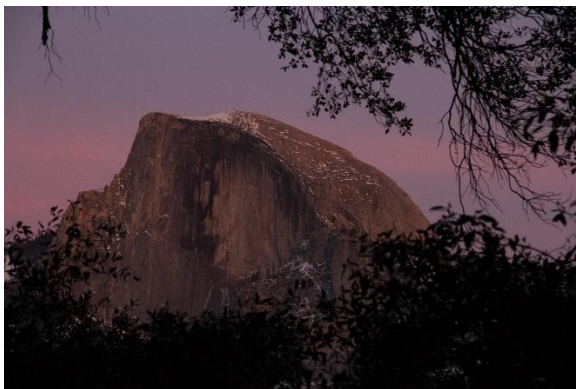




# RIVER PRAIRIE GROUP



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## Chatter from the Chair

I hope by the time you read this, the lilacs will have withered and the pollinators will be busy around your yards. Perhaps the birds will be stealing serviceberries from a nearby tree. The River Prairie Group has been busy like those native bees, as well. We had an amazing trivia night thanks to our membership committee volunteers who planned and executed a very fun event where new members signed up to get our newsletter and possibly join in our advocacy work. There is something for everyone as most of you know: habitat restoration, water monitoring, pollinator protection, lobby and political work, so definitely give me a call if you want to learn how to channel your passionate interests.

Cschmidt527@gmail.com or  
(630)234-3029. [More...](#)



## Presentation Given About Willowbrook

On April 6, the River Prairie Group of Sierra Club, Go Green Glen Ellyn, and Sustain DuPage welcomed speakers from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County who provided an update on the District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center Phase II Master Plan implementation. [More...](#)



## Featured Club Outings

Check out our upcoming outings to the Aldo Leopold Center and also Berrien Springs. [More...](#)



## Springfield Lobby Update

Our lobby efforts this year were rushed into action because the calendar date for their presentation was moved to earlier in February. Nevertheless, our activists' response across the state roared into action, and by lobby day in mid-April there were over 500 caring residents from a myriad of environmental and justice organizations who convened at the capital. [More...](#)



## Solar Farm Summit

*The following article is part 1 of a two-part series on Agrivoltaics. Dan Schmidt, a local solar installer working for Rethink Electric, wrote this article (and part two in our next issue) after attending a local Conference. [More...](#)*



## Trivia Night Madness

Our recent Trivia Night at the Noon Whistle Brewery in Lombard was, simply put, a blast! Over 50 guests attended to enjoy the brews, fun, and fellowship, and of course, the competition. Eight teams competed under the names The Belafontes, Busy Bees, DuPage River Rats, Easy Being Green, River Valley, Sustain DuPage, and Wildlife Warriors. The clear winner was Easy Being Green, with River Valley and Wildlife Warriors tied for second place. Sustain DuPage came in third. Already people are asking when we will have the next Trivia Night!



## MEET NATURE NEIGHBORS

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and more*



*Practice making observations  
outdoors (dress for the weather)*



*Be part of the super generation saving  
monarch butterflies*



FREE - All ages - under 13 accompanied by a parent

Register: [sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie](https://www.sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie)

[dupagemonarchs@gmail.com](mailto:dupagemonarchs@gmail.com)

[dupagemonarchs.com](https://www.dupagemonarchs.com)



Find the registration link for the above event on our calendar, <https://www.sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie>.



## Join us for a Geo Power Hour!

Learn the basics of geothermal heat pumps, the most efficient technology for heating and cooling your home. Attend this free presentation to learn how you can "go geo" for less!

### Monday, June 5th

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Zoom

Register for Zoom at [bit.ly/45akM5F](https://bit.ly/45akM5F)

Co-Hosted by :

DuPage County, Sustain DuPage, NEST, Accelerate Climate Solutions, Aurora Sustainability Council, Sierra Club River Prairie Group, DCEC, Go Green Glen Ellyn, IL League of Women Voters, and Elmhurst Cool Cities



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## Final Word

"It's not by accident that the pristine wilderness of our planet disappears as the understanding of our own inner wild natures fades."

- Clarissa Pinkola Estes, from *Women Who Run With the Wolves*

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