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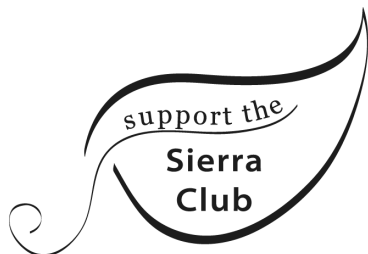
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25th River Clean-Up a Success

GVP's 25th annual River Clean-Up was loads of fun. We had 20 volunteers paddling canoes down the Susquehanna River picking up trash on the islands south of the I-81 bridge.



We picked up over 500 plastic bottles, almost as many pieces of Styrofoam and many other items.

Environmental science majors from Dickinson College, along with their professor, joined other volunteers using boats donated from Blue Mountain Outfitters to make the event a huge success. Thanks to everyone that participated!

October 15th Wildwood Presentation: Deer Population and the PA Environment

Join us for a brand new multi-media presentation about the deer population's impact on Pennsylvania's environment. Dickinson College biologist Gene Wingert will provide his expertise and insight into this pressing issue.

The presentation will be held on **Sunday, October 15 at 1 p.m.** at Wildwood Nature Center, 1 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA. Light refreshments will be served and an optional walk at Wildwood Lake will follow.

The GVP Executive Committee meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. To be added to our email list or for the meeting location, please contact Amy Fox at amf194@gmail.com or see the GVP Website: <https://gvpsierraclub.wordpress.com>



GVP Group Endorses Mayoral Candidates

The Governor Pinchot Group (GVP) urges its members to get out and vote on Election Day, November 7, 2017. When you vote, please consider supporting candidates that are endorsed by the Sierra Club. This fall your local group is supporting three mayoral candidates because of their commitment to protecting the environment in Carlisle, New Cumberland and Camp Hill. Candidates were evaluated based on their answers to questions posed on the environmental questionnaire and in personal meetings with members of the GVP's Political Committee.



Tim Scott for Mayor of Carlisle

Incumbent Mayor Tim Scott has proven to be a reliable advocate for the environment. This summer Scott became the 147th mayor to sign on to Sierra Club's *Ready for 100*.

As mayor, Scott has promoted LED lighting, solar power (18 panels on the community center, among other solar projects), shade trees, edible landscaping on public green spaces, community gardens, bike lanes, and rain barrels. Further, during his tenure the city completed a 13-mile trail system and a storm water project.



Natalie Gehosky for Mayor of New Cumberland

This is the first time that Natalie Gehosky has run for mayor. Natalie and her husband, Lou, have an organic garden, two rain barrels, and three solar panels on their house.

Gehosky believes that clean energy needs to replace fossil fuels and she will work to educate residents about the need to move New Cumberland into the 21st energy future. As mayor, she will work to make New Cumberland more resilient from floods and encourage people to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost their food waste.



Debbie Smith for Mayor of Camp Hill

Debbie Smith is a small business owner and describes herself as "a people person." As mayor, she hopes to bring people together to address issues as a community.

In her spare time, Smith likes to bike on the many biking trails in Central Pennsylvania. Because Camp Hill is prone to flooding during heavy rains, she will work to preserve green spaces, promote the use of rain barrels, and make sure storm sewers are cleaned and maintained. Rather than deal with disasters, she said she would rather prevent them.

Executive Committee Election

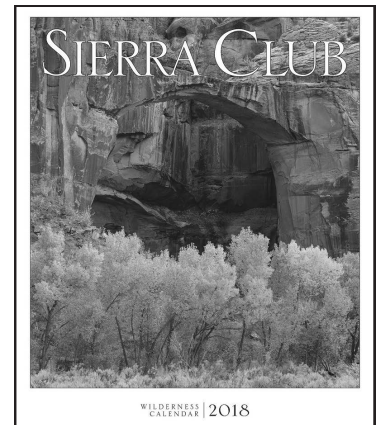
Who will lead the Governor Pinchot Group of the Sierra Club for the next two years? It is your choice. Executive Committee members serve two-year terms and make decisions about which programs and issues the group will undertake. Please choose up to six (6) candidates from the list below, or write-in members you would like to nominate. Ex Com members will serve from 2018-2019. The order of the names on the ballot was determined by a drawing of lots.

Please return the ballot by December 31, 2017 to: Jill Linta, 1748 Rosedale Ave, Middletown, PA 17057

GVP Sierra Club Executive Committee Ballot		
Membership Type:	Individual	Joint
Justina Wasicek	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Rebuck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Broderick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendi Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cece Viti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Au	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in	_____	_____
Write-in	_____	_____

It's Calendar Time! Give the Gift of Support

GVP is selling 2018 Sierra Club calendars at prices below retail. They make great gifts and a portion of your purchase goes to support our group's activities, like the annual Susquehanna River Cleanup. The Wilderness Calendar (wall calendar) is \$13 and the Engagement Calendar (desk size) is \$14. Prices include tax. You may have your order shipped or you can save shipping fees and pick it up at either the holiday party on December 8 or the PA Chapter Office, 225 Market St., 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Please indicate your preference when ordering. Mail order form and payment to: Rich Gordon, 744 Allenview Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Make checks payable to GVP.



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City, State, Zip _____	Engagement	\$14	_____	_____
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Email _____	Shipping (\$3 first, .50 additional)			_____
Pick-up Location (check one):			Sales tax	_____
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Join Us for a Stony Valley Hike

Join us as we visit the Stony Valley Beaver Dams and Acid Mine Remediation in Lebanon County on Sunday, October 29. The hike is a moderate 9 miles. From the State Game Lands 211 Rail Trail east gate, we will follow the rail trail west to view the beaver dams, which include a beaver hut and beaver-felled trees. We'll continue west to the Acid Mine diversion wells, where the abandoned coal mining town of Rausch Gap was once located. We will turn north onto the Appalachian Trail to view the remains of a stone railroad trestle and then to the Rausch Gap Appalachian Trail Shelter to eat our packed lunch. We'll then loop back to the parking lot. Meet at 9:30 am at the State Game Lands 211 Rail Trail east gate parking lot on the west side of Gold Mine Road in Lebanon County. The parking lot entrance can be identified by the large brown 'Welcome to State Game Lands' sign on the west side of Gold Mine Road. Follow the dirt rail trail road .2 miles back to the parking lot and gate. Bring lunch and water. Contact leader Bob Rebeck at 717-319-4178 for additional information and map.



Holiday Party at the Coliseum – Save the Date!

Join us for a holiday party with members and friends of the GVP Sierra Club. All are welcome! It will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017, at 6 p.m. at The Coliseum, 410 St. Johns Church Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011. We will have a separate room downstairs for our gathering. Order off the menu for food and drinks. Feel free to bring a dessert to share. For more information, contact Justina at jawasicek@gmail.com.