



Screening of *Dangerous Neighbor* - Celebrating the Local Clean Air Story of the Edwards Coal Plant



**What:** A public showing of a 20-minute local video with interviews telling the story of community involvement in the Edwards coal plant air pollution concerns and results.

**When:** Monday, September 12th, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow Inc – ART Inc, 919 NE Jefferson St., Peoria

Arrive by 7 p.m. to consider petition signing and other information options prior to the program, which begins with welcoming remarks at 7:15 p.m. followed by the 20 minute video. This video documents local community efforts to improve air quality and obtain environmental mitigation funding that resulted in \$8.6 million for education and training opportunities, public health outreach, electric buses, and solar panel installations. The video is intended to inspire and motivate new efforts for helping our environment.

The program is free and open to the public. Sponsors include Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance, Illinois Peoples Action, Peoria NAACP, and Sierra Club, including the local Heart of Illinois Group.

Peoria County Survey for Waste/Recycling

Do you live in an unincorporated area of Peoria County? Please take a moment to respond to this Peoria County waste survey. [Read More »](#)



Navigator Files for State Permit to Construct CO2 Pipeline

Navigator Heartland Greenway has filed to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for the required state permit to construct a high pressure, CO2 pipeline across all or parts of 13 Illinois counties. [Read More »](#)



New Owner of Henry Chemical Plant Applies for State Water Discharge Permit Transfer

The transfer of a state water pollution discharge permit for a chemical plant north of Henry, on the Illinois River, caught the attention of an alert Sierra member. [Read More »](#)



In Memory and Appreciation of John McLean

John McLean, noted area neurologist and environmental activist who raised medical community awareness of concerns regarding the expansion of the local hazardous waste landfill, passed away in Massachusetts, where he and his wife moved some years ago. [Read More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

- CEJA Update »**  
Wed, Oct 19, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center  
Kiersten Sheets, a Project Development Manager for Trajectory Energy Partners, will be speaking about the Clean and Equitable Jobs Act or CEJA. CEJA has been labeled the most progressive climate bill in the United States. It was passed in September 2021 after many years of hard work by the Sierra Club and other organizations, advocates, businesses and others.
  - Traveling & Encountering Nature During Covid-Times »**  
Wed, Nov 16, 6:30pm - Forest Park Nature Center  
Sheldon Schafer will talk about the unexpected travels of him and his wife over the last year, after their pre-COVID travel plans had to be cancelled. His presentation will spend most of the time on the Galapagos Islands and Costa Rica, where their experiences focused on nature and wildlife, and similar experiences in the other countries.
- [Check our calendar for more events.](#)



Heart of Illinois Sierra Club Prairie Plants Fall Sale


This is your last chance to buy prairie plants and get them in the ground before winter so you will enjoy them next year. Jim Alwill, a volunteer with the Prairie Dawgs at Jubilee State Park, is offering a variety of plants (plugs, 2" wide and 4" deep) for sale at \$2 each. Profits will be split between Jim and the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club. Preorder and pick up your plants on Tuesday, September 13th from 9 a.m. to noon at 12409 N. Blackhawk Ct., Dunlap (in Lake of the Woods subdivision). If you cannot pick up at the scheduled date and time, you can make other pickup arrangements with us.

[Read more about available plants and how to order.](#)

**FIRMAMENT OVERHEAD**

Some days all I need is firmament overhead,  
forever sky open to wandering dreams,  
riding clouds to the land of all possibilities:  
green valleys wet after morning rain,  
golden deserts blazing in the mid-day sun,  
white mountains chilly in the late afternoon shadows,  
star-sprinkled sky in the anonymity of night

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HOI Group Summer Events



Dave Grebner Poetry Reading, July 29th

Clare Howard and David Zalaznik - *In the Spirit of Wetlands* Talk and Book Signing at the Washington District Library, August 7th

HOI Executive Committee Candidates Needed

Nominations for the HOI Executive Committee are needed by October 12th. Three positions will be up for election this year for a 2023-2024 term. 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 are held once a month (currently on Zoom), and are a great way to participate in your local Sierra Group. If you are interested, email [hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:hoi@illinois.sierraclub.org) for information about the position and how to get on the ballot.



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