

Dear Friends,

April 16-22 marks Earth Week 2022. And our March-April Newsletter is focused on that occasion. This Newsletter will emphasize events, webinars and activities that you can participate in throughout the rest of April.

If you know of others who should receive this newsletter, please forward it to them, and let me know who to add to the email list. More up-to-date info can be found on the Sustainable Winchester Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SustainableWinchester. Please like that page and share with others who should know.

In Faith,

Josh

EPIPHANY SUSTAINABILITY AND CREATION CARE GROUP MEETINGS



Sustainability and Creation Care Group meetings are held the last Monday of each month. With the February meeting we have transitioned to in-person meetings.

The next meeting will be **Monday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in the Upstairs Parish Hall, Parish of the Epiphany, 70 Church St. Winchester.** *(Note this will be an in-person meeting.)*

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Earth Week reminds us of the need to take action to combat the climate crisis and fight for environmental justice.

There's a plethora of events, webinars and videos this week to help you learn more and get engaged. Some of these online events are this Thursday and Friday, however many will offer replays if you'd like to see them at a later date.

Environmental Justice and the Offshore Wind Revolution

Thursday, April 21, 6:30pm, WBUR Cityspace



Our state and nation are reckoning with systemic racism and income inequality. We are also in the fight of our lives against climate change.

Offshore wind gives us a chance to sustain our planet for future generations and chart a new era of economic inclusion.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Offshore-wind-EJ>

The Boston Globe – Sustainability Week 2022

A week-long webinar series



The *Boston Globe Sustainability Week* is a week-long virtual event series focusing on the climate crisis, current environmental issues and actionable solutions.

Experts from the private and public sectors will share insight into how we can mitigate this crisis with decisive action and supportive policies.

For a schedule of webinars and replays see: <https://bit.ly/Globe-sustainability>

Screening: The Condor and the Eagle documentary

Thursday, April 21st at 4:00pm PT or 7:00pm



This is a screening of *The Condor and the Eagle*, an incredible documentary feature that follows four leaders from impacted communities as they 'embark on an extraordinary adventure from the Canadian forests to deep in the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice.'

Register at: <https://www.mothersoutfront.org/events/earth-day-docu-screening-the-condor-and-the-eagle/>

Boston Business Journal Event – The Future of Energy

Friday, April 22, 7:30am-9:30am, Seaport Hotel Boston



This panel will discuss the ongoing advance of the Blue Economy in Massachusetts. Experts will share their insights on the economic development opportunities of offshore wind, research and commercialization and the entrepreneurship driving a cleaner, brighter energy future.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/BBJ-Future-Energy>

Webinar: Phasing Out Gasoline in Mass. & Rhode Island

Replay of Wednesday, April 6 webinar



There are 5.5 million cars on the road in Massachusetts and transportation accounts for 41% of Mass. emissions. For Massachusetts to meet our 2030 climate targets, we will need to rapidly electrify all modes of transportation.

Mass is poised to advance important clean transportation legislation this session, including bills that would set a goal of 2030 as the date by which all new vehicles will be electric.

Join this webinar to learn:

- Why setting a goal to phase-out new gas-powered cars by 2030 is not only necessary but feasible
- The status of current legislation in both Massachusetts
- What you can do to help advance these efforts

To register and view the replay visit: <https://bit.ly/phase-out-gas>

MA Governor's Race Forum on Energy & the Environment

Wednesday, April 27 6:00-7:15, CitySpace & Online



Our next governor will be faced with crucial decisions about how we build a carbon-neutral, green, equitable Commonwealth.

Join the *Environmental League of Massachusetts* and **WBUR** for a forum with the candidates for governor moderated by Radio Boston host Tiziana Dearing. The forum will feature candidates Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz and Attorney General Maura Healey.

The candidates will discuss their plans for renewable energy, clean transportation, environmental justice, resilient communities, and more.

Register and get more info at: <https://wbur.fm/3k1xUni>

Environmental League of Mass – Earth Night 2022

Thursday, May 19, 5:30-8:00pm, New England Aquarium



Back in person -- Earth Night, ELM's vibrant cocktail event, is attended by 300+ policymakers, environmental advocates, and business and civic leaders from across the Commonwealth.

This year's focus is on the intersection of climate, health, and equity. Our Commonwealth Environmental Leadership Awards will honor those who have worked at this nexus, creating groundbreaking solutions and advocating for the Commonwealth to address these pressing challenges.

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/ELM-EarthNight>

MARCH/APRIL NEWS

Tracking action on Massachusetts' emissions reduction legislation



Massachusetts' **Next Generation Roadmap Act**, passed in March 2021, is **one of the strongest climate laws in the nation**. We need to hold our officials accountable to our climate commitments. The Environmental League of Massachusetts created a new website to track key deadlines and actions included in the law.

On this site, you can monitor key deadlines in the law to determine if we are meeting them or lagging behind. **Help us hold our elected and appointed officials accountable to building a Net-Zero Massachusetts by 2050.**

Track how we're complying with the Act on this website: <https://NetZeroMA.org>

World leaders agree to reduce plastic pollution



Source: Getty Images

World leaders met in March to draft an agreement to reduce plastic pollution. Though in early stages, the treaty has already been hailed as “the most significant environmental multilateral deal since the Paris accord” by UN Environment Program Executive Director Inger Andersen.

What’s so significant about it? The broad strokes include goals to:

- Make packaging more sustainable (no more clamshells, we hope)
- Ramp up recycling (Only 9% of plastic has ever been recycled, per the UN Environment Program)
- Do something about microplastics, the insidious little plastic pieces that sneak into water
- Limit the overall production of plastic

The treaty won’t be fully hashed out until 2024—which is actually a fast timeline for global agreements—but whatever makes it to the final draft will be legally binding to keep loopholes to a minimum.

Read more at: <https://bit.ly/plastic-reduction-MB>

Moms are a growing force in the climate movement



Chandra Bocci, left, and Marlina Fontes, climate activist moms with the Sunrise Kids NYC group.

Source: Brittainy Newman for The New York Times

The feeling of powerlessness in the face of a global climate catastrophe is giving rise to a small but potentially potent force in the climate movement: moms, who have been catapulted into action by the hazards facing their children.

In Brooklyn, moms are taking aim at the world's biggest asset manager, BlackRock. In Phoenix, Pittsburgh and Denver, moms are pushing lawmakers in Congress for climate legislation.

Chandra Bocci, mother of a 4-year-old in Brooklyn, summed up her motivation this way: "I want to be able to say to my kid, 'We're trying to do something.'"

Read the NYT Article: <https://nyti.ms/3s3OfN5>

3 EPA Proposals for clean energy future



Last month, the EPA proposed actions that would build healthier communities, transition our country towards clean energy, and blunt the effects of climate change.

1. [Reaffirming states' rights to adopt greener vehicle emissions standards](#)
The EPA decision restores California and other states' ability to act under the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from cars trucks and other vehicles, reversing a Trump administration act.
2. Proposed [stronger emissions standards for trucks and other heavy-duty vehicles](#).
The EPA proposed new standards to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses from gasoline and diesel engines in future years.
3. Proposing to Reduce Power Plant and Industrial Smog Pollution in 26 states.

Click on the links for more details, or click here for a detailed program: <https://bit.ly/LCV-clean-energy>

Ice-shelf collapse in Antarctica boost fears of rising seas



Source: JIM YUNGEL, NASA EARTH OBSERVATORY

An unexpected collapse of the Thwaites ice shelf in West Antarctica, after temperatures spiked 70°F above normal, highlights bigger problems in the West, where one glacier could singlehandedly raise global sea levels several feet.

Read the National Geographic Article: <https://on.natgeo.com/3KgmFm1>

OTHER NEWS

Epiphany Environmental Assessment to develop roadmap to zero carbon



This month Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light will deliver the “Environmental Stewardship Assessment” for Parish of the Epiphany. It’s a detailed report identifying short-term and long-term areas to save energy, reduce costs and emissions and develop a long-term roadmap to net-zero emissions. The Property Committee and Creation Care ministry have formed a working group and expect to complete the Assessment this spring.

For a sample *Environmental Stewardship Assessment* visit the Sustainability & Creation Care page on the Epiphany website at <https://3crowns.org/sustainability>

OTHER RECOMMENDED ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Here are some additional organizations committed to climate change. This is only a small sample of the many environmental groups. If you have other groups that should be included on this list, please email joshua.reynolds85@gmail.com

350 Mass (Part of the Better Future Project group) www.betterfutureproject.org

Green Car Reports <https://www.greencarreports.com/>

Green Energy Consumers Alliance <https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/>

Mass Clean Energy Center <https://www.masscec.com/>
MassSave <https://www.masssave.com/en>
Mothers Out Front.org <https://www.mothersoutfront.org/>
Sustainable Winchester www.facebook.com/SustainableWinchester
WinPower Community Choice Electricity www.winpowerma.org
Wright Locke Farm <https://www.wlfarm.org>