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## CRC Announces First Annual Meeting at “The Ridge”

Chestnut Ridge Conservancy (CRC) Board Chairman Ray Fabiniak and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the date for first annual meeting of the CRC for its members and other interested parties. The meeting will be held on May 14, 2011 at 11:00am at the MacKinnon Cabin in Chestnut Ridge Park.

The agenda for this meeting includes the introduction of board members, a review of the organization’s financial

status, and a review of the proposed projects that the CRC will be co-sponsoring with Erie County. After the meeting, attendees will be invited to participate in guided tours of the park conducted by Erie County Deputy Parks Commissioner Stan Jemiolo. A complimentary lunch of hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be served to all in attendance. CRC Members, park enthusiasts, and those interested in becoming members are encouraged to attend.

## BPO To Perform at Chestnut Ridge in July

Capitalizing on the success of Chestnut Ridge Park’s **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra** concert held on the sledding hill near the casino last July, Erie County Parks Commissioner Jim Hornung and CRC Chairman Ray Fabiniak announced the return of the BPO to Chestnut Ridge on July 1, 2011. The concert will be free to the public. With Independence Day only a few days later, the concert will have a patriotic theme.

“Last year’s concert was an excellent opportunity to educate the public on the Conservancy’s mission. We will be selling our logo merchandise and Conservancy memberships, and passing the hat for donations again this year,” said CRC President John Bailey. “It is yet another marvelous opportunity to showcase this local gem,” he added.



*Threatening weather could not stop the BPO from performing a free concert at the base of the Chestnut Ridge sledding hill in July, 2010.*

## Long-Awaited Car Stickers Are Now Available!

Membership in the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy includes a “Euro-style” automobile sticker allowing you to proudly display your affiliation with this worthwhile cause. The stickers are ready and will be distributed to members by mail, and at the annual meeting for those in attendance. Actual size of the sticker is 5.75” wide by 3.75” high. According to the printer, they are removable, weatherproof, and will last three to five years.



## CRC Beach Party Helps Summer Arrive A Bit Sooner



*The Boys of Summer: (L to R) Jim Weldy, Geff Gismondi, Don Lorentz, David Green, and Gary Edmonds. Photo by Dennis Luthart.*

On March 3, 2011, the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy welcomed **The Boys of Summer** to the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino. This great evening of music and dancing was chaired by CRC Trustee Marilyn Heim (Manager of the East Aurora branch of M&T Bank) and was assisted by a number of CRC trustees and volunteers.

As is the case with every CRC fund raising event, all proceeds are funneled back to the Conservancy treasury to be used towards park enhancements and repairs.

The Conservancy extends its sincere thanks to keyboardist Don Lorentz and the entire Boys of Summer crew for their generous donation of time and talent in making the evening possible, successful, and lots of fun!

## Conservancy Unveils Its New Office Space in the Park

Following the Conservancy's First Annual Meeting on Saturday May 14, 2011, The CRC will celebrate the *Inaugural Weekend* of its newly renovated office space located in the northeast corner of the Chestnut Ridge Casino.

The space was generously donated for the CRC's usage by the Erie County Parks Department, and beautifully renovated by the Parks Department staff. The office, once the first-aid station at the park, has been repainted and now provides the CRC team with an on-site headquarters that can be used for holding sub-committee

meetings, storing supplies, and most importantly, gives the Conservancy an ideal location for helping to raise awareness of the needs of the park and how the public can help.

Conservancy President John Bailey thanked the Parks Department for its assistance. "We are indebted to Commissioner Hornung, Deputy Commissioner Jemiolo, and the entire staff at Chestnut Ridge Park for their willingness to help the CRC grow and flourish. The opening of the Conservancy office is a stellar example of the cooperation between the CRC and Erie County."

## About the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy

### Mission Statement

*The Chestnut Ridge Conservancy was formed to support the restoration and preservation of the rich natural, recreational, and historic resources that comprise Chestnut Ridge Park.*

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