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Upcoming Activities

Tips for the Environment

Volunteer Opportunities, Recycling, CSAs and Farms, Organization links

Articles:

Virtual Youth Environmental Summit

NY Statewide Green Drinks

Join fellow environmentalists from around the state for a casual meet up and initial conversation on issues that affect us all. The meet up is **Tuesday, August 11** from 5:30-7pm. Please share the [Zoom connection](#) info with your Green Drinks. There will be some breakout discussions and this may be the start of an ongoing conversation.

Transforming the Shoreline Sweep

for thousands of Western New Yorkers. 1. Our Solo Sweep options for individuals and families include a list of shoreline sites that could use some cleaning up, and a [data collection tool](#) to log the amount of trash you picked up and where. 2. The second option for Solo Sweep allows for individuals and families to pick up supplies (trash bags and nitrile gloves) from Waterkeeper staff a different location in our watershed each week, and to also log their cleanup efforts on the website. Sign up to grab supplies [here](#). 3. The third option will be for individuals and small group

NYSERDA Green Jobs Green New York Energy Studies

Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations can now receive an energy study **AT NO COST** to help them identify opportunities to make their buildings more energy efficient. The energy study is a valuable tool to understand how to

as budgets permit. *NYSERDA is waiving the fee for a limited time.* Small businesses with 100 or fewer Full-Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs) company-wide or not-for-profit organizations of any size are eligible for the program.

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Wild Photo Day at Hawk Creek

Increase your shutter speed and prepare for a once in a lifetime opportunity to capture animals in action, in their natural settings! Professional, amateur, and recreational photographers are invited to bring their cameras and venture into the Wild Photo Day on **Saturday, September 12th, 2020** from 1-4 pm. Join

endangered animals up-close, in natural settings, and without barriers. Trying to get a shot of the Turkey Vulture in flight? Looking for that perfect bald eagle shot? Having trouble with your lighting when shooting at night? On Wild Photo Day the eagles, owls, falcons, wild cats, and more await you! A photographer ticket will admit one guest with a camera, non-shooting participant tickets will admit one guest without a camera. Participants with non-shooting ticket & badge will not be permitted to bring in cameras or use cell phone cameras. [Pre-registration](#) is required as space is limited. Parking is free and available at 1963 Mill Rd. No pets please. Event is rain or shine. Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is located at 1963 Mill Rd., West Falls, NY 14170.

WNY Land Conservancy Scavenger Hunt

The Land Conservancy wants to help enliven your summer, so they Participation is free, but with a suggested [donation of \\$50 you can help protect land in Western New York for future generations.](#) have a little fun with your friends and family while you stay safe and socially distant. [Register](#), visit each of the 8 nature preserves and snap a photo. until October 15th or

Town Hall on Black Lives Matter, Covid and Climate Change

-Stokes, Tim

Kennedy, and Dennis Elsenbeck was recorded. [You can find the town hall recording on NY Renews' Facebook page here.](#)

Knotweed Biocontrol Release in NYS

On June 10th, 2020, the Knotweed psyllid (*Aphalara itadori*) was released in two counties in NYS as a biological control for invasive knotweeds (*Reynoutria japonica*, *Reynoutria sachalinensis*, and their hybrid *Reynoutria X bohemica*). This sap-sucking insect from the kno federal review. [Read the full press release here.](#)

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National Young Farmers Coalition Introduces Racial Equity Toolkit

The National Young Farmers Coalition has created a [Racial Equity Toolkit](#) designed to orient and guide members toward preliminary consciousness-raising and direct action. According to the National Young Farmers Coalition, it is an initial resource for people who are overwhelmed by the breadth and depth of the problem, and need help determining how to start dismantling racism in their communities.

[Carbon Cowboys](#), a 10-part documentary of short films by director Peter Byck, was released online by environmental nonprofit Carbon Nation in collaboration with Arizona State University. The 8- to 23-minute films highlight profitable regenerative grazers across the United States and in Canada. Byck says, "The film shows farmers working with nature, rather than against it. You see them caring for their animals and for their land. You see farmers making more money and creating an alternative to industrial farming."

Harmful Algal Blooms: Reporting System Available

The DEC maintains an online Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) map and reporting system to inform the public about HABs locations in New York. The public is encouraged to send reports of HABs with photos electronically via a [simple, mobile phone-friendly form](#). After DEC and Department of Health (DOH) evaluate the reports, they are posted to the site at [NYHABS](#). HABs vary in appearance from scattered green dots in the water, to long, linear green streaks, pea soup or spilled green paint, to blue-green or white coloration. People, pets and livestock should avoid contact with water that is discolored or has algal scums on the surface. Most algae blooms are harmless. However, exposure to toxins and other substances from certain HABs can make people and animals sick. For more information about HABs, visit [Harmful Algal Blooms \(HABs\) webpage](#).

Slow Roll Introduces Social Distance Rides

While community events like Slow Roll Buffalo are currently suspended due to the state of emergency over the spread of COVID-19, yet parks are open to enjoy outdoor activity at safe social distance, Slow Roll is helping fill the void in communal gathering by posting the routes of our 2016 rides from five Buffalo parks and encouraging the public to ride individually for the benefit of our collective mental and physical health. The five public parks are part of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks system - Cazenovia, Delaware, Front, MLK and Riverside. Route maps are [online](#).

DEC Exams Rescheduled for Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Licenses

For those who love the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or if you have a license for a dog, exams for falconry, wildlife rehabilitator, and leashed tracking dog licenses have been rescheduled. Exams will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at most [DEC Regional Offices](#) across the state. Exam

2020 Virtual Conference is Coming

The DEC is addressing the pressing issues affecting the recycling industry and communities as part of its 2020 Virtual Conference. For more information, contact the DEC at 609.825.1434 or [dec@dec.ny.gov](#).

Rethink your Lawn

Manicured green lawns use lots of resources and time and provide little biodiversity for pollinators and other organisms. Eliminate the harmful chemicals and consider alternative plantings. Check out the Erie County Healthy Lawns <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/gardening/-erie-county-healthy-lawns-campaign>. Also check out <https://www.treehugger.com/use-instead-grass-your-lawn-4857992> for the benefits of clover and freeing yourself from so much lawn care.

2020-2021 NYS Farm to School Institute

Farm to Institution New York State, or FINYS, a collaborative initiative led by American Farmland Trust, announces the selection of twelve schools to the 2020-2021 New York State Farm to School Institute, an intensive year-long program for New York schools to develop and grow their farm to school programs. Locally, Thomas A. Edison Elementary School (Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District) was selected as one of the schools dedicated to teaching about the importance of resilient and sustainable food systems, and working hard to provide nutritious, locally-sourced foods to our children and communities across New York. School teams, comprised of school administrators, school nutrition professionals, educators and community partners, will receive support to enhance their technical knowledge on how to procure and prepare local foods, tools for community engagement, and strategies to support classroom and culinary education. Participating schools will convene for a virtual kick-off retreat starting August 10, join farm-to-school workshops throughout the year, receive regular coaching to support goal-setting and execution, network with school teams and leaders and professionals in the farm to school field from across the state, meet for a one-day gathering in Spring 2021, and be eligible for a Farm to School Implementation Award of up to \$5,000. The New York State Farm to School Institute is a project of Farm to Institution New York State, a collaborative initiative of American Farmland Trust, working to dramatically expand the volume of food grown on local farms that is served in institutions across New York. It is made possible thanks to support from the NoVo Foundation, the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation and members of the American Farmland Trust. Learn more at www.finys.org.

New York Forest Owners Association has agreed to help Audubon New York promote its [Harvests for Habitat Project](#) in the Upper Delaware Watershed. Harvests for Habitat is a collaborative partnership between Audubon, [Watershed Agricultural Council](#), and [New York Tree Farm Program](#) that enables bird habitat improvements through active forest management and financial incentives. The program encourages timber harvests that would create or renew habitat for at-risk bird species, such as the Wood Thrush, Cerulean Warbler, and others. The program seeks to work with professional foresters, loggers, and forest landowners interested in improving forest habitat through a harvest before November 2020. To learn more, visit [Harvests for Habitat Project](#).

Genesee River Angler Diarists Needed!

Your fishing observations can help shape future fisheries management actions. DEC is seeking angler observations as it begins its angler diary program on the Genesee River in Allegany and Wyoming counties. The diarist program aims to

Funding Available for Job Training in Energy Efficiency and Clean Technology

-the-Job Training (OJT) for Energy Efficiency and Clean Technology program provides wage subsidies to eligible businesses to reduce the financial risk of hiring and training new workers, while developing job skills for new workers in energy efficiency and clean technology businesses. NYSERDA is working closely with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) to deliver this OJT program. NYSDOL will assist eligible businesses with developing OJT training plans as well as assessing necessary skills and available workers that match those skills. Incentives wil

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Buffalo Food Waste Diversion is Available Year-Round

The City has tested and is launching year-round collection of food waste in an outdoor collection bin at Elmwood Avenue and Bidwell Parkway. Food scraps will be transported by Natural Upcycling to Buffalo River Compost. Since ram with six summer locations available for drop-off. Acceptable materials are fruits and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters, egg shells, tea bags and nuts. For more info, visit www.buffalorecycles.org.

Safe Lanes Bike Lane Reporting Platform

Did you know that you can make roads safer by bikers by reporting obstacles? See a bike lane blocked by a car, delivery truck, police officer, etc.? [Report it using Safe Lanes](#).

Buffalo Bike Tours: Bike There Self-guided Rides

Buffalo Bike Tours is launching **Bike There!**, a series of self-guided bike rides of Buffalo, to keep you active in the Covid-19 crisis. This content is available to everyone free of charge during these challenging times, to promote exercise, celebrating our great city, and instilling social distancing. [DOWNLOAD SELF GUIDED TOURS HERE](#).

Solar-Powered Heritage Carousel

A solar-powered historic carousel had planned to open Summer 2020, but the pandemic delays have shifted the grand opening to spring 2021. The Buffalo Heritage Carousel, Inc. is nearing completion of the restoration of the i.

Reuse Action in Action: Source for Reusable Materials

Reuse Action helps deconstruct buildings to return building materials to the supply chain. Check out the video [here](#) for their recent work. The store will also take landfill, donate them to Reuse Action. Check out their website at www.reuseaction.com, call the store at 716-894-3366, or stop by 980 Northampton Street. Profits from sales put people to work!

Current NY Environmental Bills List

Every week during the New York State Legislative Session, Environmental Advocates of New York reviews all of the bills introduced in legislative committees or on the floor of the State Senate and the Assembly. They then issue a memo that summarizes the legislation and describes our position on measures with significant environmental impact. If you would like to sign up for this listing, you can see the status of New York State legislation and can take action on those that are important to you. <http://eany.org/our-work/bill-ratings>

***Our Farms, Our Future* Podcast Series: Voices in Sustainable Agriculture**

From coast to coast, a diverse community of farmers, ranchers, scientists and educators is working to shape a sustainable future for our food system. Listen to the new [Our Farms, Our Future podcast series](#) and join this community for intimate conversations about the state of agriculture, how we got here and where we re headed.

Bee Better Certified: A Farmer's Guide

-focused farm certification programs. Developed by the Xerces largest science-based pollinator conservation organization, Bee Better Certified builds upon nearly two decades of on-farm habitat research and development. Certification is available to all producers of fruit, vegetable, and commodity crops. This [brochure](#) offers an overview of the program, certification standards, and the certification process. If you would like further information, please see beebettercertified.org, or contact us at (503) 232-6639 or info@beebettercertified.org.

Business Membership Program to Encourage Greener Commuting

Go Buffalo Niagara, a Transportation Management Association serving Erie and Niagara Counties, has launched a [business membership program](#) which encourages people to commute without a car. Once a business is signed up, its employees who choose to walk, carpool, bike, or take public transit to work will have access to myriad alternative transportation incentives, such as: discounted transit passes and preferred parking for carpools, guaranteed ride home

to [GObike Buffalo](#) and [Reddy Bikeshare](#) and monthly raffles for commuters who log their commute trips.

Restore Mother Nature Bond Act Postponed

The Restore Mother Nature Bond Act for 3 billion dollars, which would have been the largest in state history, has been postponed due to financial consequences with the pandemic. The bond was envisioned to provide funding for projects that would reduce the risk of flooding for vulnerable communities, restore habitat, and prepare the state for climate change.

Erie County Annual Water Quality Report Published

Curious about local water quality. Check out the published annual [report](#) for 2019 testing. In this report you will find details about the quality of your drinking water during the past year, where your water comes from, how your water is treated and tested, how it compares to safety standards set by regulatory agencies, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Free Hard Drive Recycling

Western Digital is offering free hard drive recycling through their US electronic waste recycling program. You can safely dispose of your old internal and external **HDDs and SSDs**, from any manufacturer with the data securely destroyed. For more info, visit <https://shop.westerndigital.com/campaign/landing/easy-recycle>

Nonprofit Funding for Green Energy

Sun Club is [accepting grant applications](#) from nonprofits that need green funding and clean energy expertise. By funding sustainable solutions for nonprofits, Sun Club helps them continue their mission while contributing to a cleaner environment.

Personal Plastics Calculator

Environmental footprint calculators have been used for a number of years as a measure of personal impact. Now there is a calculator that allows you to assess your plastic usage in a week or year. While we may not have substitutes for all of the items, the first step in reduction is awareness. Check out the calculator at [plastic footprint](#).

The Promise of Biomimicry: Resilient Design in a Climate Impacted World

The Biomimicry Institute recently released this new [film](#) that introduces biomimicry as a way of living for everyday people and as a pathway for design inspired by nature. Co-founder Janine Benyus walks us through the emerging discipline that takes wisdom from the natural world to transform it into human design. Up-and-coming companies share their vision and inspiration, and viewers are poised to ask how nature would solve a problem.

Pollinators Under Pressure

This [film](#) produced by Tree Media looks at the plight of pollinators around the world and the actions we can all take to ensure their survival, and that of humans and ecosystems everywhere. Narrated by actor and environmental activist Leonardo DiCaprio, this short film features expert voices and diverse points of view from representatives of federal agencies, NGOs, and youth who are working in communities to help residents understand the impact of everyday actions on pollinators and their habitats.

Moving Forward: A Guide for Health Professionals to Build Momentum on Climate Action

Health professionals have an important role as trusted messengers to engage their patients, peers, community, and [Moving Forward: A Guide for Health Professionals to Build Momentum on Climate Action](#), provides you with guidance and tools to reduce energy use, to build resilient clinics and health departments, and advocate for climate solutions that prioritize health and equity.

Study Finds Fracking Linked to Rare Birth Defect in Horses

A new study has uncovered a link between fracking chemicals in farm water and a rare birth defect in horses. [Study Finds Fracking Linked to Rare Birth Defect in Horses](#)

The current special exhibit at

is closed until further notice, their online version of the exhibit is available at <https://www.museumoftheearth.org/bees/>. This takes you through the fascinating world of bees and reveals amazing facts and new insights into an insect which is vital to the cultivation of the food we eat. Discover the diversity of the over 20,000 species of bees from all over the world. Learn about their co-evolution with the flowers they pollinate. Explore bee biology and behaviors. Find out what threats bees currently face, and what you can do to help.

New Resources Available to Reduce Hazardous Waste & Save Money

DEC has developed a resource guide for hazardous waste generators to reduce waste and save money. Resources include archived webinars presented by the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) on topics such as How Your

and Home-Schooling Resources

Circular Economy Activity-

Carbon Sequestration in Campus trees-

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[Save the Snakes Grants](#)-Our small grants enable individuals and organizations to conduct snake conservation efforts and mitigate human-snake conflict around the world. Before you take the time to fill out our application, please read our [Funding Guidelines](#) to make sure you and your project qualify for a grant from us. Deadline: **August 31**.

[Future Institute Research Center Scholarships](#) invites applications for \$1,000 research scholarships to be awarded to doctoral graduate student researchers studying post-secondary education (teaching/learning), transitions (secondary education to undergraduate, undergraduate to graduate, education to career), college and career success. -secondary education transition and college/career success. Research projects focused on teaching/learning and education will also be considered. Deadline: **September 30, 2020**

[Hershey Heartwarming Project Action Grants](#) - Youth ages 13-17 in the U.S. and Canada can apply for a \$250 grant. The Hershey Heartwarming Project Action Grants help schools and youth groups in their effort to increase connection, emotional and mental well-being and empathy in the community. Deadline: **December 31**.

[The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program](#) (Connect Kids) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[The Pollination Project Grants](#) support organizations/groups that do not have any paid staff with initial grants of up to \$1,000. Successful grantees become eligible for larger impact grants of up to \$5,000 and other support. One grant is awarded every day. Deadline: **Rolling**

[The Kars4Kids Small Grant Program](#) is dedicated to supporting education, mentoring, and youth development programs around the country that help children develop into productive members of their community. Grants typically range from \$500-\$2,000. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant Program Request For Proposals](#)- to advance recycling in communities by offering financial and technical assistance to support the implementation of cartbased curbside recycling. Deadline: **Rolling**.

[H2O for Life Mini-Grants](#) provide \$250-\$500 mini-grants for schools to organize projects that educate youth about the global water crisis and help them take action to provide water, sanitation and hygiene education (WASH) for global partner schools. **Deadline: Rolling**

[The Karma for Cara Foundation](#) is encouraging kids 18 and under to apply for funds between \$250 and \$1,000 to complete service projects in their communities. **Deadline: Rolling**.

[NIEHS Conference Grants](#)-The mission of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is to discover how the environment affects people in order to promote healthier lives. Conference grant applications have a direct relationship to advancing the mission of NIEHS. In order to be responsive, all conference grant proposals must focus on or clearly indicate relevance to advancing our understanding of the role of environment and/or gene-environment interactions in disease/dysfunction. **Deadline: Rolling**.

[Project Produce: Fruit and Veggie Grants for Schools](#)-vegetables and create experient

Employment and Internship Opportunities

[Compost Operations Manager](#)- Full-time. EcoVerde Organics seeks candidates to fill FT role of Compost Operations Manager. Key responsibilities: 1) Plan, manage, and supervise the compost operation, including waste/feedstock collection, hauling and depackaging; 2) Operate heavy equipment and vehicles; 3) Supervise crew, ensuring safety; 4) Record keeping and scheduling; 5) Perform other duties as assigned.

[Director of Community Development](#)-

high-quality affordable and sustainable housing for low income households, and community development projects that advance economic justice. The Director works with the PUSH Executive Team and other PUSH staff to grow and manage our existing housing portfolio. As a member of the senior team, they collaborate with other leaders of our organization on programs and policy activities.

[Street Team Organizer](#)-

relates to the mission and vision of PUSH Buffalo to move away from an extractive, profit-driven economy to a regenerative, people-centered economy. The Street Team Organizer is familiar with deep canvassing and the purpose of it to build authentic relationships that help community members identify their self-interest and build power with the extensive infrastructure and capacity that PUSH Buffalo has as an organization, as exemplified by its 15 year history of winning member-driven campaigns.

[Youth Action Team Organizer](#)-The ideal candidate will be able to be flexible and adapt to working with neighborhood residents in Buffalo to build power to advance economic, environmental, and housing justice. The Youth Action Team Organizer will build relationships with youth at the Grant Street Neighborhood Center (GSNC) and others, primarily on youth at the GSNC and in the surrounding neighborhoods to build issue-based campaigns around (For Example: Transportation, education, and mass incarceration.) The Youth Action Team Organizer will also assist with building out systems within the GSNC to make it more participatory in terms of programming and budgetary priorities, in collaboration with the Youth Organizing Manager and GSNC Manager.

[Property Manager](#)-

Property Manager will oversee day-to-day operations and establish strong working relationships within community members, tenants, vendors, municipalities and contractors. They

manage the housing includes over 100 units of affordable housing on several sites, 11 units currently under construction, and approximately 53 units of supportive and affordable housing in pre-development.

[LISC WNY Program Assistant - Operations - Part Time](#)

[LISC WNY Program Officer - Housing - Full Time](#)

[Aquarium of Niagara Internships](#)-Opportunities for high school or college students to work with marine mammals, fish, penguins and turtles. Certain requirements must be met.

[Clean Air Coalition Internships](#)-The Clean Air Coalition is a grassroots environmental health and justice organization based in Buffalo, New York. All internships include some operations and administrative work.

[Service Collaborative of Western New York Vista Positions/Americorps](#)-Opportunities for paid community involvement. Check out the available opportunities and eligibility.

[ASHA Animal Sanctuary Internships](#)- Seeking individuals for administrative, development, visitor programs and animal care positions.

[Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens Internships](#)-Seeking individuals to work with Education Dept., Special Events, and Horticulture.

Wednesday, August 5

Sustainable Business Roundtable Virtual Coffee-8 to 9am on Zoom. Connections, sharing and learning are needed, perhaps more now than ever. Remember that while we may be socially distancing, we are not alone. This is an opportunity to meet and engage virtually with representatives from our sustainable business community. Our use of zoom networking techniques will let you connect with new and old friends, colleagues and acquaintances, all while enjoying early morning refreshments of your choice at your own desk and/or garden swing! This is a free event, open to both SBR Members and non-SBR members. [Register](#) by 1 PM on August 4th,

Youth Climate Action Workshop: Threats to Ecological Communities-5:30pm, led by David Reilly and Nicole Gerber. **Please do this [scavenger hunt](#) before the workshop!** [This link](#) will bring you to the Facebook Live page. Biodiversity is threatened because of habitat loss, climate change, and other human-created conditions. This workshop will explore why this is important and what steps we can take to reduce these threats in our local environments. We will discuss how animals and habitats are affected by our behavior, and how we can use science to make a positive difference in the world for all living creatures.

The People, The History of the West Side and What That Means for Us Today- 6pm. Sponsored by PUSH Buffalo. Fill out our [registration form](#), Join [Zoom meeting](#)

Future Forces That will Disrupt Sustainable Business Webinar-1:15 to 2:15pm. A full-spectrum thinking approach to building sustainability. [Register](#)

Meaningful Engagement for Environmental Justice Without Public Meetings- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. webinar. Meaningful public engagement is more important than ever, from early in the planning stages to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. It's also clear that considerations around equity and diversity have intensified dramatically in 2020. In this 'new normal' as public engagement moves online for public safety, how can agencies and their consultants meaningfully engage with traditionally underrepresented communities without public meetings? [Register now!](#)

Kayaking Basics with Tina-6 to 8pm. Beaver Island State Park. Are you looking to learn more about your kayak, equipment, or paddle strokes and maneuvers? Look ny

Reptile & Amphibians Meet and Greet 2 to 3pm. Join us in the Beaver Meadow Nature Center for a

Invasive Plants-Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold an in-person class from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Training Center Large Meeting Room, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport. Emerald ash borer, Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed are only a few of the invasive pests that have a negative effect on our environment. Learn what not to plant to avoid future problems and options for control of existing invasive species. The cost is \$15. Preregistration and payment are required by August 11. Registration is first come, first served. [Download the registration form here](#) and mail to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY, attn.: Amanda Henning. Checks should be made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County. Registration is not completed until payment is received.

Gypsy Moth Webinar - 7:00pm to 8:00pm - Join Laura Bailey, Natural Resources Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Yates County and Master Forest Owner (MFO) Program Northwest Regional Director, for an in-depth look at the gypsy moth's lifecycle, population outbreak dynamics, impacts on trees and forests, and management practices. Join Zoom Meeting [HERE](#).

Arboretum Trees 2 to 3:30pm. Join us for the many different types of trees and their uses. Preregistration is required. \$10. 585-457-3228.

Friday, August 14

Community Science Aquatic Invasive Plant Survey-

Saturdays in the Park-10am to noon at Niagara Falls State Park.

morning walk on Goat Island! Enjoy the views and listen to some fun facts and stories about the oldest state park in the country. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Old Woods Hike

learn about what makes old growth forests so different and why they are important to our ecosystems. Pre-registration is required. \$10. 585-457-3228.

Reptiles & Amphibians Meet and Greet 2 to 3pm at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center.

Introduction to Kayaking-9:00 am - 11:30 am. Come out and spend a morning with us learning how to get in and out of your kayak and different paddling strokes. Once you are comfortable with your kayak and paddling strokes we will go for a group paddle for approximately 30 minutes. Your class will be conducted on Ellicott Creek across from our facility. All instructors are New York State Licensed Guides. Class will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Paths, Peaks and Paddles is located at 1000 Ellicott Creek Road Tonawanda, NY 14150. All equipment is provided. Bring water and a positive mental attitude. We will have you excited about your new found skills in no time! Cost is \$55.00. Please call Paths Peaks & Paddles at 716-213-0350 if you have any questions or [contact us](#)

Tuesday, August 18

Starry Stonewort Collaborative Webinar- 10:00 am to noon. Join the Starry Stonewort Collaborative and Blake Cahill, Ph.D Candidate; Earth and Ecosystem Science Doctoral Program, Central Michigan University for a discussion on Blake's research into the combined application of both chemical control and mechanical harvesting on starry stonewort. Please [register in advance](#).

Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle-6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. STRESS Reducer Paddle on Ellicott

Introduction to Pickling- 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the WNY Food Incubator kitchen in the 4-H Training Center, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport. Pickling has been a tradition in many cultures but has been a lost art in recent times. In this workshop participants will learn the basics of pickling by making vegetable pickles. This workshop will be led by a trained Master Food Preserver and will be a combination of a presentation and hands-on group learning experiences. All course materials are included in the workshop fee of \$20/workshop/person. Preregistration and payment required by **August 17**. Registration is first-come-first-serve. [Download registration form here](#) and mail to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport, NY, attn.: Amanda Henning; Checks should be made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County. Registration is not completed until payment is received. Cancellation Policy: There is a class minimum of 8 participants. If the class minimum is not met, or class must be cancelled due to unforeseen events, class fees will be refunded in full. If the class is full, your check and/or a refund check will be returned to you.

West Side Community Energy Roadmap: Understanding our Current Energy System-6pm. Fill out our [registration form](#). Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

Western New York Rose Society- 7 p.m. at St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Dr., Buffalo. There will be a tour of the Delaware Park Rose Garden with Emeré. [Info](#).

Monday, August 24

Denims and Diamonds at Home-Frederick Law Olmsted Gala August 24-28. Details including menu and ordering at www.bfloparks.org/flo2020.

Tuesday, August 25

Denims and Diamonds at Home-Frederick Law Olmsted Gala August 24-28. Details including menu and ordering at www.bfloparks.org/flo2020.

Annual Tuesday Evening Stress Reducer Paddle-6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. STRESS Reducer Paddle on Ellicott

some new people, talk to some old friends and relax for an evening. Come join the guides and instructors of Paths, Peaks and Paddles every Tuesday evening for a paddle for either relaxation, stress relief or just plain FUN. It beats sitting in front of the tube and definitely beats yard work. We meet at the store (1000 Ellicott Creek Rd. Tonawanda) at 6:00pm and take a paddling trip on Ellicott Creek up and around the big island. All are welcome, if you have your own boat (canoe or kayak), there is no charge. Must wear a PFD properly, no alcohol, stay with group, no electronics. If you need to rent one, the cost for a solo boat is only \$25.00 per boat or \$35.00 for a tandem. The boat rental includes paddle(s) and PFD(s). RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU ARE RENTING CALL: 716-213-0350.

Wednesday, August 26

Denims and Diamonds at Home-Frederick Law Olmsted Gala August 24-28. Details including menu and ordering at www.bfloparks.org/flo2020.

West Side Community Energy Roadmap: Using the Roadmap to Build a Just Green Energy Future-6pm. Fill out our [registration form](#). Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

Smart Cycling-1pm. Want to become a more informed, confident bicyclist? Join us for this webinar which covers the classroom portion of our Smart Cycling class, covering all of the basics of bikes, bike safety, riding in traffic and more! Stay tuned for announcements regarding the on-bike portion of the class, ideally happening later this year. Register [here for this event](#).

Join Old Man River for a bike ride-The ride leaves at 6PM from the Hub in Tonwanda. Sponsored by up via their [Facebook page](#).

Thursday, August 27

Denims and Diamonds at Home-Frederick Law Olmsted Gala August 24-28. Details including menu and ordering at www.bfloparks.org/flo2020.

Larkin Square Author Series: Margaret Sullivan with Mark Sommer-5:30pm at Larkin Square, 745 Seneca St., Buffalo. Join Media Columnist for the Washington Post Margaret Sullivan in conversation with Buffalo News *Ghosting the News*. This event is free and will take place outdoors, under the covered boardwalk in Larkin Square. Limited, socially-distant seating is available; you are

Tips for the Environment:

Staycations and Recycling Right- [Recycle Right on your Stay-cation](#), Whether camping in the mountains,

Tift Nature Preserve also needs volunteers for their programs, communications, fund-raising and other events. [716-825-6397](tel:716-825-6397) and tiftreservations@sciencebuff.org.

Western NY Land Conservancy- trail clearing, mailings, technical research and citizen scientist projects.
<https://www.wnyc.org/>

Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm- <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMonarchButterflyFarm>
Falkimmer Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/FalkimmerFarms/>
Farmer Pirates-<http://www.farmerpirates.com/>
Farmers and Artisans- <http://farmersandartisans.com>
Farmthisway CSA - <http://www.farmthisway.com/>
Fenton's Produce- www.fentonsproduce.com
First Light Farm and Creamery- <http://www.firstlightfarmer.com/>
Five Loaves Farm- <https://5loavesfarm.org/>
Fleckenstein Farms-<https://www.fleckensteinfarms.com/>
Free Fallen Fruit Rescue-<https://www.facebook.com/freefallenfruitrescue>
Fresh Fix -<https://www.freshfix.com/>
Goodman Farms- <https://goodmanfarms.net/>
Gormley Farms- <https://www.facebook.com/gormleyfarms>
Greater Buffalo Urban Growers-<https://www.facebook.com/greaterbuffalourbangrowers/>
Green Heron Growers- <http://www.greenherongrowers.com/>
Gregs U-Pick- <http://gregsupick.com/>
Groundwork Market Garden- <http://www.groundworkmg.com>
Healthy Living Farm- <https://www.healthylivingfarm.com>
Kindred Kreek Farms- <https://www.kindredkreek.com/>
Little Bear Farm- <http://www.littlebearfarm.harvesthand.com/>
Little Woods Farm-<https://www.littlewoodsfarmalden.com/>
McCollum Orchards- <http://mccollumorchards.com/>
Michigan Riley Farm- <http://michiganrileyfarm.wordpress.com/>
Native Offerings- <http://nativeofferings.com/>
Niagara Malt- www.niagaramalt.com
Plato Dale Farm- <https://platodalefarm.com/>
Porter Farms- <http://www.porterfarms.org/>
Produce Peddlers

Recycling, Reuse, Disposal, Green Cleaning Options: (also check www2.erie.gov/recycling/index.php?q=node)

Batteries- Twin Village Salvage Recycling, 4153 Broadway, Depew 683-5373

Batteries, rechargeable-

, Home Depot

Bicycles- Buffalo Blue Bicycle <http://gobikebuffalo.org/>

Books- www.booksforafrica.org, www.operationpaperback.org

Bottle and jar caps-Weisenbach Recycled Products in Ohio.

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper

<https://bnwaterkeeper.org/>

Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

www.bfloparks.org

Field and Fork Network

<http://fieldandforknetwork.com/>

First Hand Learning

www.firsthandlearning.org

500 Women Scientists, Buffalo Chapter

<https://500womenscientistsbuffalo.wordpress.com/>

Food Policy Council of Buffalo & Erie County

<http://www2.erie.gov/fpc/>

Greenworks WNY

<https://www.facebook.com/Greenworks-Buffalo-Niagara-418537631544691/>

New York Farm Bureau

<http://www.nyfb.org/>

New York Flora Association

<http://www.nyflora.org/>

Reptile Adoption, Rehabilitation and Education, Inc. (RARE)	http://rarerehab.org/
Restore our Community Coalition	http://roccbuffalo.org/
Retree Western New York	www.re-treewny.org
ReUse Action	http://reuseaction.com/
Rise Up for Climate Justice	https://www.facebook.com/riseupforclimatejustice/
Rochester Environmental Groups	http://rochesterenvironment.com/EXTRA/enviromentalists.htm
Roger Tory Peterson Institute	www.rtpi.org
Science Demands Action	www.sciencedemandsaction.org
Service Collaborative of WNY	http://www.tscwny.org/
Sierra Club (Niagara Group of Atlantic Chapter)	http://niagarasierraclub.com/
Slow Roll Buffalo	http://slowrollbuffalo.org/
South Buffalo Alive	https://www.facebook.com/South-Bufferalo-Alive-174141769403626/
SPCA serving Erie County	www.yourspca.org
Street Synergy	http://www.streetsynergy.org/
SUNY Fredonia	http://www.fredonia.edu/gogreen/
Sustainability at Buffalo State	http://sustainability.buffalostate.edu/

