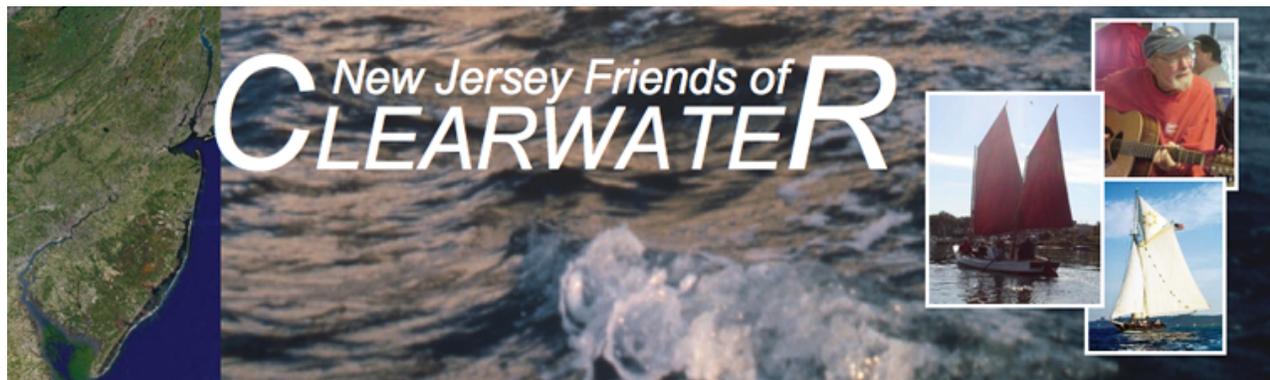


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Please excuse this re-posting of our newsletter. Several late-breaking items needed to be included. Given this opportunity, we also realized the wrong, unedited version of the lead story needed a grammar check.

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#### **Clearwater 2013-2014 Voter Action Plan**

**Like all pollution we encounter, the cause is human and so is the solution.** What makes it worse is that the solution is so near at hand that if the people and their representatives show the *will* to make it happen and to fight the *corporations'* representatives whose selfish, greedy reasons defy common sense. With Election Day literally only 3 days away, Clearwater is not so naive to think that all can be righted in several days but sees a solution as part of a near-term action plan ensuring voters that by next election, real changes can be effected, using those same selfish tendencies--to remain in office, for instance--to make our reps come down on the correct side.

Revered environmental laws, like the Clean Water and Clean Air acts, are being "Waived", diluted or nullified by lobbyists and their pet legislators. Protective and conservationist federal and state public watchdogs like the EPA, NJDEP, FDA, and National Parks are being underfunded, dismantled or neutered. And like almost all years, it is another critical election year for Representatives, Senators, Governors, Legislators, and local government wonks.

The one weapon the people still have to fight climate

Monday, November 11, 6pm  
 502 Brewer Ave, (Ft Monmouth)  
 Oceanport, NJ

Joint Clearwater--Sierra Club Event  
 Monday, November 25, 6-8:00pm,  
 Student Life Center (SLC)  
 Brookdale Community College

NJFC Board of Directors Mtg  
 November 12, 7pm  
 82 Main St (Rt 520), Holmdel, NJ

Whale Pond Brook Cleanup  
 December 14, 9:30am  
 Behind Sheraton Hotel  
 Route 35N, Eatontown NJ 07724,

December NJFC General  
 Membership  
 & Election Meeting,  
 December 8, 12:30am  
 Eatontown Public Library  
 Broad St, Eatontown



Google Directions from Your  
 Location to Monthly Meeting  
 @ Student Life Center,  
 Brookdale

Board of Directors  
 President: Ed Dlugosz  
 VP: Jim Franchi  
 Treasurer: Joellen Lundy  
 Secretary: Lynn Humphrey  
 Ben Forest, Andrea Spinelli, Marylin &  
 Tim Johnson, George Moffatt, Ingrid  
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Article Deadline for Next  
 Issue is Last Friday of Month

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change and the myriad of other issues is the vote. NJ Friends of Clearwater can now not only help give you guidance and resources on how to vote but will also actively set an example. NJFC is a member of many coalitions and organizations-NJEF, Sierra Club, ENJ, and others-that are professionally staffed who've researched, and ready to provide the details that you need to make an informed choice.

Most legislators, at every level of Government, rely on the voters being unaware of the depth and breadth of their voting record. With the help of NJEF, Clearwater will systematically and individually make those legislators and their constituents aware of their records both through the media and a letter-writing campaign.

**TAKE ACTION!**

NJFC praises the methodology and thoroughness of the monumental **NJEF 2010-2013 NJ Legislative Scorecard** and looks forward to working with NJEF to help educate the public on using this timely tool. Making use of the 2010-2013 NJ Legislative Scorecard, NJFC will implement the strategy to hold each and every legislator and leader accountable for their voting record by praising those legislators, in detail, who have stood up for public health and the environment during 2010-2013 period or seek an explanation for each of their voting actions from those who voted the wrong way and call on them to Vote Environment now and in the future. Speaking of Leaders...

**Latest Edition**  
**Flash:** Today,  
 November 2, NJEF  
 has endorsed  
 Barbara Buono for  
 Governor citing  
 Christie's failing  
 environmental record  
 and Buono's stellar  
 performance on those  
 same 5 Issues.

Issue	Buono*	Christie*
Environmental Values & Trust	+	x
Clean Air, Clean Energy & Green Jobs	+	x
Clean Water	+	x
Open Space	+	x
Children's Health	+	x

[Full Buono-Christie Environmental Issues Comparison](#)

Using the media and detailed letters, NJFC will contact targeted legislators and publicly question them whose voting actions are counterintuitive to their constituents interests. NJFC will use the vetted data made public on NJEF website at: [www.CleanWaterAction.org/NJScorecard](http://www.CleanWaterAction.org/NJScorecard).

NJFC is now actively seeking its vast cadre of current and inactive Clearwater members, volunteers, and others who are reading this plea to contact us at



[volunteers@njclearwater.org](mailto:volunteers@njclearwater.org)

## Clearwater Commemorates the 1st Anniversary of SuperStorm Sandy Which Devastated NJ and its Friends

One year ago the unprecedented Superstorm Sandy roared ashore on the Jersey shore coast and has laid waste to a great deal of NJ--devastating homes, businesses, and peoples' lives. No area of NJ was exempt from the devastation. People are still homeless, unemployed and digging out from the endless red-tape that marks NJ and Federal governments' inadequate response. Among those victims were members of NJ Friends of Clearwater and their neighbors who lost their homes, possessions, and memories. In the midst of the devastation, NJFC members helped and comforted not only their own but others in need. We thank those members and will continue to seek out and support other efforts for aiding those in need.

**Donate to NJFC Members and Families' Needs**



Look in this newsletter, in future blasts, our website, and emails for lists of events and opportunities to help. For those NJFC members continuing to need assistance, write to us at [membership@njclearwater.org](mailto:membership@njclearwater.org). For all readers, some important help lines are listed in a section below entitled

**NJ Clearwater Urges You To Give or Get Help**

## Pete Seeger & Friends Fundraiser for Manna Jo Greene's Candidacy for Ulster County Legislature

Sun., Nov. 3, Potluck 6 pm - Music 7-9 pm. PETE SEEGER & FRIENDS Benefit Concert for Committee to Elect Manna Jo Greene to the Ulster County Legislature at Rosendale Rec Center, Rt. 32. **[Editor's Note:** For those of us downstream who may not know her, Manna Jo is the most environmentally knowledgeable and honest person I've ever met. She is the Environmental Action Director of Clearwater for many years and has been the mainstay and level-headed mentor of the Clearwater staff.]

The one and only Pete Seeger is coming to Rosendale to help get Manna elected! With Kim and Reggie Harris, Sarah Underhill, Dan Einbender, Linda Richards, Melissa Ortquist, Fiona Fraser, Dave Bernz, Gilles Malkine and more. \$20 donation, \$15 for seniors, low-income, students, children under 12 free. <http://mannajogreene.com/benefit-concert-pete-seeger/>

If you can't make it to this wonderful concert, please take the time to use one of these two ways to donate:

[www.mannajogreene.com](http://www.mannajogreene.com)

<http://mannajogreene.com/contact/> look for donate button.

or mail check made to:  
*Committee to Elect Manna Jo Greene*  
148 Cottekill Rd.  
Cottekill, NY 12419

### **NJFC Circle of Song & Environmental Committee Meeting, November 3**

NJ Friends of Clearwater's monthly Circle of Song (COS) will be welcoming Dale Lakata as its lead performer in November. Dale is a music journalist as well as a singer-songwriter and entertainer. Isis Ra and Ingrid Heldt, organizers of the COS, have collaborated with her on several songs, and we look forward to doing some of them. The COS will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2013, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Please don't forget to bring your voices and instruments.

Additionally, we will hold an abbreviated Environmental Committee Meeting at 12:30pm, immediately preceding the COS. The agenda will focus on the Voter Action Plan described in detail at the top of this Solutions eNewsletter.

Location: TURNSTILE COFFEE BAR, 1607 Highway 71, Belmar, NJ, 732-894-9012

### **December Year-End Membership Meeting!**

Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 1 pm in the Eatontown Public Library (Tentative Venue; Final Location to be announced.)

As another great and successful year ends, we at NJ Friends of Clearwater want to celebrate its conclusion and the start of a new year with a special December General Membership Pot Luck Party Meeting. The Library is located at 33 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ. Great time to renew or become a member! Bring a dish to share if you like. Bring your guitar, your drum, your voice!!!!

### **Special December Election Meeting!** **The Annual NJFC Board of Directors Election Day will be held at the December's General Membership, according to NJFC BOD Bylaws.**

Please vote for up to 5 nominees (this would include the names placed in nomination by the Board of Directors AND/OR any eligible write-in candidates. VOTE CAREFULLY - A ballot with MORE than the maximum 5 will be disqualified. ALSO, if you decide to change a vote, make sure your change(s) very clear or the vote may incorrectly count your choices:

- **Ben Forest**
- **Jim Franchi**
- **Ingrid Heldt**

- **Andrea Spinelli**
- **Sue Goedkoop**

The normal board rotation is one half one year and one half the next. One ballot per member and as many separate ballots constituting the family unit. To be counted, ballots must be postmarked at the post office by Monday, December 2, 2013.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE A PAID-UP MEMBER TO BE A CANDIDATE OR TO VOTE. YOU CAN MAIL IN YOUR DUES VIA

- CHECKS PAYABLE TO NJFC, PO BOX 303 RED BANK, NJ 07701
- USING PAYPAL WITH "ANNUAL 2014 DUES"; WRITTEN IN PAYPAL ANNOTATION SPACE; OR
- BRING THEM TO THE MEETING.

**DUES are:**

**Individual \$25; Family \$35; Student/Senior \$10; Lifetime \$250; Family Lifetime \$400.**

**NJFC Membership Forms and Info are available at: [www.mcclearwater.org/docs/membership-form.htm](http://www.mcclearwater.org/docs/membership-form.htm) and can be sent c/o: 2014 Dues, PO Box 303, Red Bank, NJ 07701**

### **Whale Pond Brook Cleanup**

**Who?:** NJ Clearwater & EEC in coordination with Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association

**What?:** WHALE POND BROOK CLEANUP

**When?:** December 14 2013, 9:30AM Registration until NOON



**Where?:** Back lots of Eatontown Industrial Way East (IWE) &

Christopher Way buildings including Sheraton Inn, Medical Suites@10 IWE, and 12 Christopher Way, northbound, east side of Rt 35

**Why?:** This Cleanup is part of the effort to restore/renew Whale Pond Brook Watershed to its pre-sprawl beauty and natural fish spawning activities. Sandy accelerated need to re-clean this area in preparation for creating an end-to-end Greenway from Eatontown to the Ocean.

**How?:** Physical Activity; teams will be formed & assigned in locations on south side of Whalepond adjacent to Hess

**Parking:** Sheraton Hotel south parking lot

**Equipment:** Gloves & bags provided; Bring sturdy boots, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, hats & other clothing.

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