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Sierra Club Events: Get Out. Get Involved. Get Connected.

We've set ourselves a goal to begin offering more activities for both our members and all others in the Rochester region. Below are some of our upcoming events. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for information on other events. Membership is not required to participate in any Sierra Club events.

Website: www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/rochester

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SierraROC/ or search for "Sierra Club Rochester Regional Group"

Climate Change and the Washington Grove Forest

Thursday, July 6, 6:00 P.M.

Join naturalist Peter Debes, who began a project in 2008 with the Sierra Club to restore and protect the old growth forest at Cobbs Hill Park. See giant trees 250 years old and evidence of the challenges they have faced in their lives. How will climate change affect these wonderful woods? We will review predictions for our area and predictions of which species may become more common or less common, and which new species may make their appearance here and in other forests of our area. By the end of our walk, you'll be able to recognize 10 species of trees, just by their trunks and bark!

We will meet at Cobbs Hill reservoir in Rochester, at the top of the reservoir road off Highland Ave by the pine trees. Wear loose fitting long-sleeve shirt and pants and bringing bug repellent.

Alternate date in case of rain, strong winds or thunderstorms - Saturday, July 8, 10:00 AM. Call 585-820-2018 for info.

NEW!

**Rochester Regional Group
Monthly Walks:
First Saturday of the Month**

Join us at Goodwin Park (at the south end of Sibley Pl. off East Ave., and behind One L Salon on Park Ave.) at 10am on July 1st for the Sierra Club RRG's first monthly walk. We will be taking a 1.1 mile loop on Park Ave., Goodman St., East Ave., Alexander St., and then back down Park Ave. to Goodwin Park. It will be a great opportunity to meet your local Sierra Club Executive Committee, socialize with your fellow members, and remind the community that the Sierra Club has not given up the fight for environmental justice. Sierra Club buttons will be distributed to all members. Watch our website and Facebook page (see above) for details on future monthly walks.



NEW!



NEW! Community Meetings Planned to Meet Your Fellow Members

The Rochester Regional Group will begin holding regularly scheduled community meetings. These meetings will provide an opportunity to meet fellow members, take action and learn about environmental issues of local concern, and to get out to enjoy our beautiful parks and trails. Meetings will likely begin in July or August, and will be posted on our website and our Facebook page once details are available.



From the Chair: Working Toward Unity

Our 2017 annual Environmental Forum was a success! The Executive Committee of the Rochester Regional Group and I would like to extend a huge thanks to Sierra Club President Aaron Mair for joining us as our keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Weldon G. Thomas and his congregation at New Bethel CME Church for opening their doors to us to host the event, the organizations that showcased the work they're doing for our community before the keynote speech, and everyone who joined us that evening.

Aaron delivered a powerful message about how climate issues have historically been a greater burden on people of color in the United States, and their struggle to make their voices heard in the face of this injustice. He emphasized the importance of coming together - of crossing both racial and class divides - to combat climate change. We are strongest together.

For the past year or so, our Rochester Regional Group executive committee members have been discussing our desire to diversify. Most of our committee members and volunteers over the years have been white, we've had a presence at mostly white events (with the exception of the annual Ganondagan Native American



Aaron Mair addresses the audience at the 2017 forum



Rev. Dr. Weldon G. Thomas, senior pastor at New Bethel CME, and his wife, Marilyn Drew Thomas

Dance & Music Festival), and our activities have mostly centered in white and/or middle-class neighborhoods or public parks. None of this was done intentionally. It's just how things were. But this is exactly the type of thing that Aaron was referring to. We just kept chugging along, ignorant of this gap, this missed opportunity to ensure that we were working with our entire community, rather than just a segment of it.

Knowing that things needed to change, we began thinking about how we could make this happen. Our first step was to reach out to Aaron to ask him to join us at our 2017 forum. As the first African American president of the Sierra Club and a person who has led the charge against environmental injustice in minority communities, he was the



Peter Debes, Executive Committee secretary, presents the annual environmental award to Cenie Cafarelli. Thank you, Cenie, for your years of service to the Rochester Regional Group!

**Missed Aaron's Talk?
You can see it!**

Join us for a video viewing:

July 11, 6:30-8:00 PM

**Carlson Commons,
70 Coretta Scott
Crossing, Rochester,
NY 14608**

perfect candidate to both help us begin to spread a message of unity, and to help guide the executive committee down the path toward this goal. Not only did he deliver a keynote speech that resonated with and motivated everyone in the room, he also, in separate discussions, provided the executive committee with valuable advice that we are putting into practice.

It will take us some time to get there, but we are confident that we will reach our goal of becoming more inclusive. We are planning monthly walks and regularly-scheduled community meetings to better engage with our members (see page 1), and our hope is that in addition to providing our members with more opportunities for involvement, that these events will help us make broader connections and open the door to opportunities to work with more diverse communities. We also have members who are actively working on finding opportunities to get involved throughout our community. We want to be here to help everyone. We want our members and our community to know that environmental action is diverse and all-inclusive.

If you are interested in helping us with these efforts and/or if you have suggestions for us, please contact me or any other member of the executive committee. As always, thank you for your support!

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Science?

by Robert Withers

Where are we? Where are we going? What is leading us there? Who is leading us there? Or, as it seems, is it the case that the fate of all lies in the hands of fools? Greed their measure of all.

Science has brought us to this place. And greed.

The hard sciences yield life and planet changing technology on a regular basis. Our lives and our power to change the world evolve at an accelerating pace. We, without doubt, have the power to destroy everything and sow chaos everywhere.

Do we have the power to stop that from happening is the question.

Aided by computers, we can map the universe, the human genome or your voting district, in great detail. We can study subatomic particles, how to catch all the fish or let our cars drive us around town. We can predict the weather, accumulate immense data on each of us or fight diseases. The accumulation of knowledge coupled with a powerful tool can achieve great things.

The soft sciences have also yielded life-changing knowledge, although the current administra-

tion wouldn't seem to know it. We know that prohibition gives birth to corruption while consumption grows. Mass incarceration gives birth to street gangs, terrorist organizations and ruined lives that burden our society for generations. Hungry children don't learn as well and that only adds to their and our burden. Education is the most transformative thing we can give a child. Educated citizens are the most transformative thing we can give our society. Trickle-down economics only makes the rich richer and more powerful while accelerating the collapse of civilization. The list goes on.

Aided by computers, we can map the human psyche. Given hundreds or even thousands of data points to correlate we can know you better than you know yourself. Thanks for checking in many times a day. The accumulation of knowledge coupled with a powerful tool can achieve great things.

Or it can be used to manipulate fear and ignorance. Sow doubt and confusion. Gain economic, social and political advantage.

Science has brought us to this place. Tools have no morality. It is up to those who wield them to possess that. Or not.

It is up to those who possess morality to not yield to the fools that measure all with greed. Not to yield to those wielding every tool only for self interest, devoid of concern for others or the future of all. Not to forget that we all stand on the shoulders of others and depend on each other to sustain our civilization. What there is of it.

It is up to those who possess morality to not tolerate willful ignorance or even let it become a virtue. Not to succumb to the despair of stopping money and power with only your voice and your feet. Not to give up on the right to the opportunity for a bright future for all.

We have a tool to defend ourselves. It is called democracy. But like a neglected body, it requires exercise to achieve results. Regular, informed and focused exercise. We cannot match their money or power, but we each have a voice and a vote. Like ants bringing down an elephant, only large numbers of us working together can succeed.

Our democracy is dying and allowing the rich and powerful to place even the future of humanity in jeopardy. All that is required for their "success" is for you to do nothing.

Plan 2014: The Blame Game

by Jack Bradigan Spula

Lake Ontario had a 10-inch rise in surface level by mid-April -- an added 1.6 trillion gallons that swept away beaches, submerged marshes and battered shoreline properties. But the real story was downstream, near Montreal. Flooding has been especially serious where the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers merge, with nearly 2,000 homes evacuated at one point.

Around here, sandbagging has become a rite of passage. As lakesiders fortify defenses against

the water, parochial interests are threatening progress in Lake Ontario and Great Lakes environmental policymaking. One threat is against "Plan 2014," developed by the International Joint Commission over 16-plus years to "provide for more natural variations of water levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River that are needed to restore ecosystem health" (http://www.ijc.org/en_/Plan2014/home).

Plan 2014 is a much-needed replacement for a plan used since the 1950s, when newly-constructed

dams and locks on the St. Lawrence led to controls designed to benefit shipping, recreation, hydropower, lakeside commercial and residential development, and more. The old plan kept lake levels within a narrow range to support human activity, but this ended up degrading the lake's riparian and wetland ecosystems.

Recent research has shown a wider range can help restore these ecosystems.

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Plan 2014: The Blame Game *(cont'd from page 3)*

An IJC backgrounder explains: "Cycles of high and low water levels create diverse wetland vegetation... Occasional high water levels reduce invasion of upland woody plants... Occasional periods of sustained low water levels allow seeds in the lake bed to germinate... Low lake levels also suppress invasion of meadow marsh by moisture-requiring cattails... [Wider-ranging levels] are the driving force that determines the overall diversity and condition of wetland plant communities and the habitats... for a multitude of invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds, and mammals."

Homeowners or marina operators, faced with high water, understandably lash out at Plan 2014.

But some public officials are piling on, proclaiming the plan is fatally flawed, despite ample evidence to the contrary. Gov. Andrew Cuomo now has joined South Shore interests in opposing Plan 2014. But Rep. Elise Stefanik, whose district includes the St. Lawrence Valley, supports the plan.

Scientists and regulators say Plan 2014 definitely is not at fault. They point to extraordinarily heavy precipitation in the Lake Ontario and Ottawa and St. Lawrence river watersheds. "Lake and river levels would have been nearly identical this year under the previous regulation plan," says the IJC.

Note too that Plan 2014, despite its title, didn't even come into

effect till January 2017.

Still, the IJC, established in 1909 under the binational Boundary Waters Treaty, is feeling some heat. Rep. Chris Collins has asked Pres. Trump for assistance in retooling the commission and withdrawing from Plan 2014. Rep. Stefanik, though, has shown real environmental concern (see <https://www.americanrivers.org/2016/07/plan-2014-protecting-natural-treasures/>).

Plan 2014 needs our support. It's surely not something to blame when the water rises - it's the first step in, well, "Making Lake Ontario Great Again."

NYS Could Be a Promising Laboratory for America's Carbon Tax Experiment

by Matthew Brennan

The United States is the world's number two perpetrator of carbon emissions. A carbon tax is overdue, but it will not come from the federal government. New York State needs to take the lead.

A carbon tax is simply a tax on carbon emissions. The first firm to purchase fossil fuel within a given government's borders must pay a tax based on the emissions potential of the purchase. There are no carbon taxes anywhere in the US, although California does employ another form of carbon pricing called a cap-and-trade system.

Carbon taxes have been successful abroad. Britain implemented a carbon tax in 2013, helping it to lower its annual carbon emissions to a level not seen since 1894. British Columbia's carbon tax allowed it to lower its annual carbon emissions by an estimated 5-15%. Both of these occurred without significant change to their economic growth.

Support for a carbon tax has materialized from surprising directions. According to a recent study by Yale University, 62% of Trump

voters support carbon pricing. Additionally, there is a coalition of elder Republican statesmen that are lobbying in support of a carbon tax. These men see climate change for the existential threat that it is and admire the market-based, small government solution that a carbon tax would provide. Several major oil executives have also come out in favor of a carbon tax.

As wonderful as a nationwide carbon tax would be, it is virtually impossible with vehement deniers controlling the federal government. Luckily, we live in New York State. According to a recent report by the Carbon Tax Center, NYS is rated as "promising" in terms of its potential for adopting a carbon tax in the near future, along with six other states. This is because New York State has "very low industrial-sector emissions," a "very liberal citizenry," a legislature that is "generally supportive on climate issues," a "#2 ranking among 50 states in polling support for carbon taxes," and "experience with carbon pricing through participation in a regional carbon pricing system."

Hurricane Sandy contributed significantly to New Yorkers' outlook on climate change. After the storm, Governor Cuomo said, "Climate change is a reality. Extreme weather is a reality. It is a reality that we are vulnerable." Coastal New Yorkers were deeply affected by the storm, but they are not alone. Upstate New Yorkers were politicized by their successful fight to keep fracking out of New York State.

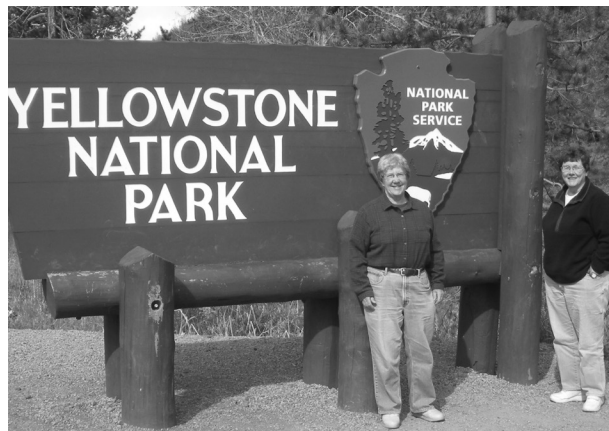
There is a carbon tax bill (A8372/S6037) in New York State. It is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblyman Cahill of Dutchess County and Senator Parker of Brooklyn. The bill proposes that the tax be revenue neutral, meaning that a portion of its revenue gets returned to New York's poorest residents while a portion is invested in preparing for climate change. It is currently sitting in Ways and Means. This is a promising start, but committee is often where bills go to die. For New York's carbon tax bill to see the light of day, lawmakers in Albany must understand how much it means to their constituents. It is up to you to reach out to your representatives.

Visit a National Park this Year!

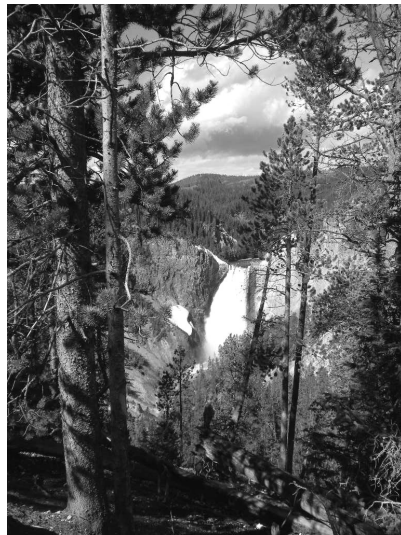
by Dee Sheffield

Any time is a good time to visit a National Park, but we were particularly excited in 2010 to be at Yellowstone in mid-June. Although there was still ice on the lakes, and snow in some of the campgrounds, the streams and waterfalls were full, wildflowers decorated the meadows, and there were baby animals galore. Grizzly cubs pawed for grubs with mamma. The “red dogs” (baby bison) tagged along with the herds. Crowds were thin because school was not out in much of the country, so fewer cars to create “bear jams” on the park roads.

Camping vacations in National Parks are some of our most fun times. They are inexpensive and interactive. Camping is its own entertainment for kids. This year, we are heading to Glacier NP in Montana and



Dee Sheffield on her trip to Yellowstone in 2010



Waterfall at Yellowstone



Old Faithful

Olympic and Mt. Rainier in Washington state. We're even going to swing up into Banff in Canada, where all national parks enjoy free admission in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation.

Will we see you out there? ...or are you sticking closer to home this year, maybe Acadia in Maine or the Great Smokies or Assateague National

Seashore. Whatever you pick, you'll love it. And if you do, you might want to go again next year, to the Grand Canyon, or Yosemite, or the Everglades. And after that, who knows? You might become a collector of parks. We did, and what a glorious collection it is. John Muir would be proud.

Filthy Animal

by John Kastner

Some people obsessed with cleanliness use this term to describe animals, domestic and wild, without knowing that most animals are very clean if they can get far enough away from civilization. Civilization, on the other hand, is incredibly filthy, as any environmentalist is thoroughly aware.

Lately, I've become obsessed with plastic...little, tiny bits of it that I encounter on my daily walks to work. I've taken to ambulating with my eyes cast downward, scanning the sidewalk, curbs and gutters, abandoned lots and lawn edges for interesting, non-biodegradable plastic shrapnel of every color Crayola ever invented. There are buttons; bottles; bottle caps; cups; straws; cup covers; cigar holders; condoms; dancing, air filled,

plastic bags; pieces of cell phones and other electronic flotsam; bits of toys; shattered automobile anatomy; baggies; light lenses; beads; cigarette lighters; and pulverized, razor sharp, plastic shards whose original form and function are indecipherable.

I picked this stuff up (everything but the condoms) and put it into my pockets to be incorporated into a piece of artwork I'd been calling "PLASTICRAP." The work will probably be on view at The Rochester Contemporary Art Center on east avenue by the time you read this.

I don't believe our millions of years of evolution has fitted us very well for civilization. We used to live in nature, AS nature, and now a few of us visit it on weekends when we can get away

from our cubicles, or, in my case, when I am done tossing carbon into the atmosphere while following tail lights.

Before all that, in the days when we were just another wild animal, we just let things fall from our hands when we were finished with them. The earth was glad to take our leavings and recycle them into something useful like top soil, ant food or new bones and antlers. Since civilization, however, we have retained this habit, but the things that fall from our hands are often toxic or don't melt back into something the earth can use. Instead, they often make life difficult or impossible for creatures that get entangled in this stuff or who try to eat it.

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Filthy Animal (cont'd from page 5)

Plastics, particularly polyvinyl chlorides, biphenyls, styrenes and others, leach endocrine disrupters and other poisons into the environment which often find their way back to us. The planet is so saturated with this debris, it seems as if the earth had been struck by a gigantic plastic asteroid that exploded over the entire globe. We are loading the oceans full of it at the rate of one stuffed garbage truck full per hour, twenty four hours a day, 365 days a year, decade after decade. A few more decades of this will produce oceans with more plastic by weight than fish.

When you watch one container train after another go by, day after

day, probably filled mostly with high turnover, single use, disposable consumer goods destined for landfills, public streets, parks, beaches, stadiums, parking lots, streams, lakes and oceans, you begin to be able to appreciate the magnitude of the problem. While these trains may be heart-warming sights for the capitalists among us, they mean disease and death for a great many creatures that never spent a dollar. We may never know the full extent to which the residues of plastics damage humans. It is so hard to trace the cause of health problems to a specific agent.

We need to consider these things the next time we throw a few coins...or

those plastic cards...across a counter to buy something plastic, with tiny plastic parts, in plastic packaging... something which we may or may not need...or something in a plastic container that we could get from the tap or a glass container, or in bulk at the natural food store. Most of us are living our lives in a deep, ignorant slumber. It becomes the responsibility of those of us who are awake, or at least on the edge of consciousness, to be the alarm clocks of those of us who aren't. The best way to do this is with the example of our own lives. We need to understand just who is the filthy animal and clean up our act.

Social Work Case In-Take Report on Resident of Cobbs Hill Village

by Hugh Mitchell

Case #20170517

Resident: Jo Ann Smith - Mrs., age 74, widow.

Hugh Mitchell: M.A, MSW, CSW - Caseworker

[The following creative nonfiction story is based on facts related to the future plans for Cobbs Hill Village, but the "case report" is a literary conceit and the name is fictional. No relationship to persons living or dead is intended. H.M.]

Mrs. Jo Ann Smith, age 74, a resident of Cobbs Hill Village, came to this agency seeking help with her presenting problem of anxiety. She said she'd received a notice from Rochester Management (R.M. - temporary property owner) that was making her feel very nervous. The notice said that her modest, low-cost studio apartment, where she'd been a resident for 10 years, would be torn down and she'd have to move to a new, three story, multi-unit apartment. Although the Corporation told residents that they may apply for vouchers so they can be grandfathered in at no increase in rent, Mrs. Smith is frightened that these vouchers may not be honored because R.M. will not put their verbal promise in writing.

Mrs. Smith is very comfortable and fond of living where she has ample

space, a building in moderately good shape and friendly neighbors who look out for each other. She particularly enjoys "her" old oaks and pine trees, which she learned R.M. would cut down. Her anxiety visibly increased (hand rubbing, agitation) when she said that she'd either have to move out during construction or remain in place for four years while construction was going on next door. She reported that she's particularly sensitive to noise, dust and disruption to her routines.

Mrs. Smith lives on a very modest income of \$13,500 per year based on a small savings account and social security with Medicaid. She has had health problems, including a heart condition. She currently pays \$336 for her studio which has a bedroom/living room, separate bath, and separate kitchen. The new studio apartments will start at a rent of \$667 and these charges are expected to climb rapidly as R.M. will have to pay off a \$3 million debt on the current mortgage and secure new funding to construct the 98 new units. Their plan calls for five new apartment buildings in all; two three-story buildings and three two-story buildings. Further, she learned that Cobbs Hill Village will no longer be categorized as being for limited income seniors, but will be listed as market-rate apartments including

townhouses which are projected to start renting at \$1,200 per month. She said this is a perfect example of gentrification when the poor are "shoved aside" and better off people move in.

It was clear that Mrs. Smith cares for the future of Cobbs Hill Park, even though she said she'll not live long enough to see the bad visual impact the project will have on the rest of the green space, particularly the two new three-story buildings, which she described a "looming" over the park in a threatening manner. These will be built immediately next to the Norris Drive and result in the loss of old oak trees.

As Mrs. Smith expressed her multiple concerns about the future of the place she so loves, she became more and more anxious and agitated. I tried to use a reflection technique and redirection but this met with little success. Because of her frailty and high level of anxiety, I recommended she see her physician and I gave her a new appointment. Unfortunately, Mrs. Smith did not attend her next appointment. Upon inquiry, I learned that shortly after this in-take assessment she had a heart attack and was rushed to SMH hospital where she died.

Case #20170517 - Smith; Jo Ann, Mrs. - Closed.

Resist, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

by Tom Krahl

The traditional environmentalists' practice to 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle' can be an effective tool to counter the assault on environmental protections we are seeing today. Even in normal times, reducing consumption, reusing things and recycling material will minimize our footprint on the earth's resources. But Reducing, the first and most effective action in the triad, may also be a political and economic tool in resistance against the new administration's anti-environmental agenda. Just a few of the actions of the Trump administration in pursuing a regressive course on environmental issues are:

- Changing the content of the EPA website to remove references to climate change
- Reversing policy regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline
- Proposing to reduce funding to the National Parks Service by \$1.5 Billion
- Reversing policy regarding water quality protection related to coal mining
- Approving the Keystone XL pipeline
- Reviewing CAFÉ fuel efficiency standards (current standards described as "unachievable")
- Rescinding prohibition of lead ammunition on federal lands and waters

Consumption is the fuel that powers the engine of the economy and, in turn, produces the revenue to perpetuate concentration of wealth, to perpetuate a political administration and to provide the rationale for damaging deregulation. Reducing consumption may cut off the gas to these processes.

The idea that concentration of wealth is fueled by economic activity can be seen in this quote from Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba, regarding the profits gener-

ated by American companies prior to the 2008 financial crisis: "what if the money [were] spent on the Midwest of the United States, developing the industry there. That could change a lot. So it's not the other countries steal[ing] jobs from you guys, it is your strategy. You did not distribute the money in the proper way."

"The only beneficiaries to loosening environmental regulations and reducing the top tax rate are corporations and the wealthy, while air and water quality suffer, the causes of climate change worsen, national monuments are increasingly exploited for mineral wealth, etc."

Large, sustained corporate profit enabled by consumption permits the concentration of wealth. While concentration of wealth itself often leads to abuses, it is not necessarily anti-environmental. However, entities flush with cash frequently strive to maximize their profitability through lobbying for damaging deregulation.

The idea that a voracious economy has a cause-and-effect relationship with perpetuation of a political administration is evidenced by the work of Allen Lichtman, professor of history at American University in Washington. Lichtman correctly predicted the outcome of the 2016 presidential election using a system based on 13 true/false questions, two of which were economic indicators. Economic indicators are a function of level of consumption. Slower economic activity resulting from reduced consumption may swing votes away from the party in power.

The rationale for deregulation and its connection with consumption comes from the theory of supply-side economics, also known as Reaganomics. The argument for stimulating the economy by altering the tax code and loosening regulations is that more jobs will be created, wages will be higher and the economy

in general will prosper. Data show that supply-side economic policy does not lead to economic growth, income growth, wage growth or job creation.¹ The only beneficiaries to loosening environmental regulations and reducing the top tax rate are corporations and the wealthy, while air and water quality suffer, the causes of climate change worsen, national monuments are increasingly exploited for mineral wealth, etc.

Consumption and Needs vs. Wants:

By assessing our spending decisions as needs or wants and choosing to reduce gratuitous spending, we may exert influence on the economy and, in turn, on political outcomes. There are multiple benefits to embracing a simpler, less consumerist lifestyle:

- They will benefit the planet directly by reducing consumption, which places a burden on natural resources
- They may produce political outcomes which result in a true draining of the swamp - an outcome liberals and conservatives can agree on!
- They will reduce excess profits corporations and individuals have for lobbying efforts and during election cycles
- They will free resources to support progressive entities such as Sierra Club, ACLU, Planned Parenthood, etc.

For more ideas search for *Voluntary Simplicity* or *Reducing Consumption* online.

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Summer 2017 Calendar

All Committees are local volunteer groups of the Rochester Regional Group of the Sierra Club.

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Place
June 6	Tuesday	6:30-8:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Ste 600
June 10	Saturday	9:00am-3:30pm	ADK Outdoor Expo	Mendon Ponds Park
July TBD	TBD	6:30-8:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Ste 600
July 1	Saturday	10:00-11:00am	Monthly Walk (see p. 1)	Goodwin Park, Rochester
July 6	Thursday	6:00-8:00pm	Climate Change and the Washington Grove (see p. 1)	Meet at Cobb's Hill Reservoir
July 11	Tuesday	6:30-8:00pm	Aaron Mair Keynote Speech video viewing (see p. 2)	Carlson Commons, 70 Coretta Scott Crossing, Rochester, NY 14608
July 22	Saturday	10:00am-6:00pm	Ganondagan Native American Dance & Music Festival	Ganondagan State Historic Site 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) Victor, NY 14564
July 23	Sunday	10:00am-6:00pm	Ganondagan Native American Dance & Music Festival	Ganondagan State Historic Site 7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) Victor, NY 14564
August 1	Tuesday	6:30-8:30pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., 400 Andrews St., Ste 600

Watch our Facebook page and website for information on upcoming monthly walks, community meetings & other activities



Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on new events throughout the year.
www.facebook.com/SierraROC

Executive Committee meetings are open to Sierra Club members. All other meetings are open to everyone.

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