

# Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting

November 6, 2019 Meeting  
Zoom call - <https://zoom.us/j/7825257851>

**ExCom Members Attending:** Tim Beckham, Sue Edwards, Jim Kaff, Kevin Little, Dave Moscatello, JimWylie

**ExCom Members Absent:** Pratima Agrawal, John Butler

**Other Members Attending:** Meenal Ravel, Karen Melton, Emily Davis

The Meeting was called to order by Jim. [agenda](#)

Secretary: (Emily Davis) Minutes were approved as emailed

Treasurer: (Emily Davis)

<b>C4: Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$13,541.82</b>
Checking Account Income:	\$ 1,231.25 (1,081.25-C3 <sup>1</sup> , \$50-donation, 100-CleanETour <sup>2</sup> )
PayPal Account Income:	\$ 68.29 (recurring donations \$72.50- fees of \$4.21)
Checking Expenditure:	\$ 2,878.87 (CleanETour, MontCoConference, DSM, coho)
PayPal Expenditures:	\$ 107.45 (Zoom, Ilgunas Mileage)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$11,855.04</b>
<b>C3: Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$14,859.14</b>
Income:	\$ 3,153.25 (allocation)
Expenditure:	\$ 987.25
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$17,025.14</b> (includes \$400 transfer to C4 not shown on attached <a href="#">C3 quarterly statement</a> )

Notes: 1 – C3 transfers include reimbursement for WCU, Tapped, Ilgunas, and air monitor, Have also submitted a request for 486.28 from C3 account (½ of MontCo RF100 Conference)  
2 – Clean Energy Tour run by Chester County RF 100 received sponsor donations of \$950.00 and expect \$100 more. Expenses were \$1,127.

Dave moved that the funds in the “Do Not Spray” restricted account be sent to the Do-Not Spray bank account and the \$500 earmarked by SPG for that project by transferred to the Chester County Ready For 100 Team. The motion passed.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Nomination Committee:**

Sue Edwards, Dave Moscatello and Karen Melton will serve the nominating committee. The ballot for chapter and group executive Committees will be sent out by Tom Torres. Candidates should submit bios and photos by November 15. Candidates not currently sitting on the ExComm include Meenal Ravel (Philadelphia) Robert Kelly (Delaware County) Keith Parson (Delaware County) and Emily Davis (Philadelphia). The committee would like representatives from all of the counties. Tom suggested recruiting candidates from volunteers working with other projects such as outings – not just Ready for 100.

### **Conservation Committee:** (Jim Wylie, Dave)

#### **Chester County Ready for 100**

Chester County Clean Energy Tour - Oct 19 (Paula)

About 200 people participated in The Chester County Clean Energy Tour of 2019 that was the culmination of a vision by Paula Kline, Ready For 100/Chester County team leader. Paula committed

to joining the national solar tour in the spring of 2019 and spent 8 months lining up volunteers (about 15), endorsements from elected officials and energy related organizations and sponsors (commercial) and co-sponsors (env orgs). A huge undertaking that ultimately included 4 kickoff sites with hosts and presenters and visual materials that can be used for future renewable energy related events.

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Energy Transition Plan – A plan for transition to 100% clean energy is nearing completion. The team has been working with planners and officials and using data from the Cadmus Group. The team would like the plan to be more ambitious.

Holiday Parade - Paula Kline is organizing a group to participate in the West Chester Christmas Parade on Sunday December 6. Banners will be made to represent each of the towns that have passed RF 100 resolutions. They will not have a float – but may have an electric car.

### ***Philadelphia Ready for 100***

The team has a series of 3 meetings with allied groups planned. The purpose is to develop a plan for the move to 100 % clean energy that member of all the groups can support. The first meeting will be held on December 12.

### ***RF 100 Events:***

Jodie Van Horn – 11/18 – King of Prussia – 3:30 or 6:00

Holiday Parade – 12/6 – West Chester

RF100 Chapter Meeting – 12/7 - Harrisburg

### ***Future Energy*** (Dave)

### ***Plastic bag Ban - Philadelphia:***

Councilman Squilla introduced a bill with a ban on the 2.5 mil (thin) plastic bags typically given out at stores and 15¢ fee for other bags (paper or plastic). The fee was initially reduced to 10¢, then eliminated by Quiñones-Sánchez. Apparently the mayor will not sign a bill with a fee. Jim has been speaking with Maurice Sampson of Clean Water Action about the bill which has yet to come up for a vote to the full council.

### ***Air Monitoring:***

John reported that 2 additional monitors have been installed at local churches in Chester City (Delaware County) to measure 2.5 particulate matter. The DEP plans to install a fancier monitor and has asked that ours be moved farther from the plant. Lou Ann Merkle is considering a monitor near the Covanta Plant in Plymouth.

### **Political Committee:** (Robin Mann, Jim Wylie)

Results for endorsed candidate from Nov 5, 2019 election

#### **Bucks County**

Won Jordan Yeager Court of Common Pleas

#### **Chester County**

won Bret Binder Chester Co Court of Common Pleas

won Josh Maxwell County Commissioner

won Marian Moskowitz County Commissioner

lost Brian Sweet East Goshen Township Supervisor

lost Tom McDonald East Goshen Township Supervisor

won Kevin Houghton West Bradford Township Supervisor

won Mayme Baumann Uwchlan Township Supervisor

won Kim Doan Uwchlan Township Supervisor

----- Julie Gosse Tredyffrin Township Supervisor (*Not on Ballot*)

won	Sharon Humble	Tredyffrin Township Supervisor
won	Ashley Gagne	West Goshen Township Supervisor
won	Sara Shick	West Vincent Township Supervisor
won	Brian Sachs	London Britain Township Supervisor
won	Eric Matuszak	East Marlborough Township Supervisor

**Delaware County**

Won	Monica Taylor	County Commissioner
Won	Elaine Schaefer	County Commissioner
Won	Christine Reuther	County Commissioner
Lost	AG Ciavarelli	Middletown Township Council
Won	Bibianna Dussling	Middletown Township Council
Lost	Kelly Johnson	Middletown Township Council
Lost	Allyson Galloway	Middletown Township Council

**Montgomery County**

Won	Val Arkoosh	County Commissioner
Won	Ken Lawrence	County Commissioner

**Philadelphia**

Won	Helen Gym	City Council - at-large
Won	Jamie Gauthier	City Council - District 3
Won	Kendra Brooks	City Council - at-large
Lost	Sherrie Cohen	City Council - at-large

There will be training for volunteers working on endorsement teams. The training will probably be in the form of a webinar or an on-line video.

Several meeting attendees described telephone calls or texts attempting to trick voters.

**Newsletter/Communications:**

Karen reported that submissions for the newsletter are due on December 15. She has received 5 articles so far. Tim said he would write one about his Climate change talk.

**Education Committee:** (Karen Melton / Kevin Little, Pratima Agrawal)

Our next education program will take place on Sunday November 17 at 4:00 at Milo's on Germantown Ave. Keven Cannon from Penn State University will give a talk he calls "the Trouble with Plastics." Weaver's Way is co-sponsoring the program with us.

Kevin is still working on a program at the Franklin Institute. He is planning to include veterans and youths and working with a church. It was suggested that this program might work better as an ICO event and it was suggested that he work with Mabari Bird, Brian Crenshaw and Amy Kwasnicki.

**Outings:** (Jim Kaff, Amy Kwasnicki).

Jim reported that 3 outings had been offered but only 1 actually occurred. A 18 mile hike and a clean-up and Tyler State Park was cancelled for lack of interest. There have been 2 previous clean-ups done with the park. A 5 mile hike on the Pennypack trail did take place. Joyce Ely is looking for help with a tree planting project.

**Old Business**

***Boat Trip to Bartram's Garden:*** The trip was sold out. There was a problem as one of the participants did not get on the boat for the return trip. There was a question about who was responsible for the head count.

## **New Business**

***Holiday Gathering:*** There will be no holiday gathering this year because there are so many events happening. It was decided to substitute a Gathering early in January with a focus on kicking off the New Year.

***Joanne Kilgour:*** Joanne will be leaving her post as Chapter executive. Tom Torres will be taking over. A party is planned for Saturday December 16 in Harrisburg. Jim and Sue plan to go.

## **Announcements:**

December executive committee meeting will be a Zoom-call-in. (December 4)

### **Meeting Call-in Number:**

<https://zoom.us/j/7825257851>

Or by phone: 929 436 2866, Meeting ID: 782 525 7851

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# SPG ExCom Meeting Agenda

Wed, Nov 6, 2019, 6:15 pm

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## Agenda

- **Introductions -**
- **Approve Oct Meeting Minutes ([all of our minutes](#))**
- **Treasurer's Report**  
To discuss: Disposition of funds earmarked for DSM cmte
- **Endorsements –**
  - All of our recommendations were approved by the chapter.
  - Election results - see [political report below](#).
  - Training for 2020
- **Newsletter**
  - Next newsletter is targeted for mid-December, with articles due mid-November. Karen will be reaching out in October to solicit articles and ideas
- **December meeting - Social?**
- **Nominating candidates for Dec SPG ExCom election**
  - Expiring Terms end of 2020: Agrawal, Edwards, Moscatello, **open, open**
  - Expiring Terms end of 2019: **Wylie**, Butler, Kaff, **Little, open, open**
  - So we have 2 open seats for a 1 year term, and 2 open seats for a 2 year term.
  - We need to confirm that Wylie, Butler, Kaff and Little want to run for another 2 year term.
  - **We need at least 4 candidates.**
  - Nominating Cmte : Edwards, Moscatello, Mann
- **Calendar/Events**
  - Goodbye party for Joanne Kilgour - Nov 16 in Harrisburg. Organizers are looking for photos. Anyone?
  - **Here is the Outings Report for Oct.**
  - Report on Boat To Bartrams
- **Conservation**
  - RF100
    - PHL - Action Plan and Stakeholders Group
    - Jodie Van Horn - [Nov 18](#)
      - For volunteers
      - For Twp officials
    - PA Gathering - Dec 7
    - Holiday Parade - Dec 6
    - Report on Clean Energy Tour - [see below](#)
  - Air Monitor in Chester
  - Air Monitor opportunity in Plymouth (near Covanta plant)
  - Plastic Bags - PHL Ordinance
- It has gotten messy. Mayor Kenney threw a last minute curve and announced they he would not support a fee on paper bags. That caused a split in council and a negative reaction from env groups. The [Op-Ed that we developed with Clean Water Action](#) and others was not published,

but this article was - [Environmental Groups No Longer Back Philadelphia's Plastic Bag Ordinance](#). What would SPG support? Ban w/o fee? Ban all plastic? Incrementally increasing fee if objectives not met?

## **New Business**

## **Committee Reports**

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### **Chester County Clean Energy Tour - Oct 19**

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Ready more in the [draft Sylvania article](#).

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## **Election Results for Endorsed Candidates - Nov 5**

### **Philadelphia**

Helen Gym -- City Council - at-large  
Jamie Gauthier - City Council - District 3  
Kendra Brooks - City Council - at-large  
Sherrie Cohen - City Council - at-large

### **Bucks County**

Jordan Yeager - Court of Common Pleas

### **Delaware County**

County Commissioner

Monica Taylor

Elaine Schaefer

Christine Reuther

Municipal Candidates

AG Ciavarelli - Middletown Township Council

Bibianna Dussling - Middletown Township Council

Kelly Johnson - Middletown Township Council

Allyson Galloway - Middletown Township Council

### **Chester County**

**Bret Binder** - Chester Co Court of Common Pleas

County Commissioner

**Josh Maxwell**

**Marian Moskowitz**

## Municipal Candidates

Brian Sweet	East Goshen Township Supervisor
Tom McDonald	East Goshen Township Supervisor
Kevin Houghton	West Bradford Township Supervisor
Mayme Baumann	Uwchlan Township Supervisor
Kim Doan	Uwchlan Township Supervisor
Julie Gosse	Tredyffrin Township Supervisor (not on ballot?)
Sharon Humble	Tredyffrin Township Supervisor
Ashley Gagne	West Goshen Township Supervisor
Sara Shick	West Vincent Township Supervisor
Brian Sachs	London Britain Township Supervisor
Eric Matuszak	East Marlborough Township Supervisor

## **Montgomery County**

Val Arkoosh	County Commissioner
Ken Lawrence	County Commissioner

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**Sierra Club Foundation**  
 2101 Webster St., Suite 1250  
 Oakland, CA 94612

**GG1171**

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Group**

Fund Balance Statement  
 July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
				<b>Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2019:</b>	<b>\$8,599.73</b>
<b>Contributions &amp; Other Revenues</b>					
<b>Donations - General</b>					
07/31/2019	PayPal/Transfer 07/26/19			\$9.41	<i>Paypal donation</i>
				<b>Donations - General Total:</b>	<b>\$9.41</b>
<b>Foundation Grants</b>					
07/26/2019	A D O 320190726 FDN			\$5,000.00	<i>Anonymous donation</i>
				<b>Foundation Grants Total:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
				<b>Contributions &amp; Other Revenues Total:</b>	<b>\$5,009.41</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Conservation Expenses</b>					
09/30/2019	Chp Grant Bill	GC0056	Southeastern Pennsylvania Group	(\$587.25)	<i>to CA account for Education: "Tapped" Ken Ilgunas</i>
				<b>Conservation Expenses Total:</b>	<b>(\$587.25)</b>
				<b>Expenses Total:</b>	<b>(\$587.25)</b>
<b>Other</b>					
<b>Due to/from Other Fund</b>					
08/22/2019	Trf fr CG0996, Pennsylvania Ch			\$1,250.00	<i>Chapter Grant</i>
09/05/2019	Trf fr CG0996, Pennsylvania Ch			\$3,153.25	<i>2019 Allocation</i>
				<b>Due to/from Other Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$4,403.25</b>
				<b>Other Total:</b>	<b>\$4,403.25</b>
				<b>Ending Balance as of September 30, 2019:</b>	<b>\$17,425.14</b>

## Future Energy - Conservation Subcommittee Report November 2019 – DKM

### POLITICS

**Business Trump Kills a Tariff Loophole in Latest Blow to Renewable Energy.** Brian Eckhouse, Christopher Martin and Ari Natter, Bloomberg October 5, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/trump-yanks-exemption-solar-relying-212607327.html>

**Trump's fast-tracking of oil pipelines hits legal roadblocks.** By Scott DiSavino and Stephanie Kelly, Reuters October 9, 2019. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/trumps-fast-tracking-oil-pipelines-100932700.html>

**The obscure law that explains why Google backs climate deniers.** Stephanie Kirchgaessner, The Guardian October 11, 2019. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/obscure-law-explains-why-google-060009622.html>

**UPDATE 1-Scientists endorse mass civil disobedience to force climate action.** By Matthew Green, Reuters October 13, 2019. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/1-scientists-endorse-mass-civil-115322640.html>

**US green economy growth dwarfs Donald Trump's highest hopes for the fossil fuel industry.** Mark Maslin, Professor of Earth System Science, UCL and Lucien Georgeson, Researcher, Green Economy and Sustainable Development, UCL, The Conversation October 15, 2019.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-green-economy-growth-dwarfs-153547142.html>

### AREA VOTES IN CONGRESS VOTERAMA IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON — **Here is how Philadelphia-area members of Congress voted on major issues recently:** Senate

**Carbon emissions.** Voting 53-41, the Senate on Thursday defeated a Democratic bid to restore the Obama administration's "Clean Power Plan" for reducing carbon emissions by coal- and natural gas-fired electricity-generating plants. On this vote, the Senate defeated a measure (SJ Res 53) that sought to kill an Environmental Protection Agency rule putting his directive into effect. A yes vote was to adopt the resolution.

Voting yes: Thomas Carper (D., Del.), Bob Casey (D., Pa.), Chris Coons (D., Del.), and Robert Menendez (D., N.J.).

Voting no: Pat Toomey (R., Pa.).

Not voting: Cory Booker (D., N.J.).

**Lawmakers seek to penalize protesters.** WILL BUNCH The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday October 20, 2019, pC1

### FOSSIL FUEL ISSUES

**U.S. Coal Giant That Pressed Trump for Bailout Faces Default.** Will Wade and Rick Green, Bloomberg October 3, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/u-coal-giant-pressed-trump-225307053.html>

**Wolf aligns Pa. with others on cap and trade.** He signed an order to join a regional group of states to reduce emissions.

By Justine McDaniel STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Friday October 4, 2019, pA2

**Mayor's Danish trip.** Kenney team will talk climate and sustainability.

By Sean Collins Walsh STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Friday October 4, 2019, pB3

**America's Great Shale Oil Boom Is Nearly Over.** Julian Lee, Bloomberg October 13, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/america-great-shale-oil-boom-060005334.html>

**Murray Energy files for bankruptcy as U.S. coal decline continues.** By Valerie Volcovici, Reuters October 29, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/murray-energy-files-bankruptcy-u-145656802.html>

## UTILITIES

**PUC hearing pipeline complaints.** Mariner East project neighbors said the site is too close for safety. Company reps disagreed. Next: Day 2.

By Andrew Maykuth STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday October 24, 2019, pA13

## Business

**Keystone oil pipeline leaks 383,000 gallons in North Dakota.** JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press October 31, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/keystone-oil-pipeline-leaks-383-141908158.html>

## CLIMATE CHANGE & ADAPTATIONS

**Area emissions grew 22%.** Since '90, greenhouse gases produced by driving have grown quicker than the regional population. By Frank Kummer STAFF WRITER

**REFILE-FEATURE-Future cool: Minnesota city ponders new boom as a climate migrant destination.** By Sebastien Malo, Thomson Reuters Foundation, Reuters October 16, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/feature-future-cool-minnesota-city-110000114.html>

**Russia's Thawing Permafrost May Cost Economy \$2.3 Billion a Year.** Yuliya Fedorinova and Olga Tanas, Bloomberg Fri, Oct 18, 2019 4:37 AM EDT

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/russia-thawing-permafrost-may-cost-083733340.html>

**Art project marks a dire future history.** The signs are intended to raise climate awareness.

By Michael Casey ASSOCIATED PRESS The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday October 20, 2019, pA17

**How to take the Earth's temperature.** By Anthony R Wood STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Thursday October 24, 2019, pA2

**Why climate change is so insidious.** By Christopher Knittel The Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday October 30, 2019, pA14

**Scientists triple their estimates of the number of people threatened by rising seas.** 150 million could live below the high tide line by 2050, new research finds. By Chris Mooney The Washington Post Oct. 29, 2019 at 12:23 p.m. EDT

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2019/10/29/scientists-triple-their-estimates-number-people-threatened-by-rising-seas/?wpisrc=nl\\_most&wpmm=1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2019/10/29/scientists-triple-their-estimates-number-people-threatened-by-rising-seas/?wpisrc=nl_most&wpmm=1)

## RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

**GE to provide world's most powerful turbines for British wind project.** Reuters October 1, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/ge-worlds-most-powerful-turbines-101638054.html>

**The Latest Competition Between Walmart vs. Target Is All About Solar Panels, Not Low Prices.** Michael Tedder, Money October 7, 2019. <https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/latest-competition-between-walmart-vs-153118785.html>

**The Path to 100% Renewable Power Is Looking More Achievable.** By Avi Salzman BARRON'S Oct. 15, 2019 10:15 am ET

<https://www.barrons.com/articles/bank-of-america-reports-earnings-on-wednesday-how-to-play-it-with-stock-options-51571130900>

#### UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR

**Agrivoltaics: Solar Panels on Farms Could Be a Win-Win.** Massachusetts is leading the charge in dual-use solar installations, making it possible to grow some crops and pasture animals while generating clean energy. By Sarah Shemkus Civil Eats Posted on: January 22, 2019.

<https://civileats.com/2019/01/22/agrivoltaics-solar-panels-on-farms-could-be-a-win-win/>

#### ENERGY STORAGE

**Can Solar and Batteries Outlast an Extended Power Outage?** It depends, experts say. Just expect to make a few sacrifices. Emma Foehringer Merchant Greentech Media October 14, 2019

<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/can-solar-and-storage-weather-a-days-long-power-outage-it-depends>

#### ELECTRIC VEHICLES & TRANSPORTATION

**Pittsburgh International unveils microgrid project that will power entire airport.** By Luke Torrance – Digital Producer, Pittsburgh Business Times Oct 18, 2019

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2019/10/18/pittsburgh-international-unveils-microgrid-project.html?ana=yahoo&yptr=yahoo>

#### ELECTRIC VEHICLE USE IN PA.

**New Spark on Roads.** EVs making inroads in state, but slowly.

By Justine McDaniel STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Tuesday October 1, 2019, pA1

**Why do we put up with a transit system that kills, maims and wastes hours of our time?**

By Fred Hiatt Editorial page editor The Washington Post Oct. 20, 2019.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/why-do-we-put-up-with-a-transit-system-that-kills-maims-and-wastes-hours-of-our-time/2019/10/20/669f25e4-f1cc-11e9-89eb-ec56cd414732\\_story.html?wpisrc=nl\\_most&wpmm=1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/why-do-we-put-up-with-a-transit-system-that-kills-maims-and-wastes-hours-of-our-time/2019/10/20/669f25e4-f1cc-11e9-89eb-ec56cd414732_story.html?wpisrc=nl_most&wpmm=1)

#### CONSERVATION

**Connecting fractured habitats has long-lasting ecological benefits, study finds.** Scientists studying plant species in the Savannah River Site discovered that habitat corridors improve biodiversity and reduce extinction rates. (Brad Herring)

By Ben Guarino The Washington Post September 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EDT

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/09/26/connecting-fractured-habitats-has-long-lasting-ecological-benefits-study-finds/?wpisrc=nl\\_science&wpmm=1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/09/26/connecting-fractured-habitats-has-long-lasting-ecological-benefits-study-finds/?wpisrc=nl_science&wpmm=1)

**Big Court Win For Bears Ears.** MorrellWI1983 Community DAILY KOS Tuesday October 01, 2019 · 2:21 PM EDT

[https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/10/1/1889302/-Big-Court-Win-For-Bears-Ears?utm\\_campaign=trending](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/10/1/1889302/-Big-Court-Win-For-Bears-Ears?utm_campaign=trending)

**Retrofitting busy highways to let wildlife travel safely, too.** By Jennifer Oldham The Washington Post Oct. 11, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. EDT

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/retrofitting-busy-highways-to-let-wildlife-travel-safely-too/2019/10/11/70d6659e-e930-11e9-9306-47cb0324fd44\\_story.html?wpisrc=nl\\_most&wpm=1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/retrofitting-busy-highways-to-let-wildlife-travel-safely-too/2019/10/11/70d6659e-e930-11e9-9306-47cb0324fd44_story.html?wpisrc=nl_most&wpm=1)

**Relief is on tap for tainted water.** But not every Bucks town affected has found a solution. By Justine McDaniel STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Monday October 21, 2019, pB1

**Plastic-bag laws grow across nation.** As Phila. considers a ban, as well as a fee for paper and other bags, a look at what other cities have done. By Laura McCrystal STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Tuesday October 22, 2019, pB1

**Lawmakers should prioritize national parks.** By Jeff Van Drew and Brian Fitzpatrick The Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday October 23, 2019, pA14

**Group flags city tap water.** While Phila. meets federal rules, a nonprofit with stricter limits points to five chemicals.

By Frank Kummer STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday October 23, 2019, pB1

**Ban on plastic bags clears Council panel.** It now goes to the full Council, where three previous efforts have failed. A fee on paper bags was scrapped.

By Laura McCrystal STAFF WRITER The Philadelphia Inquirer Wednesday October 23, 2019, pB2

#### **DRUMPFS OF THE MONTH:**

**Trump Vowed to Save Coal, Now Miners Are Getting Laid Off.** Will Wade, Bloomberg October 17, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/america-coal-country-heading-another-113000364.html>

**Campgrounds in national parks set to be privatized in new Trump plan.** Alexander Nazaryan October 11, 2019

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/campgrounds-in-national-parks-set-to-be-privatized-in-new-trump-plan-090019066.html>

**After tilting at Scottish windmills and losing, Trump refuses to pay legal bills.** Lincoln green Community DAILY KOS Wednesday October 09, 2019 · 9:17 AM EDT

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/10/9/1891172/-After-tilting-at-Scottish-windmills-and-losing-Trump-refuses-to-pay-legal-bills?detail=emaildkre>

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