



### **E-News from the Piedmont Plateau Group**

The Piedmont Plateau Group (PPG) addresses climate and environmental justice concerns in Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond and Montgomery counties.

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## ***Programs and Outings for October, 2021***

### ***Hike the Hanging Rock Trail***



**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**2:00 to 4 PM**

**Meet at the Hanging Rock Visitor Center at 2pm and hike the Hanging Rock Trail to the summit, aka the "hanging rock". Length is 1.3 miles each way (2.6 total) and somewhat rugged near the top (hikers rate this trail as "moderate"). There we'll enjoy spectacular views of the park below and the Blue Ridge Mountains to the north. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.**

**Dogs are permissible, but must be kept on leash.**

**Contact Tom Taylor, [tnt2703@yahoo.com](mailto:tnt2703@yahoo.com), (336) 402-6100**

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## **October Program & General Meeting**



**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

**7:00 to 8:30 PM**

### ***Global, National & Local Perspectives on the Importance of TREES***

~For a global perspective, we will view: *How to Save Our Forests and Rewild Our Planet*. This optimistic *WWF International* film with Sir David Attenborough explains how we could soon have more forests than any of us have ever known after centuries of clearing forest.

~For a national urban perspective, we will view: *Benefits of Urban Forests*. This *American Forest* short film tells us how urban forests are essential to our health, happiness, well-being, state of mind and sense of community. In this video, you'll meet some people who will tell us why they love their urban forests -- and what they're doing to protect and restore them.

~For a local perspective, *Greensboro's Tree Ordinance & Neighborwoods Program* will be reviewed by certified arborist, Keith Francies, and landscape architect, Randal Romie. Keith and Randal are Co-chairs of the Greensboro Beautiful Urban Forestry Committee.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84353300539>

Register for the meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

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## **Together, We Can Save Our Trees!**

As we prepare for delivering the "Save Our Trees" petition, all Greensboro residents are encouraged to:

- \* Sign the petition here: [Save Our Trees AddUP Campaign](#) and forward it to your Greensboro friends
  - \* Write letters to Greensboro Mayor and City Council Members urging them to:
    - (1) declare a moratorium on clear-cutting our urban forests for development;
    - (2) establish standards for developers to build on abandoned properties and to plant native trees in parking lot medians and hedges along property boundaries.
  - \* Send letters to *Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughan and City Council Members* at: Box 3136,  
Gso NC 27402-3136 or  
[www.greensboro-nc.gov/government/city-council/e-mail-city-council](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/government/city-council/e-mail-city-council)
- \* For more info: contact Hazel at 336 686-4806 or  
[PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com](mailto:PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com)

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## **Special Announcements**

### Local Environmental Activities and Services:

***Annual Fall Festival at Bur Mil Park*** on October 9 from 10am to 3pm.  
Vendors of all types (food, arts, craft, and service groups will be participating in this event. Be sure to visit PPG's table!

5834 Bur-Mil Club Rd, Gso, 27410. For more info: <http://www.guilfordparks.com>

***Fall Farm Fest at Keeley Park*** - Sat, Oct 16, 12 to 3 pm  
4100 Keeley Rd., McLeansville, NC.

Join us as we open the new composting demonstration site at the Keeley Community Garden and learn how to reduce your household waste by composting. Tell folks you're going, on Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1frePIJq0>

**Guilford County 4-H Fall Plant Sale:**  
Deadline to Order and Pay is October 27 12:00 pm  
Pick-Up Plants November 4th and 5th. Visit  
[http://go.ncsu.edu/guilford\\_plant\\_sale](http://go.ncsu.edu/guilford_plant_sale) for  
information or to order!

**NC Warn's Webinar Series:**  
***Pulling Back the Curtain, Who's Charting Our Energy Future?***  
Learn in plain language how the current regulatory system works and  
how advocates like you can get involved to move North Carolina toward  
a clean energy future. Select Tuesdays, October 12 -  
December 14. Register at: [www.cleanaireNC.org](http://www.cleanaireNC.org)

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**From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:**

Transportation emissions are the No. 1 source of greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change in the United States. **Let's make North Carolina the "Green Roads State" - [Sign our petition](#) to ask for electric vehicle charging stations in every state park!**

**Sierra Club AddUP Campaign:**

Thanks to people like you, we put climate on the agenda for President Biden's first 100 days in office. Thank him for his commitment to climate action and call on him to do even more. [Thank President Biden For Acting on Climate - and Ask Him to Do More](#)

**Sierra Club Statement of Purpose**

- To explore and protect the wild places of the Earth.
- To practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources.
- To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

Comments or suggestions? Contact us at [Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com](mailto:Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com).  
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