

# Sounds of the student strike

The Bethlehem Gadfly Climate Action Plan, Environment, Environmental Advisory Council, Serious Issues September 29, 2019

*(The latest in a series of posts relating to the environment, Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan, and Bethlehem's Environmental Advisory Council)*

**Pete's 100<sup>TH</sup>**  
**singalong concert**  
celebrating the centennial of Pete Seeger's birth  
**7PM SAT. OCT. 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting**  
**4116 Bath Pike (Route 512) Bethlehem**  
suggested donation - \$15-20  
**Magpie Annie Patterson**  
MAGPIE: Greg Antner & Terry Levens are award-winning recording artists, songwriters, musical historians & social activists.  
ANNIE PATTERSON: Songwriter, folksinger, activist, is well-known for her work creating the best-selling songbook *Rise Up Singing*.  
A portion of proceeds from this concert will benefit the prison outreach of Lehigh Valley Quakers [lehighvalleyquakers.org](http://lehighvalleyquakers.org)  
Folk singer Pete Seeger was born a century ago as of May 3, 2019. A singalong concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting on **Saturday, October 5th**, to celebrate Seeger's music and his life-long efforts on behalf of peace, justice, and the earth.  
Hundreds of events like the one taking place in Bethlehem have been held this year around the country and overseas, using the occasion of his centennial to build community, resilience, and hope—and to continue Pete and Toshi Seeger's work for a better world. Carrying on that work is the way Seeger would want to be remembered and celebrated!  
Audiences who attend the upcoming singalong tribute concert will have the chance to sing together using a new songbook containing fifty classic songs Seeger led throughout his life—especially designed for such Seeger centennial events.  
ADVANCE TICKETS:  
[www.groupingsing.org/events](http://www.groupingsing.org/events)

Gadfly's a shy guy. Not much for public speaking.

And really not a strike, rally, demonstration kind of guy.

Except for the singing, that is. He would sing along.

Like with Peter, Paul, and Mary (Peter was at

Sellersville yesterday!).

And with Pete Seeger. Whose spirit will visit us next Saturday.

But, as Gadfly realizes, strikes / rallies / demonstrations have an important role to play in empowering and consolidating change agents, galvanizing public opinion, and fostering political change.

And such activity by students is especially noteworthy.

Gadfly couldn't get to the student Global Climate Strike at Payrow Plaza week ago Friday.

So he's glad that follower Dan did and provides us with some audio that captures the bubbling passion the issue of climate change generates.

## **AUDIO RECORDINGS UNAVAILABLE IN THIS ARCHIVE**

The chants:

Gadfly knows that climate change issues are dear to the heart of many followers.

If you were there on Payrow Plaza or at some such other gathering, what would you say to gain the attention of the crowd when the mic was passed to you?

Interesting thought experiment.

Gadfly invites your comments.

*It's Sunday, September 29, do you know where your local Climate Action Plan is?*

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