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Living with the Coyote

Program & Lecture, Tuesday, November 15, 7–9pm
Brighton Town Hall Auditorium, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Consider the wily Coyote. The Eastern Coyote is an animal shrouded in mystery that surrounds our area. Though we are hearing more and more about these beasts, more sightings, more howls, and witnessing local contests to eliminate them, what do we actually know about this dog-like canine?

How many know the answers to these questions? What is the coyote population in our area? Are they dangerous? Are Coyotes a factor in controlling or depleting the deer population? Do they threaten our pets, our livestock, and even us? Are killing contests a sensible way of controlling

the coyote population? Are they easily mistaken as dogs and do they mate with stray dogs? Do they carry disease? Most important, are they a vital part of our environment or merely a pesky invader?

Come to our presentation in November and learn more about the Coyote from an expert. No other North American animal has more misinformation perpetuated about it than the Eastern Coyote. Just the sight of a coyote gives most people an adrenalin rush that makes them think they have to 'do something' about the presence of this animal. Learn what can be done to protect our pets and how



we can best avoid conflicts. Learn the natural history of coyotes and sort myth from fact.

Our speaker will be Elise Able, Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc. Fox Wood is a wildlife rehabilitation facility, Education Center and Sanctuary located in East Concord, NY.

Winter Solstice Celebration

5:30PM Thursday, December 15, 2005
Chestnut Court, St John's Meadows, 2200 Johnsarbor Drive West, Brighton

It's that time of year again. In acknowledgment of our beautiful seasons, the Sierra Club celebrates the coming of the winter solstice. Please join Sierra Club members on Thursday December 15 for our annual winter solstice celebration. The event is held at Chestnut Court, in St John's Meadows. The celebration starts at 5:00PM with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Following the appetizers, we have a buffet-style dinner. All those who join the celebration are asked to bring a dish to pass.

This is a nice event where old and new members can mingle and get to know one another better. Please consider joining us, as Rochester gets ready to enter the winter season.

A modest program is part of our

celebration. This year the local Sierra Club would like to share some insights from the Sierra Summit, held in San Francisco in September. The winter solstice celebration is also an opportunity to gain information about the Rochester Group's upcoming elections to the Executive Committee. There will be an opportunity to learn about the nomination process and current positions available on the ExCom.

Bring friends, old and new. St John's Meadows is located on the south side of Elmwood Ave. just west of S. Clinton Ave. in Brighton. Look for the white fence on the South side of Elmwood. After entering bear right on Johnsarbor Drive to Chestnut Court. If you plan

to come, a call to the Sierra Club line (585-234-1056) would be appreciated. Again, please bring a dish to pass.

E-mail List Up and Running

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

FROM THE CHAIR



by Frank Regan

During our Orientation Meeting last month, I recalled many of the accomplishments

of our Rochester Sierra Club Group over the years. And I was reminded that it was all the work of volunteers. Busy people took time to preserve and protect our environment. Not all got bills passed or saved a wetland. But their efforts were behind those that did.

For, as in any large group (we number almost 3,000 in the Rochester Group), it is the coordinated activities orchestrated towards a single theme that puts the clout behind the "Sierra Club" name. Without the fund-raising, we would have no newsletter; without that, we would have little contact with our members; and without that, we are on our own. Without the Sierra Club name (with 700,000 names behind it), we are but a single voice.

Our Orientation meeting last month kicked off a renewed effort to activate our memberships at a time when many of our long-term members need a break.

It is called our **Volunteer Database Project**. New blood would redouble our efforts to educate the public on Rochester-area environmental issues and give our environment a local voice.

To find out more about our **Volunteer Database Project**, go to http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/helping_out.htm

Or, just attend one of our programs, where we will have all the information you need. Remember, some activities only take a little of your time.

New Phone Number

The Rochester Regional Group has a new voice mailbox. Call 585-234-1056 to leave a message. We'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is

Support social and environmental justice while you purchase holiday gifts.

Metro Justice's 24th annual Alternatives Fair offers holiday shopping for the whole family, with hundreds of fair trade, earth-friendly and/or locally produced goods that support a just and sustainable world. You'll see clothing, toys, non-competitive games, pottery, jewelry and more.

Where else can you find entertainment, gift wrapping service, homemade veggie food and free child care, plus information tables by local progressive organizations (including the Sierra Club)? The Fair is Friday, December 2nd, 5pm-10pm, and Saturday, December 3rd, 9am-3pm, at the First Unitarian Church, 200 Winton Rd. South. The suggested donation for ages 12 and up is \$3. For more information, call 325-2560.

Nominations for ExCom Now Open

Now is the time to consider becoming a member of our Executive Committee (Ex-Com), or nominating someone to be a candidate. Six seats are open for the January election.

Ex-Com members steer the local Group to fulfill the mission of the Sierra Club. Prior experience is not necessary. If you can work in a group to make decisions that help people "explore, enjoy, and protect" the natural beauty of our area, you are Ex-Com material!

The ExCom meets for two hours on the second Thursday of each month. Some members of the Ex-Com perform additional duties, such as Conservation Chair, while others serve "at-large." Further opportunities have included training in San Francisco. Whether near or far, joining folks of like mind can be energizing and inspiring.

Nominations are due by December 21. Ballots will be included in the mid-January Eco-logue. If you are interested in running for election, please mail us a brief bio and statement of interest (note "Nominations" on the envelope), or email SierraRochTix@hotmail.com.

Great Lakes Committee

Status Update

by Wayne Howard

The Great Lakes Committee has had a very active Summer. We completed our assessment of the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative (GLRC) and presented testimony at the public meeting in Buffalo on August 30th. We also advocated support for Plan "B" (the balanced environmental plan) of the IJC Lake Level study and the latest revision of Annex 2001.

We will now focus our efforts on providing public education support for CEI's Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative (LOCI) as well as efforts to reignite support for implementing the Rochester Embayment remedial action plan (RAP). Please see the Rochester Regional Group website for more information. Our next meeting is October 25, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Brighton Library.

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Sierra Club Outing Distant Vistas

9:30am, Saturday, November 12

November is a time that offers broader vistas of distant hills from trails where in earlier months leaves limit one's perspective. Come with us to visit Far View Hill and Snake Curve Hill in Mendon Ponds Park. Learn of the geological sources of eskers and kames, glacial features that created Mendon Ponds unique character. Howard Camp will be our leader.

Meet at 9:30am at the First Unitarian Church parking lot, 220 Winton Rd. South.

Recycling Tour

Thursday, November 10, 4:00 pm.
Monroe County Recycling Center,
W Street, Rochester

Monroe County has a strong recycling program. We are all familiar with the ubiquitous blue-box system that requires us to separate recyclable material from the trash we put out at the curb. This tour is an opportunity to find out what happens to that material after it leaves your house. How does recyclable material actually get recycled? Into what is it recycled? We often don't think about these questions but they are important to the fate of our environment.

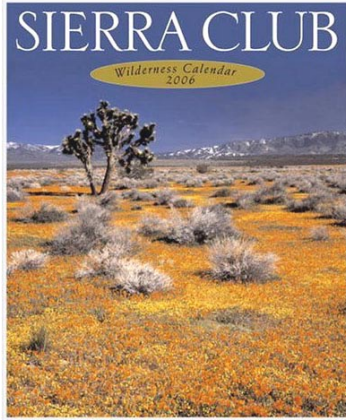
The Sierra Club is sponsoring a tour of the Monroe County Recycling

Center on Thursday, November 10th at 4:00pm. The tour is free, but limited to 25 participants. Please call Mike at (585) 414 6511 to reserve a spot.

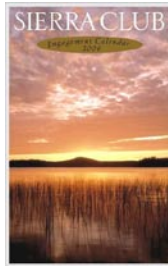
The Recycling Center is an industrial site, so some safety precautions are in order. Don't wear sandals or open-toed shoes. Think twice about coming if you are allergic to dust or sensitive to strong odors. Dress for the weather, as some of the tour may be outdoors.

Directions to the Monroe County Recycling Center: Exit I-390 at Lexington Avenue; turn east on Lexington and turn right on Lee Road (at the light); make a left at the next light (Emerson St.); make a right at the next light (W Street); go to the end of W Street and turn right, into the facility. Watch out for truck traffic!

Continue on about 150 yards to the tan and rust-colored building (Recycling Center) and park in the Visitor Parking section along the building or along the canal fence. The large Blue Building is the county's Resource Recovery Facility/Trash Transfer Station. Do not enter or park alongside this building. There is an observation balcony located on the second floor of the Recycling Center for those wishing to set up for photo opportunities.



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CALENDAR

Nov. 10	Thursday	4:00PM	Recycling Tour (see page 3)	Monroe County Recycling Center
Nov. 10	Thursday	6:30 PM	ExCom meeting ¹	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave.
Nov. 12	Saturday	9:30 AM	Sierra Club Outing: Distant Vistas (see page 3)	meet at First Unitarian Church⁵
Nov. 15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	General Meeting: Living with the Coyote (see page 1)	Brighton Town Hall²
Nov. 17	Thursday	7:30 PM	Wetlands Committee	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton ³
Nov. 22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Great Lakes Committee meeting	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave. ⁶
Dec. 2,3	Fri., Sat.	5PM, 9AM	Alternatives Fair (see page 2)	First Unitarian Church ⁵
Dec. 8	Thursday	6:30 PM	ExCom meeting ¹	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave.
Dec. 15	Thursday	5:30 PM	Winter Solstice Celebration (see Page 1)	Chestnut Court, St. John's Meadows
Dec. 20	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Alternative Energy Committee	951 Park Ave., Rochester ⁴
Dec. 20	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Wetlands Committee	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton ³
Dec. 27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Great Lakes Committee meeting	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave. ⁶
Jan. 8	Sunday		Eco-logue Deadline	
Jan.12	Thursday	6:30 PM	ExCom meeting ¹	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave.
Jan. 17	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Alternative Energy Committee	951 Park Ave., Rochester ⁴
Jan. 26	Thursday	7:30 PM	Wetlands Committee	150 Sunset Drive, Brighton ³
Jan. 24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Great Lakes Committee meeting	Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave. ⁶

¹Open to members. Call 234-1056

⁴Call Bob At 256-3846 to confirm date

²2300 Elmwood Ave.

⁵220 Winton Rd. South

³Call Sara at 442-6890 to confirm

⁶Call Wayne Howard at 359-0482 to confirm date

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

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