

# Jan. 2017 Newsletter Falls of the James Group Sierra Club

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## 2017 Winter/Spring Schedule

- Jan.10 -- Meeting: "Environmentalism in the Age of Trump"
- Jan.28 -- Shiver in the River
- Feb.6-12 -Environmental Film Festival
- Feb.14 -- Meeting: "In Love with James River"
- Mar.14 -- Meeting: "Ridin' Along with GRTC"
- April 16 --Monument Avenue Easter Parade
- April 22 --Earth Day
- May 19-20--Big Yard Sale (Put it on your calendar now!)

## FIRST MEETING of 2017 Tuesday, January 10, 7:00

Science Museum of VA, 2400 W. Broad St.

"**Environmentalism in the Age of Trump**" will be presented by speakers from the VA Chapter of the Sierra Club. Learn about the issues that are coming before the Virginia General Assembly which convenes on January 11. Become informed of the possible impact of the Trump administration on Virginia's and the nation's environmental health. Learn ways to continue to influence and inform legislators about the importance of



**February 14, 2017 Meeting:  
"In Love With James River"**

**7:00 at Science Museum of Virginia**

**Jamie Brunkow**, Lower James Riverkeeper and committed environmentalist and educator, will present a Valentine's Day talk, "In Love with James River."

Environmental achievements, possibilities for watershed restoration and present issues regarding the James will be discussed.

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**March 14, 2017 Meeting  
"Ridin' Along with GRTC"**

**7:00 at Science Museum of Virginia**

Carrie Rose Pace, Director of Communications at GRTC as well as a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist, will speak on GRTC's efforts related to adaptation and mitigation of climate change. Her background allows her to view public transit from both the transit and the science perspective.

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# **RVA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL**

## **MONDAY, FEB 6 - SUNDAY, FEB 12**

PRESENTERS INCLUDE: • Enrichmond Foundation • Sierra Club • Viridiant  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network • Capital Region Land Conservancy

**7th ANNUAL**

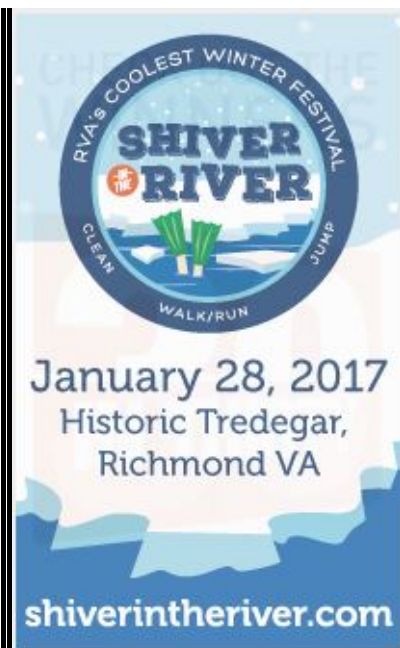


[rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com](http://rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com)

Set aside this whole week and Saturday, February 18 for eye-opening, thought-provoking, FREE films on the environment that will be shown at different venues throughout Richmond. A schedule of the films (some with trailers), and the times and places will be available in the February FOJG newsletter and on the website <https://rvaeff.org/schedule>.

### **Shiver in the River**

Brrrrrr! On Saturday, January 28 at 2:00, the FOJG team, Steve Heinitz and Scott Burger, will make a dash into



the frigid James River! The Shiver in the River event includes a riverbank and community cleanup at 10:00, a 5K run at 12:00, and the final dunking in the river at 2:00. The event is a celebration of the James River, and proof that these men have steam heat in their blood. Come out to cheer them on!

## DECEMBER RECAP

**HOLIDAY DINNER GALA** at the Lewis Genter Botanical Garden. It was a dark and stormy night, but inside was much merriment in the beautifully-decorated Robins Room.



**FIVE DELEGATES OF THE FOJG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** were elected by email ballot sent to members. These delegates will serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 2017: Joe Brancoli, Scott Burger, Mary Crutchfield, Andrew Peacock, and Shavon Peacock.

### **TREE PLANTING IN WYN PRICE'S HONOR--Bryan Park** email from Jack Zeugner

I'm pleased to report that we finished planting the six big, beautiful trees--three River Birch Trees and three Sycamores--for Wyn Price's memorial area ( just north of the Azalea gardens Pont) on Friday (despite the cold).

Thanks to Norm Brown, Kristi Orcutt, Bill Mckelvie, Eileen Tangley, Joel Cabot, Tamara Smith, Joe Brancoli and Dan Bremner ( Parks & Rec) for their hard labor, and Marilyn Erickson (for the hot cocoa!).



**Get involved!** Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the programs and activities of the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.

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- **Communications Committee** comprises Enewsletter, Website, Publicity and Social Media.
- **Conservation & Advocacy Committee** comprises Conservation, Legislative/Political, Pollinators, and Bike/Ped.
- **Membership Engagement Committee** comprises Membership, Programs, Outings, and Fundraising.

**New members welcome.**

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