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Newsletter of the Coulee Region Group

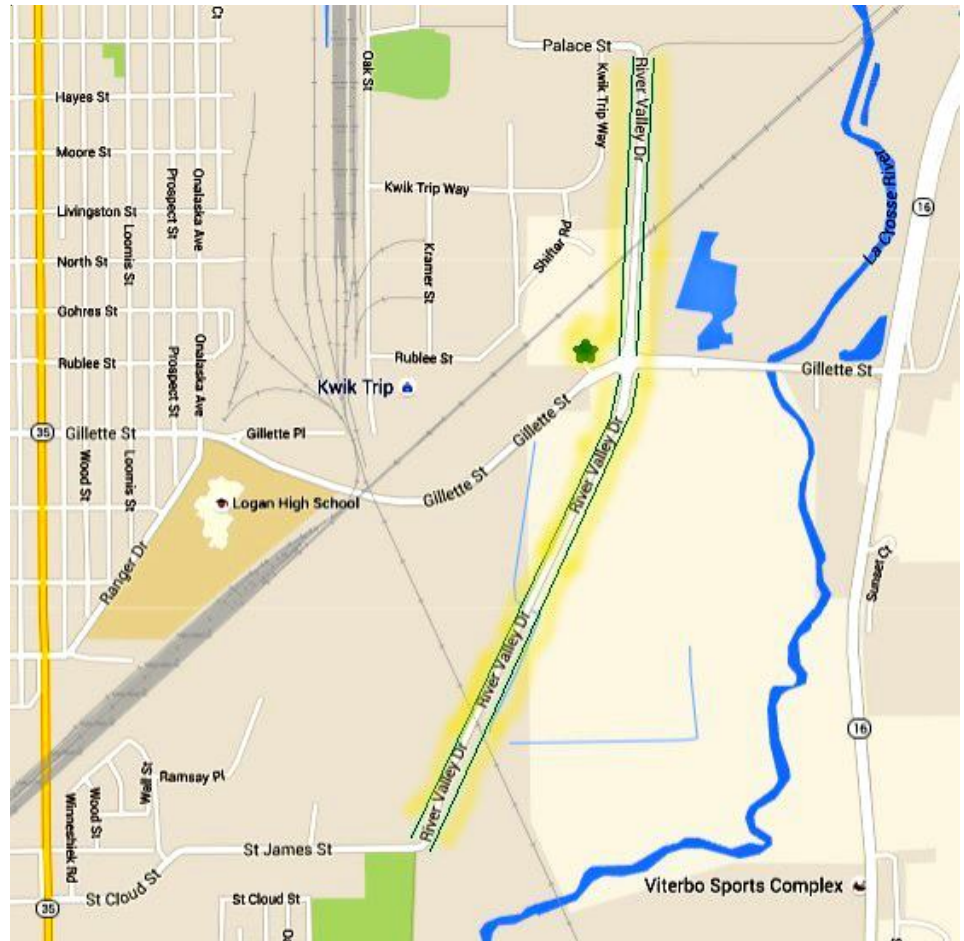
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"Let us be the ancestors our descendants will thank. - Winona LaDuke

## NEXT EVENT

**Highway Clean up**  
5 pm Tues., Oct. 4  
Meet at city well bldg  
(Cty B & River Valley Dr)  
North La Crosse

Join Sierra Club friends on Oct. 4 to help clean up River Valley Drive (RVD) on La Crosse's north side. Meet at the city's water well near the intersection of Gillette Street and RVD at 5 p.m. We'll pick up trash from St. James Street to Palace Street. Safety vests and bags will be provided. *Many hands will make light work!* After about 1.5 hours of clean up, some of us may meet up at a nearby restaurant for treats. Bring a friend and your camera! Questions? Contact Pat or Bobbie Wilson at [pbwilson@centurytel.net](mailto:pbwilson@centurytel.net) or 608 788 8831.



## Solar in Wisconsin

Thank you, Michael Vickerman of RENEW Wisconsin, for a useful and interesting September 27 Sierra Club presentation on the amazing increase in solar power generation in our state and solar's continuing cost effectiveness. An overview of the presentation can be found at Renew Wisconsin's website at [renewwisconsin.org/action/Solar.htm](http://renewwisconsin.org/action/Solar.htm).

Renew Wisconsin is interested in working with citizen activists in pushing and lobbying local governments to install solar on government and public buildings, too. If any Sierra Club members are interested in forming a group to pursue this, please email [csierraclub@gmail.com](mailto:csierraclub@gmail.com)

## Standing with Standing Rock

Miles Koenig, a member of the Ho-Chunk nation, updated us about local support for the environmental protectors of the Standing Rock Sioux reservation as they continue efforts to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline. The pipeline would carry Bakken (fracked) oil, threatening an important water resource and building new fossil fuel systems that threaten a sustainable climate.

Miles and his brother Branson coordinated a truckload of relief supplies last month and plan another trip on October 14. Donate warm clothing, cold weather sleeping bags, hygiene products, food, school supplies, etc, if you can. More details at [tinyurl.com/lax4stndingrk](http://tinyurl.com/lax4stndingrk).

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Tuesday, October 4** - River Valley Drive clean up. Meet at 5 p.m. Gillette St. pumping station.

**Wednesday, October 5** - La Crosse Area Transportation Forum. 6 p.m. Southside Neighborhood Center

**The October Autumn Assembly has been cancelled.**

**Friday, October 14** - Traditional Ecological Knowledge Conference/Keynote: Winona Duke ([tinyurl.com/vutek](http://tinyurl.com/vutek))

**Friday, October 14** - Standing Rock protectors donation truck leaves ([tinyurl.com/laxstndingrk](http://tinyurl.com/laxstndingrk))

**Oct. 16-19** - Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference ([www.umisc.net/schedule--program.html](http://www.umisc.net/schedule--program.html))

**Monday, October 17** - Absentee in person voting begins in municipal clerks' offices ([myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov))

## Transportation Forum 10/5

La Crosse needs a transportation system that connects more people to jobs, businesses and services; is safe, effective, fair and affordable for drivers and non-drivers; and uses our tax dollars responsibly to address real community needs. Transit riders and advocates will share personal stories about their local transportation system and offer insights on how the system could be improved to better serve everyone in the community. Sierra Club will present a statewide perspective on the transportation budget and how we could best meet the needs of local communities.

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

**6:00 Open House - 6:40 Presentation**

**Southside Neighborhood Center  
1300 6th Street S, La Crosse WI**

In addition to programming about our transportation planning and budgets, we will host a **Transportation Information Fair from 6 to 6:45 pm**. Find out about your current transportation options - including car pools, car share, and public transportation - at the Forum.

## Enviro-Education Grants

The Coulee Region Sierra Club is offering **grants of \$50 to \$200 for environmental education projects** involving young people at the elementary and middle school level.

The application and more details are available at our website ([sierraclub.org/wisconsin/coulee](http://sierraclub.org/wisconsin/coulee)) and blog site ([cr-sierra.blogspot.com](http://cr-sierra.blogspot.com)). **The application deadline is DECEMBER 1.**

Please spread the word about this opportunity!

## Help Needed!

We are seeking a Coulee Region Sierra Club member to represent our group at the John Muir Chapter state council. The council meets every other month, sometimes online, to discuss national and state plans and programs. If interested, email [pbwilson@centurytel.net](mailto:pbwilson@centurytel.net).

We would like to find a Sierra Club member to help welcome and integrate new Coulee Region Sierra Club members into our group. Interested? Contact Pat!

## 2017 calendars

2017 Sierra Club calendars, our group's primary fundraiser, are now available.

These beautiful calendars (wall = \$13.95/desk = \$14.95) feature photos worth framing.

Get your calendar at our December holiday party or order from Maureen Kinney: 784-9324/784-5678 or email [maureen@johnsflaherty.com](mailto:maureen@johnsflaherty.com) at her

