

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Held at 7pm the first week of the month. Please contact Rich at risaacx@aol.com or 973-716-0297 for the location and day of the week, which may vary.

GENERAL MEETINGS: 7:30 pm on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month at the Verona Park Boathouse, corner of Lakeside and Bloomfield Ave., Verona. For directions, please call Sue, 973-564-9589.

July and August: Summer Break; No meetings scheduled

Sept. 11: Combating the Asian Longhorned Beetle - lecture (with slides) by Dr. Carl Schulze of the NJ Department of Agriculture about this tree-eating pest and current efforts to control infestations. New Jersey's trees are at risk. The ALB bores deep into deciduous hardwood trees where it deposits its larvae to feed on living tree tissue, making it difficult to detect. The only way to eliminate the pest is to cut down, chip and burn the infected trees. Some experts predict that if this beetle is not checked it could infect half the state's trees within 10 years. The Department of Agriculture needs our assistance. Learn what you can do to help.

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties)

WEBSITE: http://njsierra.enviroweb.org/njs_groups/loa.htm

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

NOTE: Due to construction, the meeting location has changed until further notice. Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main St., Chatham.

This is your club and there is always an open invitation to attend an Executive Committee meeting. We have open positions. If you are interested, and would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

NOTE: Due to construction, the meeting location has changed until further notice. Meetings are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main St., Chatham. Everyone is welcome! Church phone: (973) 635-7740

Come to a general meeting and learn something new and make some new friends. We'd welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves at a general meeting. Please see the meeting schedule which follows and join us!

DIRECTIONS: Directions are posted on our website http://njsierra.enviroweb.org/njs_groups/loa.htm

MEETING SCHEDULE:

July and August: No general meetings are scheduled. Have a great summer! See you in September!

Sept 10: Julia Somers, Executive Director of the Great Swamp Watershed Association, will give an update on major regional development issues. Subjects include the St. Mary's Abbey/Morris Township Wastewater

Management Plan, the Exxon property/Florham Park commercial development, Great Swamp Greenhouses/Right to Farm Act, and protection of deed restrictions/Girl Scout Camp expansion next to the Jockey Hollow section of the Morristown National Historical Park. Blaine Rothaus, a naturalist and photographer, who will present a slide show of the Great Swamp and its inhabitants, will accompany her.

Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County, parts of Somerset and Middlesex)

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

It's time for our Nominating Committee to begin seeking candidates for our next Executive Committee election. Please contact Harold Rapp (above) or Lisa Ridge (above) if you have an interest in serving on the ExCom.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

No program meetings in July and August. See Outings Schedule.

THE CENTRAL JERSEY GROUP IS MOVING! Starting in September, the Central Jersey Group will hold meetings on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:30 pm in a new location: the West Windsor branch of the Mercer County Library. The library is at 333 North Post Road, at the intersection of North Post and Clarksville Roads, in Princeton Junction. Check our website for a map. We welcome everyone at our meetings and hope you can participate in some way. We are involved in many conservation issues at the local, state and national level.

SCHEDULE: Sept 10: Carolyn Foote Edelman of The Friends for the Marsh will give a slide presentation on The Beauties of the Hamilton-Trenton Marsh or "Monet in New Jersey." Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about this marvelous nature preserve so close to home and admire its artistic beauty.

E-MAIL NOTICES: If you'd like to receive those last minute reminders of meetings or outings, please send your e-mail address to Corinne Egner (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)

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Vice-Chair: Open position!

Conservation Co-Chairs: Open position!

Membership Chair: Open position!

Political Chair: Open position!

Programs Chair: Open position!

Publicity Chair: Sandi Lowich
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Secretary: Open position!

Treasurer: Steven Zawid
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ISSUES:

We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and stewarding local master plan initiatives. 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.

We want to stop the Green Brook Flood Control Project. Besides wasting enormous amounts of taxpayer funds, this project will eliminate 100 acres of wetlands, build miles of tall unsightly levees, and increase development pressure in the area where people are now hesitant to build.

Calling All Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, several positions are open although there are several interested people. If you are interested in participating in our activities or filling any of the open positions, please contact Steve Ember, the Group Chair.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of the month except for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church at 409 Mountain Avenue in Bound Brook. Take the Mountain Avenue exit off Route 22 towards Bound Brook. The church is on the right hand side at the first stop light (Union Avenue - Route 28). The public is invited and refreshments are served.

Executive Committee Meetings: Held at 7pm on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month except for July and August. Currently, meetings are being held at the Somerset County Library on 1 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater. All Sierra Club members are invited to attend. Please contact us first in case there is a change of plans.

July and August: No meetings. Enjoy the summer.

Sept 9: The Race for Open Space. We will show this highly acclaimed program which was on New Jersey Network television recently. Following the video, we will have an open discussion about the impact of sprawl and what we can do about it. Excellent pizza and other refreshments will be served. Please arrive promptly for the pizza.

Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

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Ocean County: Open position!

Ocean County Section Chair: Open position!

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

Held at 8pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month - except in July, August, and December - at the Old Wharf House, Old Wharf Park, Main Street and Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, NJ. Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For directions and information, please call Regina Maurer at 732-335-1183, or visit our web site.

Sunday, July 27, noon, Turkey Swamp County Park: ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Join the Jersey Shore Group for our annual picnic at Turkey Swamp Park, Georgia Road, Freehold Township. Please bring a dish to share. To coordinate food, and for more information and directions, contact Diane Doolittle at 732-765-0053 or d.doolittle@worldnet.att.net.

Sept 22: Protecting our Bays: The Hudson-Raritan Estuary is one of the largest ecosystems in our regions, providing food, water, recreation and aesthetic

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