Action needed!
Tell KCC Evergy Needs a Better Plan!

DEADLINE: July 7, 2021

Your action needed! Evergy's long-term energy plan calls for its customers to pay more for polluting coal plants. We have an opportunity to comment on their sustainable transformation plan and push Evergy to close coal plants, save customers money, and create a truly sustainable energy future. Click below to go to the KCC comment form and fill out the form. Be sure to click on OPPOSED in the opinion box! Learn more here.

TAKE ACTION

Chapter Leaders for 2021 (and We’re About to Do It Again!)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Thanks to the massive difficulties with mail delivery, our first attempt at elections last year did not give all our members an equal chance to participate in our ballot process. Chapter ExCom members voted to redo the election, believing that fairness of the process was important, even though the outcomes were not likely to change and the redo cost money we didn’t want to spend. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Election Chair Karin Pagel-Meiners, we made the redo election
We want all of our members to receive our communications by email. If you or any Sierra Club members you know got paper ballots or don’t get this newsletter, please let us know so we can change your records.

Contact Erin DeGroot, sckscommunication@kansas.sierraclub.org, or Mimi Moffat, mimi.moffat@kansas.sierraclub.org.

Click on Read More to see the full list of our 2021 Leaders. Read the next article to find out about applying to be a 2022 leader.

Read More

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**Volunteers Wanted for Our 2022 Management Team**

It's that time again. Apply now to join the 2022 Executive Committee of the chapter and/or your group.

Full Story

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**July 2021 update on COVID-19 and Sierra Club Outdoors**

STEVE HASSLER, CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR

We’re coming back! July 2021 update on Sierra Club Outdoors’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both nationally and locally. 

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Is Your Passion Protecting Kansas Waters?

ELAINE GIESEL

The Kansas Chapter needs volunteers to serve on a committee to review the draft update of the Kansas Water Plan. [Water Plan](ks.gov)

This would be a short term commitment to prepare comments, based on national Sierra Club water policy, for recommendation to the Chapter ExCom by mid-July. [Water Resources Policies | Sierra Club](sierraclub.org)

If you are a current Sierra Club member interested in participating, contact: Elaine.Giessel@Kansas.SierraClub.org

Tips for Eating Out without Plastic

KANSAS CHAPTER SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Since we have been following the #supportlocal effort and getting take out food from local restaurants during the pandemic, minimizing plastic and particularly styrofoam has been really difficult.

Here are some tips to come home with no plastic or foam. Let us know if you have more ideas!
State approves expansion of US 69 highway in Johnson County

ELAINE GIESSEL, KANZA CONSERVATION CHAIR

A project to build express toll lanes on U.S. 69 in Overland Park can officially move forward after a panel of Kansas lawmakers and Gov. Laura Kelly granted final approval to the project Thursday. Environmental concerns have not been studied yet.

Full story

Industrial Development near Edgerton Intermodal Facility may threaten Hillsdale Lake Watershed

ELAINE GIESSEL, KANZA CONSERVATION CHAIR

In order to protect their “endangered rural lifestyles” and the local environment from the impacts of expansion of the massive Logistics Park Kansas City intermodal facility, residents of southern Johnson County propose to create their own town.

Full story

group news & events

chapter-wide events

EVERYONE WELCOME

Policy Analysis of Environmental Protection

July 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Host: Topeka Group
At its regular 3rd Thursday general meeting, the Topeka Group will host speakers from the KU Center for Environmental Policy. Research analysts Tsvetan Tsvetano and Dietrich Earnhart will discuss their research on water conservation and wastewater discharge control in Kansas. The Center for Environmental Policy seeks to understand the forces driving the formulation and implementation of environmental policies and the effects of these policies on the regulated community and other relevant decision-makers, in addition to other types of environmental protection efforts. Center-sponsored research projects focus primarily on humans' decisions, thus, the projects draw strongly upon the expertise of social scientists while adding the expertise of other disciplines, such as law, engineering, history, and a variety of natural and physical sciences.

SAVE THE DATE

**Climate KC**

Save the Date! August 18, (Wed.) 6:45-8:30
Host: Kanza Group

Lindsey Constance, Shawnee City Councilwoman, will be speaking about plans to achieve carbon neutrality in Kansas City. Constance is co-founder and President of Climate Above the fold KC, a nonprofit whose mission is to enact and foster proactive strategies, systems, and structures within the Metro KC region that will reduce greenhouse gases, improve climate resiliency and generate corresponding economic, social, health, and quality of life benefits.

- No July Meeting for Southwind
- No July Meeting for Kanza
- No July Meeting for Wakarusa
- No July Meeting for Flint Hills
explore outdoors

featured waypoint:
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail: Kaw Point Park

Submitted by Harold Draper
One of five national historic trails in Kansas, the Lewis and Clark trail is best viewed as a collection of historic sites and museums along the route of one of the best-known events of American exploration, the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804 to 1806. READ MORE

Chase Kansas Waterfalls this Summer
Looking for a July sort-of-staycation? After all the rain we've had lately, a gorgeous Kansas waterfall road trip is sure to hit the spot. Click above for a list of the top 10 waterfalls in our state and where to find them.

Show us your favorite Kansas nature or wilderness area!
Submit a small description and a photo (if possible!) to communications@kansas.sierraclub.org

what are WAYPOINTS?

Go on an Outing
Events Calendar
Waypoints: noun. A stopping place on a journey; an endpoint of the leg of a course, especially one whose coordinates have been generated by a computer.