Hello fellow SussexDE Sierrans and Supporters,

The new and improved Delaware Sierra Club website is up and running! It is much more interactive and you will notice we now have a special SussexDE Section under the "Get Involved" tab. We also have blogs on the "Home" page, as well as action alerts. We encourage you to explore and enjoy the Delaware Chapter website. SussexDE relies on your interest, participation and planning for activities and events. If you have ideas or you want to be more directly involved in any SussexDE events and activities, please email SierraSussexDE@gmail.com.

There were four electric cars in the 2019 Milton St. Patrick’s Day Parade representing the Delaware Electric Vehicle Association - DEEVA and the SussexDE section of the Delaware Sierra Club. Thanks to those who participated and to Charlie Garlow for organizing.

**ACTION ALERTS**

1. **PLASTICS FREE DELAWARE** -- A bill to ban single plastic bags is circulating now to members of the State Legislature. Email members on the [House Natural Resources Committee](#) and the [Senate Environmental & Natural Resources Committee](#) to ask them to sign on as co-
We expect the bill will be introduced shortly and will be heard in the Delaware House Natural Resources Committee first. Stay tuned for the assigned bill # and committee schedules. We need folks of all ages to attend and make comments at these legislative hearings.

2. **HELP NEEDED -- CLIMATE MATTERS EXPO** -- Are you concerned about climate change? If so, please consider joining a planning group for a **Climate Matters Expo in Fall 2019** for western Sussex County. This will be a kid-friendly event!! Email SierraSussexDE@gmail.com for more info.

3. **GIVE THE GREEN NEW DEAL A HEARING.** There's still time to contact Senators Coons and Carper to ask them to co-sponsor the Green New Deal resolution and to give the bill a hearing!! Call 855-980-2389 to make your voices heard!!

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**Water** – Advocates for clean water in Delaware, including the Delaware Sierra Club, have joined together in [The Delaware Clean Water Alliance](#). This is a broad-based coalition of organizations and stakeholders across the state working together to secure funding for clean water initiatives and to educate people about the importance of clean water. Dedicated funding for clean water is essential for a cleaner environment, healthier crops and food sources, improved economy, and increased tourism. Delaware’s FY2019 budget includes $10 million for investments in clean water, $10 million for open space preservation and $10 million for farmland preservation in [HB475 - FY19 Bond Bill](#). The funds are available through the state Revolving Funds. A State Revolving Fund (SRF) is a fund administered for the purpose of providing low-interest loans for investments in water and sanitation infrastructure (e.g., sewage treatment, stormwater management facilities, drinking water treatment), as well as for the implementation of nonpoint source pollution. FY2019 in Delaware began July 1, 2018 and will continue through June 30, 2019.
March 22, 2019 (Friday) at 5:30pm. Paris to Pittsburgh National Geographic Movie. Citizens Climate Lobby. Lewes Public Library 111 Adams Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958. Set against the national debate over the United States’ energy future — and the explosive decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement — 'Paris to Pittsburgh' captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding. A discussion will follow with: Tony DePrima, Executive Director, Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility; Megan Outten, Community Outreach Coordinator, Skip Jack Wind Farm and Moderator Janet Redman, Citizens Climate Lobby - Lower Delaware.

March 23, 2019 (Saturday) at 5 p.m. Wagon Rides, Trap Pond State Park [https://www.destateparks.com/programs](https://www.destateparks.com/programs). Take a ride to cypress point in a farm-wagon. Enjoy the woods and waters of Trap Pond in true farmer fashion. Sign up at the Camp store at least one hour before program. Free.

March 26, 2019 (Tuesday) 6:00 - 7:30 PM Green Drinks, Rehoboth Ale House 15 Wilmington Ave. Rehoboth Beach, DE A kick off chat on solar energy. Sponsor: Citizens’ Climate Lobby of Lower Delaware (Contact # 301-312-7703).

March 29 (Friday) and March 30 (Saturday) and April 6 (Saturday) Tree Planting in Sussex County with Center for Inland Bays.
The Center for Inland Bays (CIB) will be working with volunteers to plant **8,000** trees in two project sites. The March 29th and 30th dates are at the Assawoman Wildlife Area project, and the April 6th date is for a project at the Sussex County Landfill Buffer. You are welcome to register to plant trees at these links: [March tree planting event](https://www.destateparks.com/programs) and [April tree planting event](https://www.destateparks.com/programs).

April 06, 2019 Saturday at 11 a.m. Ospreys Return! Cape Henlopen State Park [https://www.destateparks.com/programs](https://www.destateparks.com/programs). Celebrate bird migration by following the exploits of osprey cam birds. Find out where they spent their winter and why they return. We’ll start inside, then look for these seahawks in the park. Dress to explore outside. For ages 7 and older with an adult Limit 20.
Pre-registration required by calling (302) 645-6852. FREE with paid park entrance fee. Also offered on May 11.

April 15, 2019 (Monday) 6:00 - 7:30 PM Letter to the Editor (LTE) workshop, South Coastal Library 43 Kent Avenue; Bethany Beach, DE 19930
This FREE event is brought to you by the Clean Water: Delaware’s Clear Choice Water Warrior series and the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (CIB), and is co-sponsored by the Sussex Health and Environmental Network (SHEN) and Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP). Dennis Forney of the Cape Gazette is confirmed to attend and complete a Q&A about the editing process and importance of Letter's to the Editor.

EcoDocumentary (EcoDocs) Series at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library (302) 227-8044; Contact person: Tyler Antoine, Program Librarian. See www.rehobothlibrary.org; or www.facebook.com/rehobothbeachlibrary

- Thursday, April 18, 5:30pm: Wasted!
- Thursday, April 25, 5:30pm: Chasing Ice
- Thursday, May 2, 5:30pm: Merchants of Truth
- Thursday, May 9, 5:30pm: Paris to Pittsburgh

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

State

IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION COMING SOON -- We expect to see state legislation introduced any day on clean water and renewable energy. We will alert you with suggested action as soon as they have been introduced so that we can start to clean up our water and air!

Federal

This resolution is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on February 28, 2019 by Senator Tom Carper. It will typically be considered by committee next
before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. Follow the status at.govtrack.

Your contribution will help sustain our efforts into 2019. We cannot do it without your generous support!

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