

Greenburgh Nature Center

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Mission

Our mission is to educate and to promote conservation, research, and appreciation of nature and the environment while preserving the natural and historic character of our property.

Vision

The Greenburgh Nature Center will be the leader in nature and environmental education, igniting a lasting desire to preserve and protect the natural world.

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Green Tip of the Month

CHECK YOUR TIRES

Keeping your tires inflated properly can improve gas mileage by more than 3%.

Our Supporters



→ Ecology-minded Landscaping

As spring emerges and landscaping services get underway, think about asking your landscapers whether they're up-to-date regarding best green practices. The collection, carting and disposal of leaves are an extremely costly undertaking and contributes to a decline in soil quality. On Saturday, March 4th, from 9 to 11am, the Greenburgh Nature Center is hosting a training session on how landscapers can save time and money and reduce environmental degradation by mulching and utilizing leaves on-site. For more information, go to [flyer/registration form](#).



→ Pancake Brunch and Annual Members Meeting

Be sure to walk this way on Sunday, March 6th, for our Pancake Brunch and Annual Members Meeting! We'll start serving pancakes and other delicious fare at 11:30am - families welcome! The meal will be followed by an overview of our 2010 accomplishments and 2011 initiatives, presented by our new Executive Director, Courtney White. Then, at 1pm, join Senior Naturalist Dean Fausel for a tracking walk. Admission fee is \$3 for those under 5 years; \$6 for all others. [Register online](#). If you're a member from the Town of Greenburgh but are unable to join us, it's important to submit your [voting proxy here](#) so that your membership voice is counted!



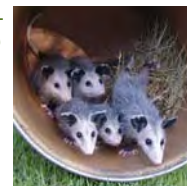
→ Maple Sugaring Party

With the end of winter finally near, warmer daytime temperatures are encouraging the maple sap to flow... and that means that we'll be throwing our Maple Sugaring Party! Come out on Sunday, March 13th, from 1 to 4pm, to join in the fun. Featured events include tours of our Native American and Colonial style sugaring sites and maple-flavored candy and ice cream making. The Jennifer Dreaper Band, which specializes in country and bluegrass, children's songs and sing-alongs, will be performing. For discounted tickets, register and pre-pay by Thursday, March 10. Early registration rates: \$4/member, \$8/non-member. Day-of-event rates: \$6/member, \$10/non-member. Children under 2 are free. The party is on, rain or shine!



→ Other March Programs

Wednesday, March 16th, 7:30pm -- THE CALL OF THE WILD - Ever wondered what it takes to nurse an injured wild animal? Learn from New York State wildlife rehabilitators Maggie Ciarcia and Joanne Dreeben about the training





process required, as well as the daily challenges and satisfactions of caring for needy wild animals. Learn about wildlife found in our area and what you should or should not do if you encounter an injured animal. This free program, co-sponsored by the Lower Hudson Chapter of the Sierra Club, is designed for adults and high school students.

Sunday, March 20th, 2pm - **THE BARE BONES** - Bones tell a story about the animal to which they once belonged. Join Naturalist Educator Greg Wechgelaer to discover how to read some "Bone-a-fide" animal bones and then get an up-close visit with some of the GNC's coolest predators and prey. Recommended for ages 5 and older. \$2/member, \$6/non-member.

Saturday, March 26th, 10:30am - **WATER, BEAUTIFUL WATER! PUPPET SHOW** - Puppeteer Jill Liflander and her creative side-kicks return to the Nature Center, this time getting everyone moving, singing and thinking about water conservation. This is a fun, interactive show that is recommended for ages 2-7. \$2/member, \$6/non-member. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.



→ THE WAY OF WATER: Westchester Watersheds Now Through October 2

Help keep our water clean! Come by to learn about our watershed systems in Westchester County, the life that they support and the environmental challenges to keeping the water clean. Geared for children and adults, everyone will love the activities, pictures, maps, hands-on water displays, and live aquatic animal exhibits. Sponsored in part by Houlihan-Lawrence and Westchester County Parks.



→ Spring Vacation Camp

We've just wrapped up a very successful winter vacation camp and, from Monday, April 18th, through Thursday, April 21st, will be hosting a spring vacation camp for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade, from 9:30am to 1pm each day. Our naturalist staff engages children in activities such as animal study, nature exploration, nature crafts, and games. The fee for four days: \$160/member, \$210/non-member. Sign up soon, as camp groups fill up quickly!



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