



Save the Pine Bush

November Activities

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Vegetarian/Vegan Dinner **Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:00**

Hugh Johnson

Retired National Weather Service Meteorologist
will speak about

How Trump could ruin our National Weather Service and trump our chances to reverse climate change for good

Hurricane Dorian was a monster. Trump took it upon himself to modify a National Weather Service forecast, apparently given an old forecast briefing. Instead of apologizing over the confusion he continued to insist his forecast was correct throwing the NWS forecasters from Birmingham under the bus. However there is a much more grave concern here, how Trump is undermining our chances to reverse climate change. Hugh will address those concerns and how we need to combat them.

At the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street (people with cars can park in the lot near the door). All-you-can-eat lasagna dinner, with vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, salad, garlic bread and delicious desserts. 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 Rezsine Adams at 518-462-0891 or email pinebush@mac.com.

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

No Hike in November Due to Hunting Season

Volunteer to lead a hike or cross-country ski in the Pine Bush!
Contact Andy Arthur at (518) 281-9873 • andy@andyarthur.org

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Mark Your 2019 Calendars Now!

Dinners will be the third Wednesday of every month in 2019 (no dinner in July)
at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany, NY

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

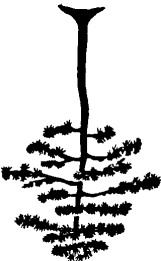
We need volunteers to drive people to the dinners! We need people willing to pick up people in Clifton Park and Guilderland. Please email Lynne Jackson if you are able to volunteer at pinebush@mac.com.

Guilderland Coalition for Responsible Growth

Important meeting! Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 at the Guilderland Public Library

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News from your neighbors at
Guilderland Coalition for Responsible Growth

The next meeting will be **Tuesday November 26**. Guilderland Town Planner, Ken Kovalchik, will speak on the Environmental Impact Statement process, Rapp Road and the “Smart Growth Principles” he promotes. (He had offered to do this when I met with him earlier in October.) Here is a link to the page about the “Smart Growth” principles: <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/our-vision/what-is-smart-growth/>

Supervisor Peter Barber has been invited also, but he has not yet confirmed his attendance.

The next GCRG meeting will be a Public Forum with Guilderland Town Planner, Ken Kovalchik at the Guilderland public library on Tuesday November 26 starting 7:00pm. Please let me know if you can arrive at the usual 6:30pm time to help setup.

I also confirmed with the Town Planner that he has not yet received the Draft EIS from Pyramid yet, but he said he expects to receive it this week sometime.

Upon receipt he will then forward it to each member of the Planning Board and the 45 day clock for them to review it and decide on whether it is complete or not will begin. The public will be notified as to when the Draft EIS is received, but we are not allowed to review it until the Planning Board deems it as complete.

It occurs to me now that it is not clear to me if the Planning Board has to take the full 45 days to review the Draft EIS or if this is the maximum allowed time. I will confirm this with Town Planner as soon as I can.

Volunteers are working on lining up experts to review the Draft EIS for Rapp Road and preparing fundraising efforts.

On Monday I will work on getting another room with Save The Pine Bush at the Guilderland Public Library within the next 2 weeks so the Rapp Road Development group can meet again to specifically discuss everything related to this Rapp Road Development.

Also at our last GCRG meeting this past Tuesday Oct 29th, we also discussed and reviewed the following:

We will try to have our December meeting on December 30th.
Supervisor Barber had told me they plan on having the public hearing

and voting on the new law for the pre-application conference and changes to notices at the November 19th Town Board meeting, but since our meeting Supervisor Barber has told me that will likely be moved to the December 3rd Town Board Meeting. They are currently working on revisions and he will forward a copy of that to me when they are finished so we can in turn revise our position statement and suggestions. A vote to move this public hearing will occur at the next Town Board meeting Nov 7th.

We picked Christine Napierski, Karen White and Steve Wickham volunteered to be listed as Directors for the purposes of filing as Not-For-Profit Corporation with NY State. Brian Collins will be the designated agent and Charles Hollander offered to donate the filing fees.

Christine Napierski is working on first draft for a Statement to Call for Moratorium on development. Christine Duffy has volunteered to write first draft for Statement Opposing Electronic Advertising Signs.

We discussed the need for town code to prevent the property owners from subdividing property in order to walk away from the parcel that needs investment to rehabilitate. This potentially could happen at current proposed subdivision at 4931 Western Turnpike, but there are other properties in town where this could happen and seems to be a problem in Schenectady according to the attorney for neighbors of 4931 Western Turnpike.

Members volunteered to help monitor posting on the Town’s Website (You Know Who You Are!!! Thank you in advance!)

Lastly, because we are going to start using our meetings at the public library for public events the Steering Committee will be meeting at another time and place and become a more formalized group. If you want to volunteer to be part of the Steering Committee and attend those meetings, please let me know. Hope to see you at our next meeting about Rapp Road and also at the next GCRG meeting on Tuesday November 26 at 7:00pm at the Guilderland public library when the Guilderland Town Planner speaks.

All the Best,
Steve Wickham, guilderlandcrg@gmail.com,
Steering Committee Chair, Guilderland Coalition for Responsible Growth