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# Vegetarian/Vegan Lasagna Dinner Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m. **Don Reeb**

will speak about

### Cities and the Environment

Don will talk about how the city is both a triumph to humankind and a horrible failure that has helped to make some of us healthier and richer while denying many benefits to others. He will discuss how a better future for the poor and all the rest of us depends on improvements in the cities and especially in the city environment. He will explore reforms that might ameliorate some of the horrible hardships imposed on many city residents.

Don is a retired UAlbany Economics professor. His teaching and research focused on economic policy. He was a co-leader of the Stop Crossgates campaign. For many years, Don has been President of the McKownville Improvement Association and he has done more than anyone to improve living conditions in the area.

At the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany, NY (people with cars can park in the lot near the door). All-the-vegetarian-and-vegan-lasagna-you-can-eat, garden salad, garlic bread and homemade pies. Only \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$2 for children. People who make reservations are served first. For reservations, please leave a message for Rezsin Adams at 462-0891 or email pinebush@mac.com. Get it while it is hot! We will start serving dinner promptly at 6:00. (Of course, we will be delighted to serve you whenever you get here as we always have. We greatly appreciate your attendance whenever you arrive.)

People are welcome to attend the program beginning at 7:00 for no charge.

#### Save the Pine Bush February Snowshoe Hike Saturday, February 22 at 9 AM

**Meet At:** Pine Bush Discovery Center Parking Lot; East side of Route. 155, opposite "T" with Old State Road, 195 New Karner Road, Albany NY 12205

Leader: Andy Arthur •

For More Information: Please call Andy Arthur at 518-281-9873 or email him at andy@andyarthur.org

For the February Save the Pine Bush Hike, we will be visiting Blueberry Hill Pine Barrens. These lands were saved from development, thanks to hard-fought eight-year battle with developers by Save the Pine Bush, which resulted in setting legal precedents for cumulative impact under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. We will explore one of the most scenic vistas in the Pine Bush and discuss the restoration efforts of this area.

Those joining the hike should dress in layers, as it may be cold. Should there be snow or ice, please bring snowshoes, skis, or ice cleats. Don't forget to pack water.

The walk is free and open to the public! Bring your friends!

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## **Next Dinner Dates**

Mark your calendars; here are the next dinner dates:

Wednesday, March 19 Wednesday, April 16 Wednesday, May 21

Dinners are on the third Wednesdays from March to May

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany, NY

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Partners in action, protecting and managing the Albany Pine Bush.



Partners, friends and colleagues,

We'd like to invite you to participate in a strategic planning discussion group to assist in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission's Discovery Center visioning process. The process will provide a framework for the development and success of the Discovery Center and will help us to better serve our community. The Discovery Center plays an important role in the mission of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission and your ideas and opinions are important to us.

Please join us on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Discovery Center's Pine Barrens Room, at 195 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. The meeting is limited to a small number of participants – people like you who know and care about our work. The meeting will be professionally facilitated by our consultant, Shelli Bischoff of Conservation Impact <a href="http://conservationimpact.com/">http://conservationimpact.com/</a> to assure that it is most productive and efficient.

The discussion is a critical part of our process to create a multi-year Vision Strategy for the Discovery Center. Your input will help to guide our future direction as we identify opportunities for positive impact and seek ways to better serve you and our other constituents.

All you need bring are your ideas, opinions and perceptions. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to Kelly Batchelder <u>albanypinebush.org</u> or call 518-456-0655 ext. 1250 for further information. We know your time is valuable and truly hope you can join us. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Folmer, Discovery Center Director Chris Hawver, APBPC Executive Director