Township to fight poorly planned development. In Wantage, Northwest helped a citizen's group successfully oppose a large-scale development by identifying the correct COAH requirements for the township's planning board and council.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** The Northwest Group meets at 7pm on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month. For locations and details, please contact Susan Rotter, 973-347-8849. We feature guest speakers, plan hiking trips and address conservation issues.

## North Jersey Group

(Passaic and Bergen Counties, approximately)

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**WEBSITE** (sign up for e-mail notices of meetings, events, issues): <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/northjersey.asp>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Held four times a year. Please contact Betsy or Mike (see above) for date and location.

**GENERAL MEETINGS.** Held once a month at 7:30 pm (except July, August and December), open to the public, free of charge. To find out more or verify that the program is on as scheduled, contact Betsy (see above).

**Oct 12:** at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, 443 Van Nostrand Avenue. Englewood, NJ: **Birding and tracking wildlife in the Hackensack River watershed** (tentative program).

**Nov 9:** at a Passaic County location TBA: Focus will be on **Passaic River and watershed issues** (speaker TBA).

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.** Join us at Buehler Cultural Center, 950 High Mountain Road, North Haledon to discuss issues. Contact Mike (see above) for meeting dates.

**ISSUES:** (1) The 50-year-old Latteri Park in Clifton might disappear: these 7.5 acres are being proposed as the site for a large middle school. Working with residents, we advocate finding an alternative site and preserving the park with help from the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund. (2) Plans for Edgewater's park and marina now include a commuter bus/ferry station, raising concerns about an improper use of the \$4 million in state and county open space grants that went to acquire the site. (3) Hats off to Brian Scanlan, his daughters, and the Friends of Wyckoff for raising public awareness of the need to save Deep Voll ravine and establish an open space trust fund! An open space referendum is on November's ballot. (4) Van Buskirk Island on the Hackensack River is identified in NJ Audubon's new "Birding and Wildlife Trail Guide" for the Meadowlands region as a special nature resource site where the Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Black-crowned Night Heron and other species have been observed. The guide features a photo of a Black-crowned Night Heron and Great Egret by the island's waterfall. To find out more or alert us to issues, please contact Mike, Tom or Tricia (see above).

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Join Sierra Club's Cool Cities Campaign to help promote energy efficiency and alternatives in New Jersey. Help us protect natural resources and wildlife, elect conservation candidates, lead outings, organize general meetings, fundraise, monitor planning boards, or be involved in other ways. Please contact a group officer (above).

**CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:** Please bring your used printer cartridges to Whole Foods Market, 905 River Road in Edgewater, NJ; open 8am to 10pm every day. Leave them in the window box by the exit door. No remanufactured cartridges, please. Thanks for recycling!

## Hudson-Meadowlands Group

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

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**NEWS:** Issues we are currently involved with include keeping an eye on chromium mitigation efforts, preservation efforts for Reservoir #3 and the Harsimus Stem (6th Street) Embankment in Jersey City and working to ensure that the Grand Cove Marina tract in Edgewater is preserved as a park rather than a ferry terminal.

## Essex County Group

**web site:** [http://NJSierra.org/NJS\\_Groups/Essex](http://NJSierra.org/NJS_Groups/Essex). We are also accessible from the NJ Chapter web site.

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**ACTIVITIES:** Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the second Watchung Mountain in West Orange for Open Space. Building a Passaic River Display for the Environmental Center in Roseland. Working towards saving a major forested tract in West Orange and an Ancient Forest on Gov. McClellan's former estate. Working to preserve wetlands in the Hatfield Swamp in the Passaic River Basin and the remaining forested areas in Essex County, continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way, and addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Please contact Dave or Walt (see above) for dates and locations.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** The regular meetings described below are free and open to the public. They take place on Tuesdays, from 7 to 9pm, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave. in Roseland. Refreshments are provided. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net or 973-925-8662) for general information.

**New additions to the Chapter's website (<http://newjersey.sierraclub.org>) include a statement from our Political Committee, and our "Bill Table": legislative proposals on which we have passed judgement.**

**Oct 10: Global Warming: Is That A Fact?** Stefano Crema is a PhD chemist working for multi-national chemical industries for over 25 years in research and marketing. He argues in a powerful slide presentation that from the melting of Arctic ice to the disappearance of Alpine glaciers, the signs of global warming are becoming more and more apparent. There is little debate in the international scientific community that human activities are causing changes in the climate of the Earth. The main questions today are what the magnitude of the changes will be and whether they will become irreversible before they can be corrected. Engage in discussion afterwards. For more information, call 973-228-8776.

**Nov 9: Woven Ways:** Documentary Film and Discussion. A one-hour documentary film that shares the stories of the Navajo, the livestock that sustain their culture and economy, and the environmental issues that threaten their health and well-being. Deadly uranium mining and dirty coal power pose serious problems for all who live on the Navajo Reservation in western New Mexico and eastern Arizona. NJ producer/director Linda Helm Krapf has teamed with acclaimed Navajo filmmaker Samuel Goodman and award-winning editor Dena Seidel to bring this important, timely, and poignant story to audiences. Discussion to follow. For specific information call 973-228-8776.

**Dec 12: Environmental Politics...**How The Presidency Sets The Course For Better Or Worse! A powerful presentation on the critical role of political power and it's effects on regulation of environmental laws as well as the enforcement of laws by an administration. The important role of Presidential leadership, the influence of corporations on legislation, and the increasing control of mass media through consolidation are examined in this multi-media presentation. Presenter, Jeffrey Huppert, will expand your awareness of the important role of politics on human health through environmental actions and inactions. Engage in discussion afterwards. For more information, call 973-228-8776.

**Loantaka Group**

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

There is a new website address for the Loantaka group:  
<http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/>

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

To join our emailing list, send a blank email to:

<http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham. This is your club - you are always welcome to attend an Executive Committee meeting. Right now, we have open positions on our Executive Committee. If you are interested in a position and would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:**

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham. (Directions are posted on our website <http://Loantaka.NJSierra.org>) Please come and learn something new and make some new friends. We'd welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves. Please see the meeting schedule which follows and join us!

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**Oct 11: Candidate's Night.** We will invite all our endorsed political candidates to come and answer your questions.

**Nov 8: Cool Cities.** "Cool Cities" is an approach to energy conservation designed to fight global warming at the municipal level. The campaign is the initiative of Greg Nickels, mayor of Seattle, WA. On Feb 16, 2005, he introduced the "U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement" (USMCPA) at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and challenged all mayors in the nation to sign a commitment letter to take the steps necessary to meet certain goals. This agreement, in the form of a letter, challenges mayors to sign a letter committing their own communities to reduce carbon dioxide pollution to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Now a grassroots effort is sweeping the nation. Come find out more about it!

**Dec 13:** Topic to be determined. Please check our web-site for this General Meeting.

**ACTIVITIES:** (Look at our website for more information.)

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental orga-

nizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and to safeguard our water resources. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the 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), Chris (973-377-1742) or Bob Johnson (908-771-9676) for more information.

**Loantaka Group Completes a Fundraising Drive**

At an auction held in September, 2005, \$863 was contributed to our treasury. We are grateful to the following donors who provided items for the auction:

- C'est La Vie Hair Salon, Chatham
- Village Hardware & Paint, Chatham
- North Jersey School of Dog Grooming, Chatham
- Bella Luna Gourmet Deli, Chatham
- Best Little Luncheonette, Chatham
- Sages Pages Book Store, Madison
- Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Madison
- Garlic Rose Bistro, Madison
- Whole Foods Supermarket, Madison & Millburn
- Sterling Hallmark Gift Shops, Summit & Chatham
- Ahrre's Coffee Roastery, Westfield
- The Office Restaurant, Summit
- The Morristown Community Theater
- The Westfield Symphony
- The Colonial Symphony (Morristown)

We also thank our friend Jim Burchell, who provided bags of fair-trade coffee that were auctioned.

**Central Jersey Group**

(Mercer County, parts of Burlington, Middlesex and Somerset)

**OFFICERS:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Caroline Kulesza	caroline_kulesza@yahoo.com
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bill Wowk	609-587-0502 bwowk@aol.com
<b>Conserv. Co-Chairs:</b>	Rocky Swingle	609-587-7568 rockyswingle@optonline.net
and	Laura Lynch	609-882-4642 laura@sierraactivist.org
<b>Membership Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>	
<b>Programs Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>	
<b>Publicity Coordinator:</b>	Caroline Kulesza	caroline_kulesza@yahoo.com
<b>Political Committee:</b>	Joe Leist	609-259-6438 JoeLeist@verizon.net
<b>Outings Chair:</b>	Ken Mayberg	609-443-9138 kjmayberg@aol.com
<b>Outreach Coordinator:</b>	Harold Rapp	609-671-0435 HalRapp@aol.com
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**Urging all members to contribute to New Jersey's Trail Survey by clicking "Online Survey" at [www.njtrailsplan.org](http://www.njtrailsplan.org).**

**Group meetings offer interesting speakers, topics, and fellow members, plus involvement and usually food!**

## GROUP NEWS

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**WEBSITES:** To get the most up-to-date information and news on our issues and activities, visit <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central>

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Meetings are generally held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 7:30 pm. Please contact Caroline Kulesza (above) for the location, which may vary. These meetings are open to all Sierra Club members.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** We meet on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of most months at 7:30 pm at the West Windsor Branch of the Mercer County Library System, 333 North Post Rd, Princeton Junction, corner of Clarksville and Old Post Roads. Check our website for a map. Our meetings are free and open to all members and the general public. Refreshments provided.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Oct 11:** Central Jersey Group Outings Coordinator Ken Mayberg will present his spectacular **photographs from his recent trip to Alaska.**

**Special event: Nov 4 (Saturday), 9am to Noon: Clean-up at the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh.** Meet at the Spring Lake parking area. Directions to the Marsh: From South Broad Street in Hamilton (near the border with Trenton), turn south onto Sewell Avenue and follow to the end. Turn left on the dirt road into Roebbling Park and down the hill to Spring Lake.

**Nov 8: Green Night,** part two! Join us again for a night of environmental activism. We'll focus on forest issues as well as local and national environmental concerns. Come write letters, sign postcards and learn how you can become more involved in your local Sierra Group.

**Dec 13:** We will present **The Day the Water Died**, an episode of the Sierra Club Chronicles. This short film is about the Exxon oil spill in Alaska, the environmental wasteland it has left even to this day, and the effects on the local community. Bring a snack to share as we review the years activities and make plans for 2007.

**E-MAIL NOTICES:** If you'd like to receive those last minute reminders of meetings or outings, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lynch (above). If you'd like to receive issue alerts, please send your e-mail address to Laura Lynch (above).

## Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

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

### OFFICERS AND CONTACTS:

<b>Chair:</b>	Don McBride	732-560-0369	dtmcbride@yahoo.com
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
<b>Conservation Chair:</b>	Jane Tousman	908-561-5504	jdtous@aol.com
<b>Membership:</b>	Sunil Somalwar	732-572-7721	svsomalwar@sierraactivist.org
<b>Outings:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
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<b>Secretary:</b>	Michael Ricketts	732-371-9961	ictonyx@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer, Webmaster:</b>	Don McBride	732-560-0369	dtmcbride@yahoo.com
<b>Publicity:</b>	Sandi Lowich		abstract46@aol.com
<b>Programs:</b>	<i>Open Position!</i>		
<b>Chapter Delegate:</b>	Sunil Somalwar	732-572-7721	svsomalwar@sierraactivist.org

**ISSUES:** We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. We are pro-farmland preservation. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and monitoring/reviewing all township/regional land use master plans in our area. This includes working to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. Help us stop developers from buying sub-standard lots and obtaining permits and variances to construct new homes.

**Calling All Volunteers:** The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, the positions of outings chair and secretary are open. If you are interested in filling an open position, contact Sandi Lowich, the Group Chair.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held at 7:30 pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month except for July and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. Take the Ryders Lane exit off Rte 1 towards East Brunswick. Make a left turn at the first four-way intersection onto Tices Lane, and the church is the second driveway on the right. The public is invited and refreshments are served. For further directions and information, visit our website.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:** TBA; please check with Group officers.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Held at 7pm on the FIRST THURSDAY of every other month beginning with September except for July and August at officer's homes. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact the group chair for location.

## Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

**Web Site:** <http://njsierra.org/~njshore/>

### OFFICERS:

<b>Group Chair:</b>	Dennis Anderson	732-888-3158	dennisaza@aol.com
	612 Second St., Union Beach, NJ 07735		
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	<i>Open position!</i>		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joe DeLuca	732-389-1835	joe-deluca@att.net
<b>Conservation Chair:</b>	Faith Teitelbaum	732-229-0553	faithtei@aol.com
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Pat Fuschetto		
<b>Political Chair:</b>	Laura Bagwell	732-741-8678	l.bagwell3@verizon.net
<b>Outings Chair:</b>	Mike Verange	908-902-0718	mjverange@aol.com
<b>Membership Chair:</b>	Alan Roseman	732-780-1308	aroseman@monmouth.com
<b>Program Chair:</b>	Stephanie Seyr		quiquack@verizon.net

### GENERAL MEETINGS:

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

**Oct 23:** Bonnie Tillery (Population Issues Coordinator for the Sierran) will be speaking to us about a 10-day trip she recently took to **Madagascar** with nine other Sierra Club members from around the world.

**Nov 27:** Bob Dresnack, Professor of Hydrology at NJIT, will explain **what a citizen should know when a big development is planned**, and provide some examples of well-planned and poorly-planned projects.

**Special Event: Oct 20 (Friday): Coffee House,** 8-11pm, Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House of Monmouth County, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft. Good music and lots of goodies to eat! This is our annual group fundraising event, so bring all your friends. Suggested Donation - \$10/person. For further information, or to volunteer to help, contact Marinell, at [Baykoof944@aol.com](mailto:Baykoof944@aol.com), or 732-780-8678.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Held at 8pm on the SECOND MONDAY at members' homes (no meetings in July, August or December). All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Dennis Anderson at 732-888-3158.

## Ocean County Group

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

### OFFICERS:

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<b>Vice-Chair,</b>			
<b>Outings:</b>	Dawn Marie Johns	732-269-3729	sierraclubOC@hotmail.com
<b>Conservation</b>			
<b>Chair:</b>	Margrit Meissner-Jackson	609-296-4367	sylviaJ1910@yahoo.com
<b>Secretary-</b>			
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Richard Washik	732-616-2775	r_washik@hotmail.com
<b>Political Chair:</b>	<i>Open position!</i> Contact Greg Auriemma for information.		
<b>Publicity:</b>	Howard Schwartz	609-242-9304	hirschschwartz@comcast.net
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<b>ExCom</b>			
<b>Member:</b>	Sandy Brown	609-242-9304	sandybrown@comcast.net
<b>Delegate to Chapter</b>	<b>ExCom:</b> Position rotates among Group ExCom members.		
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Rick Washik (see above)		

**Note:** Dawn Marie Johns and Sandy Brown maintain the membership.

**ACTIVITIES & ISSUES:** We're hard at work: Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting drilling off the Jersey Coast, repealing New Jersey's "Fast Track" (pro-development short-cut law), and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We've also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues in Brick, Stafford, Lacey and Jackson Townships. Help us defend both the Toms River and Cedar Creek against more development and protect Ocean County's newest park in Lacey against "Big Box" money's demand for new roads. Volunteers are needed to help with these issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fund-raising, and a computer-based voter education program

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Generally held monthly on the SECOND MONDAY of each month. We've just purchased a new projector, which will make our meetings even more dynamic and interesting. Contact Greg or Howard for more information.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Held Bi-Monthly on the FOURTH MONDAY of every other month at 7pm at the "Skywalk Cafeteria" in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. Our next meeting is Monday, Nov 27. For additional information or directions, please contact Greg or Howard (see above).

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

**Oct 1 (Saturday):** **Tabling event at the Cattus Island Festival** in Toms River. Help educate the public about the environment and participate in festival events.

**Oct 7 (Saturday):** **Tabling event at Windward Beach** in Brick. We need your help to spread the environmental message.

**Nov 7 (Tuesday):** It's **Election Day.** We'll need help on Election Day and in the weeks in advance to work on the Lacey Rail-Trail Referendum and the NJ Statewide "Parks" Referendum.

**Nov 27 (Monday):** Our next General Meeting. We guarantee a great speaker on an issue of critical concern.

**Dec 15 (Friday):** Our second annual **Holiday Party & Silent Auction.** Food and auction donations needed. The food and fun are free to all. Participate in the auction and help build the Ocean County Sierra Club.

## West Jersey Group

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

**Web site:** [users.snip.net/~ginacee/home.htm](http://users.snip.net/~ginacee/home.htm)

### OFFICERS:

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<b>Political Chair:</b>	Wayne Zanni	856-728-4507	wzanni@earthlink.net



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**Smart Growth Chair:** *Open position!*  
**Programs Chair:** Bill Freund  
**Outings Chair:** *Open position!*

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rte 70 and the convergence of Rtes 38 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

**Oct 10:** Kris Mollenhauer will present "The Ivory Billed Woodpecker".

**Nov 14:** Patrick Hossay, professor and author, will present the theme of his recent book "Unsustainable" as it relates to local and regional issues.

**Dec 12:** Annual **Pot Luck Holiday Party** and Year-End Wrap. Bring a friend that has never attended a West Group meeting and bring your favorite munchie to share and join us as we review our environmental successes of 2006 and plan for the challenges that we will face in 2007 as we work to save the planet.

## South Jersey Group

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

### OFFICERS:

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**Membership Chair:** Gary Roman 609-625-3438  
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Julie Akers 856-697-3479 akers@gowebway.com

The central conservation issue, for which the 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 two other organizations that have "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we've scheduled in the past few years; most have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the present, 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. 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:** 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 proposals to develop several large tracts of environmentally sensitive land in Millville, damage done to sand trails by ATVs, and inducements for public recycling.

### Possibly Relevant Meetings:

**Oct 12 (Thurs) 7pm:** Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks, a group which works to improve and promote the Atlantic County Park System. A focal point is preservation of historic resources in the parks, along with advocacy for environmental attributes of parklands in fast-growing Atlantic county. All are welcome. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

**Oct 24 (Tues) 7pm:** Great Egg Harbor River Watershed Association: Trustees' meeting, open to the public. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

**Nov 8 (Wed) 6:30pm:** 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 usually discussed, including updates on the Holly Farm, the Airport Race Track, etc. Call Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

**Nov 9 (Thurs) 7pm:** Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

**Nov 28 (Tues) 7pm:** Presentation of the Belinda Irizarry Award to recognize a local environmental organization whose efforts carry on the spirit of GEHWA's first watershed coordinator. Also, an opportunity to catch up on conservation planning for the Great Egg Harbor Wild and Scenic River, at a public (membership) session of the Watershed Association (an organization that got its start as our Group Executive Committee!). For more information or to confirm, call Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

**Dec 14 (Thurs) 6pm:** Friends of the Parks: Monthly meeting of Friends of the Parks and Pot-Luck Dinner. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor (milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50).

## Singles Section

(A Chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanups, social gatherings, movies, 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:** singles.njsierra.org  
**email:** letgo7@optonline.net (mention "Sierra Club" in your subject line)

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>.

### OFFICERS:

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**Programs:** *Open Position!*  
**Publicity:** Lynn Forrest letgo7@optonline.net  
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**Membership:** Walter Goldenbaum goldenb1@optonline.net

**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, and letter-writing. SECOND MONDAY of each month starting at 7pm with optional pizza, at the Chatham Library (214 Main St. For directions, visit <http://Loantaka.NJSierra.org>). Guest speakers at each meeting at 7:30 pm. \$5 donation at door and RSVP (required for pizza only) to joycewhite@netzero.net or 973-364-7573, ext. 3, by noon the day before. (Please leave name and specify plain or veggie-topping pizza.) Free (and no RSVP required) if you're not having pizza.

We are collecting used laser/inkjet cartridges and used cell phones at our meetings for recycling. If you have any from work or home to get rid of, please bring them! Sierra Club gets a donation for each one.

**Oct 9:** Sierra Club member and Cool Cities activist Terry Stimpfel will present the movie "Kilowatt Ours," wherein filmmaker Jeff Barrie takes viewers on a journey from the coal mines of West Virginia to the solar panel fields of Florida, as he discovers solutions to America's energy-related problems. Spirited discussion afterwards!

**Nov 13 & Dec 11:** Speakers to be announced.

**Directions to the Chatham Library:** From I-287 take Rte 24 East to Exit 8 (Summit Ave). Turn left at the top of the ramp and then left again so you go back onto Rte 24 headed West. Take exit 7A for Chatham and bear right onto Rte 124 (Main St). Follow Main St. through 2 lights. The Library is on the right about 1/2 block past the 2nd light. From GSP take I-78 West to Rte 24 West. Take exit 7A for Chatham and follow above directions.

### SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

**Social Dinner:** FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:30 pm. 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.

### Cool Cities Hot Events:

Celebrate the NJ Cool Cities Campaign and encourage the CC volunteers this summer at happy hours, beach parties and nature outings. Come share in the fun. Check the Singles listserv for details. 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.

### 50 PLUS!

Are you 50 or better and occasionally bored by singles events? The 50Plus Singles events provide an opportunity to socialize with interesting people while enjoying a variety of cultural, outdoors and even goofy events held throughout the state. So join with like-minded folk and even help the environment. To learn about upcoming events join the Singles listserv, check the Singles web page or phone the hotline 973-364-7573, option #6. For more information please contact Terry at terystimb@hotmail.com.

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.

**50Plus Happy Hour:** SECOND THURSDAY of each month from 5 to 7pm at the Westin Governor Morris Hotel. Enjoy live music, drink specials and free finger food. RSVP required. Join our listserv for further details.

### SINGLES 30s/40s:

Friday HAPPY HOURS for Singles in their 30's & 40's. Please check website at [www.Singles.NJSierra.org](http://www.Singles.NJSierra.org) for exact dates and join the listserv. If you would like to volunteer to run a 30/40s event contact Diana at AngelButterfly37@aol.com for more information or leave a message at 973-364-7573 ext. 8. Note: After some of the Happy Hours there will be a brief ECO meeting (Environmental Concerns Overview) informing people of recent developments in our struggle for a better environment. Please remember to RSVP for all events so that you may be informed of the exact date or of any last minute changes.

### SINGLES 18-35:

Singles Events Available. Also, see "Young Sierrans," below. Volunteers Needed. Contact MistyAngel22@aol.com. Help Save ANWR, Protect Our American Heritage: [www.AlaskaAction.org](http://www.AlaskaAction.org)

### HIKES:

Please see the Outings section of this newsletter for our hikes. Many of Paul Serdiuk's South Jersey hikes/events are also oriented toward singles.

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**Become active in one of your Group's conservation campaigns! Attend a Group meeting!**

## GROUP NEWS

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### 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, and other functions which might be of interest to those members over fifty)*

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 "ListServe" to learn about current environmental topics, and how those issues can be supported. Topics range from local issues to items of regional and national concern.

For further information, or to join the ListServe, please contact Nancy Carringer at [ncarringer@yahoo.com](mailto:ncarringer@yahoo.com)

### Young Sierrans

*(A special interest section for Young Sierra Club Members in their 20's & 30's with socials and ECO chats along with discussions meant to connect and inform environmentally-minded individuals seeking to get involved with preserving the future. Many events open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status so whether you are single, dating or married, please come join us!)*

Young Sierran web site: <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans/>.

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Young Sierran Phone Line: 973-364-7573, press # 1

Young Sierran positions available include Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & others! Volunteer event leaders are needed throughout New Jersey. We need Young Sierran Hikers and Outing Leaders! Must be willing to go through the training process to lead hikes and other outdoor activities. We also need Young Sierrans knowledgeable with computers to help out with various tasks. If interested contact Young Sierran Coordinator Diana at [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com) or call 973-364-7573 push option # 1.

**MEETINGS:** Monthly Young Sierran Meetings can be made available on rotating basis currently in Princeton, Bridgewater, New Brunswick or Montclair areas.

**EVENTS:** (Note: RSVPs are required for all events. E-mail is the easiest and most preferred contact method.) Contact Diana at [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com) to RSVP or for more information on any of the events below.

Monthly Young Sierran Bowling, Hikes & Environmental Programs and Projects to be announced.

All Events will be announced via The Young Sierrans E-Mail List Serve. To be put on The Young Sierrans List Serve please send an e-mail to [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com). 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)*

web site: <http://www.ssc.org/nj/>

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### Inner City Outings Section

*(another Chapter-wide special interest activity)*

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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) 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 us at the above e-mail addresses. To learn more, visit our webpage at <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/>.

#### ICO to Hold Training Sessions at Two Venues

"Introduction to ICO and Volunteer Training" sessions will be held (1) on Saturday, Nov 4, at Harriman State Park in Sloatsburg NY, and (2) on Saturday, Nov 11, at Watchung Reservation in Mountainside NJ (detailed directions and meeting times will be provided to registrants).

Either of these sessions would be an excellent opportunity to learn the details of how ICO operates, and to meet Sierra Club members who dedicate their time and love of the outdoors as ICO volunteers. From 10am to 1pm experienced ICO leaders will present information on all aspects of planning and leading an ICO outing. In the afternoon, we will have an optional 2-3-hour hike. If you would like to learn more about map and compass use, please so indicate in your response. Refreshments will be served. Please register by Oct 28, or address questions to [ico-north@newjersey.sierraclub.org](mailto:ico-north@newjersey.sierraclub.org). Additional information about ICO is available at <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/>.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The "Greening" of Multiple-unit Residential Buildings

Our country is becoming more dependent on unreliable foreign sources of fossil fuels. Add the environmental effects of gas and oil burning, and it's a no brainer that we should conserve energy.

But residents of New Jersey have moved in the opposite direction! We now have bigger cars, and bigger houses that require more heat and air conditioning.

I run a property management company, and am in a unique position to turn small and large buildings into models of conservation, saving large amounts of energy and thus money.

It is a simple process. Our buildings are mostly small-to-medium apartment houses and condominiums. First we change lighting to compact fluorescent. The cost of bulbs has come down and changing a bulb once every two years instead of every ten weeks makes life easier.

In buildings with more than ten units we install heat controls for our boilers. They work off the outside temperature instead of an indoor thermostat, and are

more accurate. We put overrides in larger buildings in case one part of the building gets too hot. The savings can be thousands of dollars per year. We control the temperature in hot water heaters.

We also install storm windows or insulated glass. During the winter we make sure the hallway windows are closed and locked. We make sure all the doors leading outside have door-closers, especially doors to the roof.

Finally we put trees near our buildings, wherever we can. Besides their beauty in an urban area, they provide shade in the summer. All these practices save money, help our environment, and make the US less dependent on foreign countries for energy.

Larry Silverman ([Atmgt@aol.com](mailto:Atmgt@aol.com))

*Larry is a lifetime member of Sierra Club, having joined in the 1970's. He has been running his business "green" for many years.*



## Outings

Learn more about your environment...  
take a Sierra Club educational hike!

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**Outing Leaders:** Please send Jan.-Mar. 2007 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before Nov. 7. 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 Jan.-Mar. 2007, trip write-ups by Nov. 10.

**NOTES ON OUTINGS:** 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 requirements. 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
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(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.

## OCTOBER

**Oct 1 (Sun): Social Bike Ride, Hunterdon Co:** 10am. We will bike 30 miles from Frenchtown to Lambertville with a 45-min lunch break in Lambertville and swimming in Bulls Island on the way back using the D&R Canal towpath. Suited for mountain and hybrid type bikes. Bring water and snack for ride and a bathing suit. Terrain is flat but you should be in good physical shape since we will be going at a steady pace. Meet before 10am at the Frenchtown parking lot off Rte 12 just before the bridge to PA. A \$3 fee will be charged to non-members. Helmets are required but all participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain cancels. For further information call 973-364-7573, press 2. Leaders: David Ogens. [Bandit29@aol.com](mailto:Bandit29@aol.com), Walter Goldenbaum, [gold-enb1@optonline.net](mailto:gold-enb1@optonline.net) (E)

**Oct 1 (Sun): Celebrate Pinelands Month - Cranberry "Cruise" on Cedar Creek, Ocean Co:** We'll stop to pick cranberries at old bogs as we canoe and kayak 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. If you're new to geo-





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### Upcoming ExCom Meetings:

All members are welcome to attend these  
monthly statewide policy deliberations, held  
on SECOND SATURDAYS in the NEW  
BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY, 60  
Livingston Ave. More details, including  
agendas and travel instructions, are avail-  
able in advance from Ken Johanson, the  
Chapter Chair.

**October 14 • November 11**

Conservation and/or Political Committee meet-  
ings start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon.  
The main meeting starts at 1pm. We some-  
times continue discussions informally over din-  
ner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.

## OUTINGS

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**Dec 3 (Sun): Social Hike at Tulip Springs, Essex Co:** 10am. Hike 6-7 miles at a moderate pace in the South Mountain Reservation and see some of the many highlights this 2000-acre track has to offer, including a 25-foot waterfall and spectacular views of New York City and South Jersey. Children 12 years or older and friendly dogs are welcome. Bring water and light snack and wear hiking boots. After the hike there will be an optional lunch/hot chocolate at the local diner. Meet in the Tulip Springs parking lot just off Cherry Lane, which runs between Northfield Av and South Orange Av in South Orange. A \$3 fee will be charged to non-members. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain cancels. For further information call 973-364-7573, press 2. Leaders: David Ogens, Bandit29@aol.com, and Walter Goldenbaum, goldenb1@optonline.net (E)

**Dec 5 (Tue): Canoe/Kayak the Wading River, Burlington Co:** We'll paddle 14 miles from Speedwell to Evans Bridge. This is a long trip; only for experienced Pines paddlers. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, meeting time and location. Life vests are required and must be worn. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, leona@pinypaddlers.com (W)

**Dec 9 (Sat): Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek, Ocean Co:** Cedar is a very pretty waterway in the winter; especially with the riverbanks covered in snow. We'll keep our fingers crossed for an early snowfall. The trip will be 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, meeting location and time. Life vests are required and must be worn. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734, leona@pinypad-  
dlers.com (W)

**Dec 10 (Sun): Geo-caching Hike and Introduction Class, Burlington Co:** 10am. Join us for a brief introduction to geo-caching, the upcoming popular outdoor activity, and then hike into the woods at Atsion to find the many geo-caches hidden there. No ticks or heavy underbrush to deal with this time of year. Experienced hiker and South Jersey notable geo-cacher, Tom Niegel, will give a brief overview of the sport. Bring your GPS, or team up with a partner at the hike if you do not have one. Dress for the weather and bush-whacking. Bring picnic-type food to share at tailgate social afterwards, coordinates will be provided. Meet at Atsion Ranger office on Rte 206, 7.5 miles N of Hammonton. Contact leader for additional information and pre-regis-  
tration. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve, pis1@cccnj.net

**Dec 16 (Sat): Social Hike in Hacklebarney State Park, Morris Co:** 10:30 am. My 5th Anniversary Hike! Let's cele-  
brate 5 years of leading Sierra Club hikes! We will hike about 4 miles at a moderate pace. Highlights include waterfalls & the Black River Gorge. Hiking boots are preferred and participants should be in good condition. Bring lunch or snack and 2 quarts of water. Meet at the parking lot of Hacklebarney State Park. Take I-78 West to Exit 29 (I-287 North). From I-287 take Exit 22B (Rtes 202/206 North). Follow 202/206 North until fork, and then take Rte 206 north to Chester. Make left onto Rte 24 West (Rte 513) and proceed about 1 1/2 mile and make sharp left onto State Park Rd. Drive 2 miles & turn right onto Hacklebarney Road. Park entrance is about 1 mile on the left. Follow entrance road to parking lot and meet group near the park ranger office. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce White, 908-267-5253, joyce00201@yahoo.com

**Dec 17 (Sun): Jenny Jump State Forest, Warren Co:** 9:30 am. Offers many panoramic vistas of the Highlands and the Kittatinny Mountain Ridge and Valley to the west, and scenic views of the Great Meadows to the east. Rocky outcroppings and boulders line the trail - evidence that great glaciers once covered this area. We'll hike all five trails, probably about 5 miles, short but beautiful. Take I-80 exit 12 (Hope). Turn onto Rte 519 north at blinking light. Take third right, Shiloh Road. After approximately 1 mile, turn right onto State Park Rd. Poor driving conditions will cancel this hike. Please register for hike with Leslie McGlynn, 973-252-8122 or failte\_629@verizon.net.

**Dec 17 (Sun): Singles Hike Valley Forge Park, PA:** 8:30 am. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the National Park and experience the hardships of our forefathers. We will go to Manayunk Brewery for a breakfast buffet after hike. To carpool or caravan, meet in parking lot of Home Depot on Rte 70, Cherry Hill (former Race Track) to at 8:30 am, or meet at upper level parking lot at park's visitor center by restroom entrance at 9:30am. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve, pis1@cccnj.net

## JANUARY

**Jan 1, 2007 (Mon): Clayton Park, Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth Co:** (Special Interest: History): 9am. Ring in the New Year with a moderate 6-mile hike in one of the Monmouth County Park System's best-kept secrets. Moderate elevation gains. Hiking shoes not required. Bring snack and drink. Meet at the Wawa store near the intersection of County Rte 537 and I-195 in Upper Freehold Twp. Bad weather (including snow-cover) cancels. Confirmation/questions call Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718, mjverange@aol.com (JS)

## THE JERSEY SIERRAN

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