Victory for Sierra Club and Solar Energy!

ZACK PISTORA, KANSAS CHAPTER LOBBYIST

In less than 60 days, Evergy will refund months (or years) of illegal demand charges to Kansas City-area residential solar customers. In April 2020, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that utilities cannot charge customers who generate their own power more than customers who do not. The Court ruled in favor of Earthjustice, the Sierra Club, and Vote Solar, who challenged a 2018 Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) decision approving extra fees (sometimes called "demand charges") on residential solar customers. Evergy residential solar and non-solar customers in Kansas will now be charged similar rates.

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Kansas Water: Our Evaporating Supply

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The Kansas Water Office has released the 5-year update to the Kansas Water Plan. The public comment period is open through September.

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More Power to the People Who Need It

TY GORMAN, SIERRA CLUB BEYOND COAL CAMPAIGN REPRESENTATIVE
High energy burdens threaten a household’s ability to pay for energy, forcing tough choices between paying energy bills and buying essentials. Clean energy solutions in Kansas can reduce energy burden and help vulnerable low-income families.

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Sierra Club Outdoors – September 2021
STEVE HASSLER, CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR
As of now, Sierra Club Outings remain
Microplastics: They’re Everywhere...What Does that Mean?

ELAINE GIESSEL, MARINE CHAIR

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7:00 pm | RSVP

A Special Program Hosted by the Kansas Chapter, Sierra Club

Dr. Judith Weis, Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences at Rutgers University

There is a lot of buzz about microplastics these days, including some scary headlines. What are they, where are they, where do they come from, what happens to them in the environment, and what they do to the organisms that they interact with? Learn what you can do personally, beyond the usual recycling, to reduce the amount of microplastics released into the environment.

RSVP on the Chapter Calendar; the Zoom link will be emailed to you later.

Full story

Make Your Own Yogurt, Reduce Plastic Waste

KANSAS CHAPTER SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE (CO-CHAIR LORI LAWRENCE)

No More Plastic Yogurt Cups! Whether you use a yogurt maker or a slow cooker, you can reduce plastic and create your own yogurt at home. #ZeroPlasticWaste
EVERYONE WELCOME

**Metropolitan Energy Center’s Tami Alexander**

Friday, Sept 10th, 7:00 pm | Zoom
Host: Southwind Group

Southwind Group invites you to meet clean energy professional Tami Alexander at our first fall meeting on September 10th. The Metropolitan Energy Center serves the entire state and Southwind ExCom members Kent Rowe and Jennifer Connelly have worked alongside Tami Alexander for years in workshops, seminars, and advocacy initiatives.

Tami will discuss the electrification of transportation and its beneficial impact on improved air quality, potential for reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality, and resulting economic advantages. She worked recently with Clean Cities Coalition on the dedication of a fast vehicle charger in McPherson, Kansas. She will talk about the process required to build and locate EV chargers along cross country highway networks. Check HERE for updates.

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**Sami Aaron, the Resilient Activist**

Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00 pm | Zoom
Host: Kanza Group

Saving the environment and being an environmentalist can be frustrating and overwhelming. The Resilient Activist
organization, started by Sami Aaron, focuses on taking care of those trying to save the environment by teaching replenishment techniques, nurturing the Earth, and improving our community. Join us to learn about it.

RSVP to get your Zoom link on the Kansas Chapter calendar.

FUTURE KANZA GROUP EVENT

Coming to a Neighborhood near you: Utility Scale Solar
October 2021 via Zoom TBA
Host: Kanza Group

Douglas and Johnson County planning departments are developing guidelines for the installation, maintenance and decommissioning of utility scale solar installations. NextEra, a major renewable energy developer, is expected to submit a permit application for construction of a 3500 acre solar farm in West Gardner that straddles the county line.

What are the environmental impacts of these large scale facilities? What is the Sierra Club position on where these installations should be located? Kansas Chapter leaders are putting together a panel to address these questions. Watch for updates in future Waypoints.

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

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