



Sierra

APRIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 29

7pm at the **HoChunk Three Rivers House at 8th & Main**

Sierra Club members and non-members all welcome
Wheelchair accessible

Solar Sense: Making solar affordable in Wisconsin

The Sierra Club Solar Homes campaign is coming to La Crosse! H&H Solar is partnering with the Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter to make solar energy more accessible. H&H Solar is a leading solar company that has been installing solar electric and solar hot water systems since 1999. The clean energy systems they have installed are already avoiding emissions of over 4 million pounds of carbon dioxide each year!

Celebrate this earth day and go solar. We want you and every possible homeowner and rental property manager to discover that solar can work. And H&H makes going solar remarkably easy. Once you sign up, H&H comes to you, conducts an onsite assessment, and delivers a quote. H&H prides itself as a union shop that employs master electricians and they offer customers the option of using solar panels manufactured in the United States.

Launched in 2013, the H&H Solar Program offers Sierra Club members and supporters a discount on their system, and the amount of your discount increases as more people participate in the program. You can take charge of your energy use and make a difference on climate change. Help us reach the Coulee Region Go Solar goal of 1.5% of all electricity from solar energy by 2020!



Spring Highway Cleanup



Our adopted highway is River Valley Drive in the La Crosse River marsh. The first of 3 annual cleanups will be **Tuesday, May 13, at 6 p.m.** Meet at the city water well building near the intersection of County Highway B and River Valley Drive on the north side of La Crosse. Wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Orange vests and garbage bags are provided. We'll work for an hour to 90 minutes. There's a traditional stop at Rudy's Drive-in after the cleanup. For more information contact Maureen Kinney: 784-9324 or maureen@johnsflaherty.com.

Earth Fair 2014

Where: The EcoPark & Myrick Park

When: Sunday, April 27

Time: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

2014 Earth Fair "Make It Green In 2014!" at the 6th annual Earth Fair presented by Coulee Partners for Sustainability, the La Crosse Area Family YMCA, the La Crosse Public Library and the Earth Fair Committee at the EcoPark & Myrick Park. This FREE event will feature children's activities, live music and performances (including Hans Mayer!), and Grand Green Prizes! There will also be "green" vendor booths and farmers' market, eco presentations, interactive displays, and so much more!

Here are just some of the exciting events:

- 1:00 to 3:00 pm. — Ongoing tours will be given at WTC's newly constructed passive-house-certified home at 737 24th Street North.
- Seed library of heirloom seeds
- Live frogs & amphibians display by U.S.G.S.
- Free bike inspections by Bikes Limited!
- Live raptor demonstration and bird identification walk
- Repair Café—Bring your items that need to be fixed.
- Healthy kids' booths & games, storytelling, face painting.

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EARTH FAIR continued

Recycling Fair at the Earth Fair

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Emerson Elementary School at 2101 Campbell Road - 2 blocks from Earth Fair

- Recycle electronics for free: cell phones, stereos, DVD & VCR players, TVs, computers and other small electronics (no appliances, thermostats, or smoke detectors).

- Businesses are welcome (\$10 charge to businesses for TVs)
- Recycle ink cartridges—sponsored by La Crosse Public Library
- Paper shredding—sponsored by Shred Right

For more details on Earth Fair 2014 visit www.EarthFairLaCrosse.org and follow event updates on Coulee Partners for Sustainability's Facebook page!

Fracking Presentation in Rochester by Wes Wilson, Assissi Heights

**Friday, April 11, 7-9pm or
Saturday, April 12, 1-3pm**

Learn more about the environmental and public health impacts of fracking. The local aspect of frac sand mining in Minnesota and Wisconsin will also be discussed at the event.

Questions? Contact Angie Grimm, Event Coordinator, at: 507-280-2195.

Countdown to Earth Week Film Festival

Check out these FREE movies shown at 7:00 p.m., Century Hall at UW-La Crosse:

GMO OMG - April 10

Tapped - April 17

Do the Math - April 23

Waste Land - April 24

Railway Expansion Planned Through La Crosse

Burlington Northern plans to lay a second rail through La Crosse neighborhoods and the Marsh. In response, a new local grassroots group, CARS - Citizens Acting for Rail Safety, has formed. If you have concerns over chemical spills and explosions, vibration, noise, delays at crossings, property values, impact to the marsh, impact to the golf course, closing of pedestrian crossings (golf course and Girl Scout Center), access to Hixon Forest, and more, please check out this website developed by a CARS member: <http://dot111.info/>. Plus, if you want an easy way to keep up, you can click on "Subscribe" on the right side of any page. For more information, you can contact Irv Balto at bibalto@mwt.net.