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Upcoming NJFC  
Events

Restoration Advisory  
Board Mtg, 7pm  
April 5,  
499 Riverside Ave,  
Oceanport

Circle of Song  
Sing-Along  
April 19, 6:30pm,  
[Twinette Coffee Bar](#)  
1607 Highway 71,  
Belmar, NJ 07719

Whale Pond  
Watershed  
Cleanup,  
Sunday, April 22  
275 Industrial Way W  
Eatontown

Joint NJFC-Sierra Club  
General Meeting, 6PM  
Monday, March 26,  
Brookdale CC  
Route 0, Lincroft



## Pride in Eatontown Cleanup of Whale Pond Watershed Preserve

**Who?:** Pride in Eatontown sponsored by EEC and NJ Friends of Clearwater

**What?:** Earth Day Cleanup of mid-section of Cranberry Brook in what is called the Watershed Preserve by the NJ Land Trust. See map above.

**When?:** April 22, 1:00AM Registration until 3:30pm



Sites on Cranberry Brook & Whale Pond Watershed Preserve

**Where?:** Back parking lot of 275 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, accessible from Industrial Way West southbound, west side of Rt. 35

**Why?:** To begin the cleanup of the western reach of the Watershed and the Whale Pond Preserve west of Rt. 35.

**How:** Physical Activity; Gloves & bags provided; Bring boots and sturdy clothing

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## Joint NJFC-Sierra Club General Meeting, March 26, 6PM

Why does New Jersey need "rain gardens?" To capture rain runoff for local flora and fauna, recharge ground water supplies, and reduce erosion and habitat destruction. Rain gardens, depressions in the ground that are planted with native trees, plants and flowers, mimic the natural absorption and pollutant filtering activities of a forest. William Sciarappa, head of the County Extension Department and County Agricultural Agent, will discuss his department's plan to develop rain gardens. He will be followed by Thomas E. Matulewicz of the Monmouth County Master Gardeners, who will explain how that group helps design rain gardens, and professional landscaper Laurel Von Gerichten, a certified landscape designer with her own company, Laurelbrook Design. She will explain how homeowners can economically create rain gardens while enhancing the "curb appeal" of their homes. In addition, Faith Teitelbaum will report on the cleanup efforts in the Whale Pond watershed in Monmouth County.

Directions to BCC, click: [765 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738-1599](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP_04_08.pdf) See map at left. Take the traffic circle into the campus and make right on Arena Dr; use parking lot 7. Follow signs to the Warner Student Life Center (SLC), Twin Lights Rooms 1 & 2. A campus map is also at [http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP\\_04\\_08.pdf](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/PDFFiles/MAPS/MAP_04_08.pdf).

**Editors Note:** Immediately following the Guest Speaker Q&A (approx. 7:45pm), Sierra Club will hold its Directors' meeting and NJFC will hold its Membership meetings at a location at BCC TBA. All welcome!

Article Deadline  
for the March  
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is March 15

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## Fracking Waste is Being Shipped to New Jersey

Fracking's threat to NJ is closer than we thought. We have recently learned that Lorco Petroleum, based in Elizabeth, New Jersey, has accepted at least two shipments of fracking waste. There is likely more fracking waste on the way to this facility or other facilities across the state unless our legislators act now. Take action to keep more fracking waste from coming to New Jersey.

Fracking waste has been shown to contain radioactive elements and known carcinogens, which could be discharged into NJ drinking water supplies even if we never frack a single well in the state. Federal exemptions from hazardous waste standards make fracking waste even more dangerous because facilities that accept the waste may not take necessary steps to treat this waste, leading to harmful impacts on NJ waterways and drinking water sources.

Senator Gordon, Assemblywoman Wagner and Assemblyman Gusciora have introduced legislation that will help protect New Jersey's drinking water from the dangers of fracking waste by preventing the treatment, disposal, discharge or storage of fracking waste in NJ. As a strong show of support for this legislation, Franklin Township passed a resolution calling on the NJ legislature to pass a ban on fracking waste.

Recently, [91 NJ legislators voted yes](#) on a bill (S2576) to ban the practice in New Jersey. However, Governor Christie vetoed the bill despite the fact that it has considerable support within his own party. **Take Action!** Urge your legislator to [protect our drinking water](#) by voting **YES** to **override Christie's veto of S2576**.

## Garvey "Adam Hyler" Spring 2012 Fit Out By Jim Franchi

Spring is here and it is time for our annual Garvey Spring Fit Out for another season of sailing for fun and the environment! The Environmental Sail Program (ESP) Boat Committee will be meeting every Saturday at my house from 11am to ~3pm through the first Saturday of June to prepare the Adam Hyler for our sailing season, June through October. We had a nice turnout on our first work party Saturday, March 17, 2012.

## NJ FRIENDS OF CLEARWATER CIRCLE OF SONG

Thursday, April 19, 2012, 6:30-8:30 PM

Turnstile Coffee Bar

1607 Highway 71, Belmar, NJ 07719

We encourage songs about the environment and sing-along songs, but you can do or request others. The suggested donation of \$3-\$7 is still split between NJ Friends of Clearwater and Pastor Sony's work on behalf of the homeless and the hungry in Asbury Park. Our Featured Leader-Performer for March 15 will be Sharleen Leahey.

**Sharleen Leahey** has been writing and performing topical folk music for the past 30 years. From 1993 to 1999, she was the founding editor of *Songs for Peace Magazine*, publishing over 100 songs that advocate peace, human rights and ecological responsibility. Sharleen was strongly influenced by the great topical songwriters of the 1960s, including Bob Dylan, Phil Ochs and Buffy Sainte-Marie. Her songs challenge us to question our leaders and ourselves on the issues of war and peace. Among other original songs, she will be performing "What Would Woody Write" from her most recent CD "Rumors of Peace," and "Corporate News" from her CD "So Frail." She can be reached at [songs4peace@earthlink.net](mailto:songs4peace@earthlink.net) or [www.rumorsofpeace.net](http://www.rumorsofpeace.net).



Please check [www.ingridmusic.com](http://www.ingridmusic.com) under Circle of Song or [www.njclearwater.org](http://www.njclearwater.org) under Links/Circle of Song for any potential changes to planned events or call 732-869-9276.

### **Environmental Advisory Committee Update (February 15, 2012):**

Chairwoman Michele Siekerka noted that the Environmental Advisory Committee met on February 6, 2012 at the FMERA Office. Ms. Siekerka stated that the Committee discussed the Baseline Ecological Evaluation (BEE) and that the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) continues their ongoing discussions with the Army. Ms. Siekerka stated that there was a slowdown in the process due to the Army's change in vendors and contracts. Ms. Siekerka stated that the NJDEP did discuss the concerns of the Committee and the host municipalities regarding Wampum Lake and the NJDEP reviewed a [very limited] study from the 1980s where NJDEP was asked to complete an evaluation on Wampum Lake. This study concluded that there were no issues. *Ms. Siekerka stated that should the NJDEP find a link between the contamination in Wampum Lake and the Fort property, it will be recorded and will be brought to the attention of the Committee and the host municipalities. Ms. Siekerka clarified a statement made during public comment by stating that the Army would be responsible to clean up any contaminated areas within the Fort footprint and outside of the footprint if the Army caused the contamination.* Ms. Siekerka stated that NJDEP standards for cleanup in New Jersey are more strict than the Federal Government's standards, and that no property will be transferred if there are contamination issues.

**Editor's Note:** The highlighted portion of this report given to the FMERA Board is part of a breakthrough in the stonewall that had been erected by the RAB, FMERPA and FMERA till recently. The cited study that showed no issues was of such limited scope that it didn't address the heavy metals and the corresponding health hazards.

Upcoming FMERA Board Meetings are:

- Wednesday, Mar. 21 2012 7:00 PM Eatontown Municipal Building  
47 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724
- Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2012 7:00 PM Tinton Fall Municipal Building  
556 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Upcoming RAB Meeting:

- Thursday, April 5, 2012, 7:00 PM, Former FM District Courthouse, 499 Riverside Ave,  
Oceanport, NJ



### **[Register for NJ Environmental Federation's Conference](#)**

NJ Friends of Clearwater have been a member of the Federation for as long as we've been an entity. Two of our members sit proudly at the helm of NJ Environmental Federation (NJEF): Amy Goldsmith is Executive Director and her husband Ben Forest is on the board.

NJEF/CWA is celebrating its 40th birthday at our annual conference on Saturday, May 12th at Rutgers University in Newark. We will be celebrating 40 years of clean water progress, including the [founding of Clean Water Action and the historic signing of the Clean Water Act](#). You are invited to be an integral part of the event! **Conference Title:** Recharge the Economy, Invest in the Environment

- **Date:** Saturday, May 12, 2012 (8 am to 5 pm)
- **Location:** Rutgers Center for Law & Justice, 123 Washington St., Newark, NJ
- **NJFC, Please register for this important and enlightening event, [click here!](#)**

Please also visit their website to go to the source of Ben's and Amy's insights and take action on their comprehensive Online Action Page, <http://www.cleanwateraction.org/nj/actions>