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Letter from Our Chair

Many people ask, "What can I do to help the environment?" Simply vote on November 8th (or by absentee ballot). Help us elect the local, state, and US politicians who support the environment and initiatives that will protect our planet for all to enjoy and explore and healthfully live. Please read the Sierra Club's list of candidate endorsements (page 8).

COG (Central Ohio Group) is presently in the process of hiring our first fellow, aka student intern! This person will work about 10 hours per week for one semester primarily devoted to new volunteer outreach and development. Our fellow will be a great asset to further help organize our grassroots activists.

Howard Miller, our humble, hard working COG Executive Committee Secretary and Conservation Committee Chair, resigned in September to move to California. We are very grateful for his many accomplishments, leadership breadth, and relentless dedication above and beyond the call of most Sierra volunteers.

It was great to see and meet many of you on September 25th during our annual family member potluck picnic at the new Scioto Grove Metro Park in Grove City. All enjoyed socializing, eating a great variety of food, hiking along the Scioto River bank woodlands and some bicycling.

Here's a summary highlighting our busy environmental year of Sierra COG work:

- Met and worked with the city of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, director and senior staff, providing our input to help revise their "stormwater manual." That includes enhancing the stream corridor protection set-back provisions and the developer variance request notification process with a better public posting process.
- Collected hundreds of postcards: 1) Discourage use of single use retail bags - especially the plastic ones that pollute our waterways and oceans. 2) Encouraging PUCO to support AEP's clean energy plan for massive solar and wind farms in Ohio. 3) Requesting Governor Kasich to promote Ohio energy efficiency policies. 4) Asking the US EPA to adopt methane emission rules for existing oil & gas polluting facilities/equipment currently in operation.
- Held many public exhibits and educational displays around the area (e.g. ComFest, Earth Day, Hot Times Festival); hosted several movie screenings and with more to come; participated in expert roundtable discussions and collaborative meetings.
- Participated in first Interfaith Rally for the climate at Statehouse capitol; rallied with other groups supporting

World Climate Summit and other green advocacy campaigns.

- Held an irreverent "pro plastic" march carrying a giant plastic bag quilt in the extremely popular satirical Doo-Dah Parade through the Short North streets of Columbus. We were enthusiastically applauded by thousands of spectators.
- Met with assorted state, county, city legislative officials and staff – educating all about Sierra Club and various issues.
- Conducted various volunteer service projects - river corridor, park and trail cleanups, tree plantings, removal of honeysuckle bushes, and other invasive plants.
- Sierra continues to inform all about protecting our public water supply from excess fertilizer, manure run-off and sanitary sewer overflows to avoid toxic algae Microcystin before it contaminates our drinking water system.
- Organized and led two outings per week including nature and urban hikes and bicycle rides.
- Voted to endorse Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) November ballot initiative to renew the present ¼% sales tax for another ten years.

On the state level – it's unfortunate that the state wide Senate Bill 310 renewable and energy efficiency standards mandate "freeze" may continue in effect for yet another two years unless we all voice our objection. We are going to encourage the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to support AEP's anticipated (2017) request for creating huge solar and wind farms in southeast Ohio to replace their dirty old out dated coal power plants.

If you're not receiving COG's occasional action alerts, local event invites, and important updates, it may be because Sierra national headquarters doesn't have your current e-mail address on file or your e-communication preferences need to be reset. Please notify Sierra Club's membership services of your contact info and e-desires: address.changes@SierraClub.org or 415-977-5653.

We could always use your help on any of our various committees including communications, political, outreach, conservation, or executive. Sierra Club members are welcomed to attend COG's Executive Committee monthly meetings that are scheduled for 6:45 PM on October 5, November 2, December 7. If you may be interested, please contact me at the e-mail address below.

David Roseman, Chair, Sierra Club Central Ohio Group
COGchair@SierraClub.org

Sierra Club Hosts Native American Protesters in Columbus

by: *Elissa Yoder Mann, Conservation Coordinator-Water, Sierra Club Ohio Chapter*

For much of this year, Native and non-Native activists in the Midwest have been battling the construction of the Dakota Access/Bakken Pipeline. The proposed 1,154-mile Pipeline would transport 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day across North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois, crossing over the Missouri River twice. The pipeline route would disrupt sacred Native American Indian land, including burial grounds in Northwest Iowa. In 2013 to 2013 alone, there were 300 oil pipeline breaks in the state of North Dakota, which caused destruction to the environment and polluted local drinking water.

Sierra Club supports protesters

On August 1, 39 young members of the Oceti Sakowin Nation in North Dakota traveled through Columbus on their way to the Nation's Capital. The group of young people left Cannonball, ND on July 15 setting out on the 2,000-mile relay-run to Washington, D.C. in protest of the construction of the Dakota Access/Bakken Pipeline. The Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio, Sierra Club Ohio Chapter, and local Church groups hosted the group in Columbus.



MEMBERS OF THE OCETI SAKOWIN NATION

These Native-Americans were hosted by the Sierra Club Ohio Chapter, and local Church groups in Columbus while they were on their way to Washington, DC.

Bobbi Jean Three Legs, runner for the protest group, said, "Even though the Army Corps approved the permits, it hasn't changed how we feel about the pipeline. We will follow through with our mission to protect mother earth and the Missouri River because this pipeline will break".

"We are grateful for the several community churches and the Native American Indian Center for supporting these courageous and committed youth", said Jen Miller, Director of the Sierra Club Ohio Chapter. "Columbus demonstrates that we care about environmental justice issues. We call on everyone to push for clean, renewable energy policies, so that we can move beyond dirty fossil fuels and the impacts they have on communities across our country and the globe."

Persistence pays off

The Oceti Sakowin reached Washington D.C. on August 5, where they delivered more than 140,000 signatures to President Obama and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asking them to stop the construction of the project. Ten million people live in the area that drains into the Missouri River, including 28 native tribes, 10 states, and a small part of Canada.



HUNDREDS OF INDIGENOUS ACTIVISTS HAVE SHUT DOWN CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE.

On August 15, the Native American activists succeeded in temporarily shutting down construction on the pipeline. More recently, on September 9, the Obama administration stepped in to block construction on the pipeline on federal land and asked the company behind the project to suspend work.

Outings Schedule

Sunday, October 2, 10:00 am

Moderate Hike: Hoover Dam & Inniswood.

Ratings: E/S=2/3.

**Leader: Courtney George – George.707@osu.edu
– Ph: 248-494-3698**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com
– Ph: 614-774-2357**

Join us for a five-six mile walk around Hoover Reservoir, Inniswood Gardens. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and hiking boots or shoes. Long pants are advised. Meet in the parking lot at the west end of Hoover Dam. The closest GPS address = 7701 Sunbury Road, Westerville, OH 43081. HINT: Turn at the traffic light at Sunbury Road and Smoke Burr Drive.

Friday, October 7, 7:00 pm

Moderate Hike: New Albany.

Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

Leader: Line Martineau – LineNMartineau@gmail.com

We will walk around the prestigious New Albany golf club and the surrounding neighborhoods. Flashlight and reflective clothing is recommended. Optional dinner close by after the hike. Meet at the New Albany Library, 200 Market Street, New Albany, OH 43054 and park at the northeast corner of the library parking lot (the far right corner when facing the library).

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am

Moderate Hike: Yellow Springs Street Fair.

Ratings: E/S=2/3.

**Leader: Courtney George – George.707@osu.edu
– Ph: 248-494-3698**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com
– Ph: 614-774-2357**

Our hike will start at Clifton Gorge, through John Bryan and Glen Helen, to the town of Yellow Springs. There we will take a little time to enjoy the food and crafts available at the Yellow Springs Street Fair. After lunch, we will hike back Clifton George. Bring water, snacks, appropriate attire, and boots. Meet at 9:00 am behind the Westland Mall Bob Evans, 4331 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43228.

Sunday, October 9, 9:00 am

Moderate Hike: Hocking Hills. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

**Leader: Courtney George – George.707@osu.edu
– Ph: 248-494-3698**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com
– Ph: 614-774-2357**

Trek for seven miles on different trails featuring picturesque areas of hemlocks, sandstone, limestone, and shale carved by erosion of the Appalachian Plateau. Bring water, lunch, suitable attire for muddy trails and meet behind McDonalds at Winchester Square Shopping Center, right of US 33 on Gender Road at 6161 Gender Road, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

Friday, October 14, 7:00 pm

Walk: Grove City. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

**Leader: Eric Schaumann – Schaumann@copper.net
– Ph: 614-270-5951**

Meet at Grove City Library, 3359 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123. The walk will start at the library and proceed through the local neighborhood. Optional dinner close by after the hike.

Saturday, October 15, 1:00 pm

Joint Hike: Grandma Gatewood's Fall Colors Hike.

Ratings: E/S=3/3.

NOTE: This is a Ohio State Park Service hike - not a Sierra Club hike

Strenuous six-mile hike on the Grandma Gatewood trail to take in the fall colors of Old Man's Cave. Please bring water, and food, sturdy footwear, warm clothing (depending on the weather) and meet at the Hocking Hills State Park Visitor Center, 19852 State Route 664 South, Logan, OH 43138.

VISIT OUR SIERRA COG OUTINGS WEB PAGE:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/ohio/central-ohio/hiking-outings>.

CLICK HERE FOR A NEW SIERRA CLUB COG OUTINGS SCHEDULE IN PDF FORMAT: http://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce-authors/u2579/COG-Sep-OctOutings2016_0.pdf

IF YOU WISH TO BE ON THE OUTINGS MAILING LIST, PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO: LineNMartineau@gmail.com

Outings Schedule

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 am

Walk: OSU Wetlands. Ratings: E/S=2/2.
Leader: Nicole Tabit - Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu - Ph: 614-302-7042
Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-774-2357

This walk will take us along the Olentangy River, OSU Wetlands, and North Campus. Meet next to the Get-Go fuel pumps at the north end of the Giant Eagle parking lot at 2845 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43202. Dinner option afterwards close by.

Friday, October 21, 7:00 pm

Walk: Bexley. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.
Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-774-2357

Take in the Halloween decorations around the Capital University area of Bexley on this hike of about three miles. Optional dinner close by after the hike. Meet at the Bexley Library parking lot at 2411 E Main St, Bexley, OH 43209.

Sunday, October 23, 9:00 am

Moderate Hike: Ceasar's Creek.
Ratings: E/S = 2/3.
Leader: Dave Dorsky – ValOrDave@hotmail.com – Ph: 614-848-7879

We will hike about eight miles around scenic Ceasar's Creek lake and state park plus Pioneer Village. There may be an optional one-mile additional hike and nature center tour after lunch. Bring water, food, and sturdy footwear. High boots and hiking poles are seriously recommended due to the possibility of mud on the hiking trails. Meet south of Columbus at 9 am in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270 - behind Tim Hortons at 3623 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43206.

Friday, October 28, 7:00 pm

Walk + Potluck: German Village.
Ratings: E/S = 2/2.
Leader: Vicki Deisner – gh6@earthlink.net

Join us for a walk through historic German Village. We will walk around the German Village neighborhoods and visit Frank Fetch Park. We will be walking about three miles. Wear sturdy footwear appropriate for uneven walking surfaces (flashlight and reflective clothing is

recommended). Meet at Schiller Park, 1069 Jaeger Street, Columbus, OH 43206 (corner entrance at Deshler and Jaeger). Optional potluck dinner after the hike at a Vicki's house.

Sunday, October 30, 9:00 am

Moderate Hike: Granville + Dennison University.
Ratings: E/S=2/3.
Leader: Sherri Soble – Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-804-3215

Hike six-eight miles in the Dennison University biological preserve and the lovely town of Granville. This is a medium-paced hike with some challenging hills. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. We will meet at 10 am in the public parking lot behind Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 (East side of US-23 - about two blocks south of 161).

Friday, November 4, 7:00 pm

Walk: Dublin. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.
Leader: Nicole Tabit - Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu - Ph: 614-302-7042
Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-774-2357

Join us for a three-mile walk along the south fork of Indian Run, including Indian Run Falls, the Scioto Rover, and historic old Dublin. Optional dinner at Mezzo after the hike. Meet at the Dublin Library, 75 North High Street, Dublin, OH 43017. Park in the back left corner of the lot by the trail.

Outings Rating System

Each outing is rated twice. Both scales are one to five. The **E scale** indicates the required experience level and the **S scale** shows the physical activity level anticipated.

E Scale

1. Novice - no experience required
2. A little experience is required
3. Moderate experience required
4. Considerable experience required
5. For the very experienced only

S Scale

1. Not strenuous
2. Could be strenuous
3. Somewhat strenuous
4. Strenuous
5. Very strenuous

Save the Monarch!

by: Nicole Tabit, Clean Water Fellow and Ohio State University Sierra Club Student Coalition



Why are pollinators important?

Pollinators are key to sustaining our environment and facilitating plant reproduction. They support healthy ecosystems that support other life, and increase agricultural productivity.

Pollinator populations, though, have been on the rapid decline in the recent past. This decline has been brought about largely by loss of good habitat for most pollinators. It also stems from urban sprawl, and the use of pesticides and herbicides on milkweed plants.

One pollinator that has taken a large population hit in recent years is the monarch butterfly. Monarch butterflies rely on milkweed to lay their eggs on, and monarch caterpillars only eat the leaves of milkweed.



MONARCH BUTTRFLIES HAVE TAKEN A LARGE POPULATION HIT IN RECENT YEARS

What can you do?

Ohio is a priority area for migrating monarch butterflies. Fourth generation monarchs are hatched in Ohio in late summer, and are the generation that begins the cycle in the spring again, ensuring another generation of monarchs.

One thing you can do in your own backyard to help monarch populations is to collect milkweed seedpods.

When picking milkweed pods, it is suggested that disposable gloves be worn, as milkweed sap can be an irritant. Make sure you ask permission before picking seeds from private property, and leave a few pods wherever you pick for further spread of seeds.

Collecting seedpods

It is best to collect seedpods when they are dried and a gray-brown color. The suggested season is the start of September to the end of October. If the center seam of the pod pushes open easily with pressure, it is ready to be picked. When harvesting the seeds, try to harvest the pods after the seeds turn black (they should not be white or tan), and before the "fluff" in the pods causes the pods to burst open.

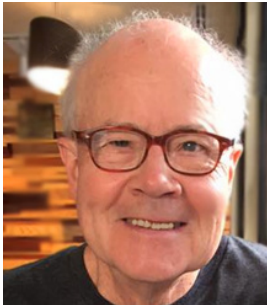
Harvesting pods does not have any effect on established milkweed populations; in fact, planting these milkweed seeds will help ensure they continue to grow and even spread across Ohio. When planting the seeds in the spring, it is best to start them indoors, and plant outside after the last frost. For fall planting, start the seeds in late summer or early fall. Frost won't affect the root growth of new plants, since soil doesn't freeze solid until much later in the winter. So your milkweed top growth might die in the winter, but the roots will grow, and you'll be ahead when spring rolls around. Milkweed does best in full sun.



WHEN HARVESTING MILKWEED SEEDS, TRY TO HARVEST THE PODS AFTER THE SEEDS TURN BLACK

It's a long way from Manhattan to Central Ohio!

by: Michael Daly, Sierra Club Central Ohio Executive Committee member and Energy Coordinator



Upon learning that I grew up New York City, people tend to ask me what was it like with a bit of awe in their voices. We all grow up somewhere, and so did I in a neighborhood called Yorkville on the upper east side of Manhattan island. We didn't have that many trees in my light-industrial area near

east Harlem but we did have parks: Central Park and Carl Schurtz Park.



YORKVILLE, MANHATTAN

Bounded on the south by East 79th Street, on the north by East 96th Street, the west by Third Avenue, and the east by the East River.

Carl Schurtz Park is on the East River and on the hottest nights of summer we would walk down there to catch a breeze. It wasn't all urban jungle. We took trips by subway and bus to beaches and for a brief time I was in the boy scouts and almost got frostbite on a cold December outing in New Jersey.

In the middle late 60's there was growing awareness of pollution and its effects on people and the idea that something could be done about it. I remember my mother calling the city about incinerator smoke. I still remember the first Earth Day celebration in 1969 which closed down 14th street to traffic. This seemed to me to be a miraculous achievement.

Soon I moved to Ohio to live on a farm in Athens County. This was quite a transition but I was young and

adaptable or more naive than most. Perhaps I read too much Mother Earth News! The land my friend bought was beautiful, with sandstone outcroppings, but after a few years I moved into town and finished college.

After a few years working at a county welfare department I decided to work full time for social change. Sticking to my new Ohio roots I ended up working for Ohio Citizen Action in Toledo. One of our major organizing efforts was to fight the expansion of a landfill bordering on Lake Erie. I first joined the Sierra Club when Reagan appointed James Watt to be secretary of the interior.

Most of my time with the club has been on outings and attending meetings, but I always wanted to become more active. I have admired the work our local group has accomplished with the City of Columbus and the storm water/sanitary sewers.



Now in my retirement I have recently joined the executive board and found a great group of people. I am slowly learning the ropes and serving as energy coordinator to the Ohio Sierra Chapter. I look forward to the local and national outings and my dream is to go on a national Sierra outing.

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Sierra Club Political Endorsements



Kristin Boggs – Ohio House District 18

Boggs was appointed to this seat in downtown Columbus when her predecessor joined Columbus City Council. She is now running to be elected. Boggs is strong on smart development. Transportation, walkable neighborhoods, and safe bikeways are among her priorities. She would also fight efforts to eliminate Ohio's renewable energy standards, and seek to increase investments in solar, wind, and energy efficiency. Boggs is considered a rising star in the Democratic leadership and likely to have a place in state government for a long time.



Michael Johnston – Ohio House District 19

This is Johnston's second try at this seat in Westerville and New Albany, and we think he can win. Johnston wants to bring back renewable energy standards, clean up farm runoff into lakes and streams, and protect state parks. He discussed several ideas for holding polluters accountable for runoff into water and enacting regulations on fracking such as requirements to get earthquake insurance and fund wider roads. He is also sympathetic to environmental whistleblowers.



Kristopher Keller – Ohio House District 24

Keller is already an environmental champion, having worked on the plastic bag issue in Clintonville. He is absolutely committed to bringing back renewable energy standards, converting coal areas to clean energy jobs, and protecting state parks from fracking. Keller wants to see measurement and reporting to show how the externalized costs of fossil fuels far outweigh the costs of shifting to renewables. He is also knowledgeable about farming and how to work with farmers to reduce runoff into rivers and streams. He is running for a seat in the Hilliard area.



Bernadine Kennedy Kent – Ohio House District 25

Kent was instrumental in exposing data tampering and fraud in the No Child Left Behind programs in Columbus. From this we know she has guts and is willing to stand up and do the right thing. On environmental issues, Kent helped the Community Bill of Rights anti-fracking campaign make contacts in the African-American community in Columbus. She is interested in drinking water and environmental justice, and eager to learn more about environmental issues from the Sierra Club. The district she is running for is in the Morse Road area.



David Leland – Ohio House District 22

David Leland is the current state representative in House District 22, which covers the Clintonville area. He is extremely passionate about his work and "sticks to his guns" on the issues. Leland believes that the white lines used for bike lanes are not enough, and that instead of focusing on more highways, we should provide alternative transportation. Leland said Ohio should be ahead of the curve when it comes to clean energy jobs, but that we should give displaced workers training and time to adjust. He also spoke about an allocated fund for conservation for our state parks, and would vote against logging or mining.



Adam Miller – Ohio House District 17

Miller is active-duty military and spoke to the committee from JAG training in Virginia. His top environmental priorities are to fully fund the Ohio EPA so it can actually regulate, not just issue permits; increase regulations and taxes on fracking in Ohio; and be proactive in state and regional planning on landfills. Miller wants to be on the Finance Committee where he can help to direct resources. He also talked about how to work with Republicans, which any Democrat has to do to get things done in the legislature. He is running for a seat in the Hilltop area.



Joyce Beatty – U.S. Congress

Beatty has a consistent track record of pro-environmental votes, earning her a 96 percent lifetime score from League of Conservation Voters. This past year she voted against bills that would stop the EPA Clean Power Plan, gut protections for national parks and wildlife in constructing new pipelines, pre-empt state laws on labeling genetically modified foods, and classify toxic coal ash as a non-hazardous waste. She voted for bills that would strike down attempts to remove some species from the Endangered Species Act and prohibit consideration of the social cost of carbon.



Heather Bishoff -- Ohio House District 20

Bishoff was given a fast-track endorsement for this seat in eastern Franklin County based on her previous endorsement in 2014 and her continued support of environmental protection issues.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Cathy Cowan-Becker at: COG.polcom@SierraClub.org.

See Ted Strickland endorsement on Page 11

Upcoming Events

FILM: CHESHIRE, OH - Thursday, October 6, 7 pm
Gateway Film Center, 1550 North High Street, Columbus.
The screening will be part of Gateway's Ohio Grown Film presentation/program with a Q&A hosted by Ohio Statehouse News reporter Andy Chow. For the most part, Cheshire, Ohio is a ghost town. Located 90 miles from Columbus, the town is now owned by American Electric Power (AEP), which operate two coal plants there. In 2001, residents began noticing a strong sulfur smell, accompanied by a bluish fog known as "blue plume." And then they started experiencing headaches, breathing problems, and itchy eyes. Concerned for their well-being, they hired a lawyer. Don't miss this award-winning film! \$8.00 at the box office.

VOLUNTEER FOR HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL AND TREE PLANTING - Saturday, October 22, 9 am to noon. Help remove invasive honeysuckle bushes, plant native trees, and clean-up trash from within Westerville's Boyer Nature Preserve. Meet at park entrance located at the corner of Park Street & Orchard Lane In Westerville.

Sierra COG VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - Saturday, October 22, 11 am. Whetstone Library, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, OH, 43214 Do you want to volunteer for the Sierra Club? Learn how the organization works and how you can get involved. For more information: cog.volunteer@sierraclub.org

BRANCH OUT COLUMBUS TREE PLANTING - Saturday, October 22, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Indian Mound Recreation Center, 3901 Parsons Avenue, Columbus OH 4307. Tree planting demonstrations, fun for kids, and more. The City of Columbus, SWACO, and Kurtz Bros. have teamed up to give 1,000 free trees and compost to Columbus residents in an effort to increase the city's tree canopy.

SAGE SUSTAINABLE ELECTRONICS - RECYCLING TOUR Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm. 2801 Charter Street, Columbus, OH 43228. Find out and see first hand what happens to your outdated broken computers, old cell phones, televisions, etc. when they are recycled, properly diverted from typical garbage landfills. Free event.

Sierra Club Ohio Chapter Staff Changes

Two Sierra Ohio Chapter staffers recently left us to new ventures. Samantha Allen is now working for U.S. Senator Brown in the veterans affairs, and Brian Kunkemoeller is sailing the Atlantic coastal waters with his new bride and boat to Florida. We sincerely wish all the best of success with their new opportunities. Welcome aboard Kristen Kubitzka our newest Ohio Chapter staff member in Columbus working on statewide clean energy issues and climate action campaigns.



OCTOBER 20, 2016 - 6:00 PM PARTY, 7:00 PM FILM, 8:00 PM DRAWING, AT THE GATEWAY FILM CENTER, 1550 NORTH HIGH STREET, COLUMBUS

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival will inspire and motivate you to go out and make a difference in your community and the world. It consists of a series of short films on water: rafting in the Grand Canyon, saving the salamanders in Lake Erie, plastic pollution in our oceans, and more. A festival by activists and for activists. \$10.50 donation supports the Sierra Club, Ohio Chapter. Purchase tickets: <http://gatewayfilmcenter.org/wild-scenic-film-festival-2016/>

Are you receiving our Sierran newsletter regularly?

Welcome to the fourth quarter 2016 edition of The Central Ohio Sierran newsletter. This is the annual publication that is mass printed with hard copies mailed to our over 3,700 Sierra Club Central Ohio Group members in 21 counties. Note that our other three quarterly editions are e-mailed to you. If you haven't received earlier editions, it's either because Sierra Club national doesn't have your current e-mail address on file or because your subscription profile has been set with another preference. Please notify Sierra membership services of your contact info and communication desires: address.changes@SierraClub.org or 415-977-5653.

Join us for fun and Commitment!



COMFEST, JUNE 24-26, AT GOODALE PARK
Short for Community Festival, ComFest has happened every summer since '72. Its purpose is to push ideas: for people over profit and the equality of all people. COG's presence helped spread the ComFest ideals to include environmental protection.



DOO DAH PARADE, JULY 4 IN COLUMBUS
Our parody parade through the Short North and Goodale Park. Chanting, "We luv plastics!" and "Hey Hey Oh No Plastics Got to Stay!" Pictured above, Jeff St.Clair, Howard Miller, and Cathy Cowan Becker.



DEFEND OUR BEER, AUGUST 10, BROTHERS DRAKE MEADERY
Defend Our Future's organized educational event featured panelists discussing importance of bees, pollination, food and adverse impacts resulting from climate change, insecticides, loss of native plants, flowers, tree habitat.



HOT TIMES COMMUNITY MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 9-11, OLD TOWNE EAST
An independent and all volunteer-driven community arts and music festival with jazz, hip hop, nostalgia, food, and ethnic crafts. Mike Daly and Ed Noorwood at COG's booth explained to visitors opportunities to get involved in protecting Ohio's air, land, and water.

Ted Strickland for U.S. Senate



Senator Strickland, governor of Ohio from 2006-10, met with members of the Sierra Club Ohio Chapter Political Committee for an hour-long interview covering a wide range of environmental issues.

His track record includes:

- As governor, Strickland worked to pass Ohio's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards. Unfortunately the state legislature gutted these standards after he left office.
- As governor, Strickland secured a large grant from the Obama administration for Ohio to build rail lines between each of its major cities. Unfortunately one of Governor Kasich's first actions upon taking office in 2010 was to send this money back to Washington.
- Strickland has stood firmly against international trade deals that do not have protections for workers and the environment, starting with NAFTA in the 1990s through the Trans-Pacific Partnership today. He would be a staunch opponent of the TPP in Congress.

Strickland's Republican opponent, Senator Rob Portman, has taken more than \$1.7 million from the oil and gas industry. Portman has a long record of anti-environmental votes. For example, in 2015 he voted to block the EPA Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule, sell national wildlife refuges and forests, and fast-track trade agreements that threaten environmental regulations. Although Ohio has one progressive environmental senator in Sherrod Brown, we need to replace the regressive Rob Portman with another environmental champion.

We strongly endorse Strickland.

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Categories	Individual	Joint
Special Introductory Offer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> \$39	<input type="checkbox"/> \$49
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
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