September-October 2020



# Your Vote Counts! Justice and Climate Change Can't Wait

Sierra Club endorsed candidates need your help. Please check out our listing of endorsed candidates and apply your time and resources to make sure there will be positive action on climate change and justice. Illinois Chapter Sierra Club has many ways you can help from your home and be part of the movement now to elect environmental and justice candidates. Read More »



#### Illinois Can Lead on Climate Change Action

Each of us here in Illinois can fight climate change by pitching in to help pass CEJA, the Clean Energy Jobs Act. Read More »



#### Lift Up Your Voice for Strong Coal Ash Regulations for Illinois!

The Illinois Pollution Control Board will hold a second public hearing with phone-in or computer access public comment opportunities at the end of September and October 1st. Read More »



#### Village of Henry to Become the Best Illinois Town by a Dump Site

Instead of its famous tag-line, "best town in Illinois by a dam site" Henry may be known in the future as the "best town in Illinois by a garbage barge dump site." Read More »



#### Les and Mary Bodell Memorial Bench **Nears Completion**

Thanks to many dedicated helpers, installation of a comfortable sitting bench along the Rock Island Trail near the Dunlap Library is nearly complete. Read More »



### HOI Group Meetings and Events

Mystery of the Mound Builders » Sep 16, 7pm - VIRTUAL



Mr. Bob Gill, retired teacher, video producer and Instructional Media Manager at St. Charles Community College, will present his colorful Zoom/virtual tour through the history of Cahokia and the Mound Builders. Across the Mississippi River from St. Louis lies the ancient city of

Cahokia. Around 1000 years ago, this town grew to as many as 30,000 people, who lived among numerous earthen mounds. Please RSVP to receive a Zoom meeting link via e-mail before the meeting.



## **HOI Executive Committee Candidates Needed**



Nominations for the HOI Executive Committee are needed by October 16th. Three positions will be up for election this year for a 2021-2022 term. Committee members are responsible for setting the policy and direction of the Heart of Illinois Group within state and national Sierra Club guidelines. Committee members have a range of

opportunities from organizing programs for the general meetings, representing HOI at various meetings and events, or being active by contributing ideas. Nominate yourself or send in a nomination for someone that would like to be on the Committee. Meetings (currently virtual) are held once a month, and are a great way to participate in your local Sierra Group. If you are interested, email hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org for information about the position and how to get on the ballot.







The COVID-19 crisis has not passed and continues to disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, and Latinx people and other communities of color. The pandemic has revealed how the communities hardest hit are often the same communities that suffer from high levels of pollution and poor access to healthcare. The fight for environmental justice cannot be separated from the fight for racial justice.



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