



## Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

August 2022

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### Massachusetts Equity & Justice Roadmap

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In 2020, the Massachusetts Chapter—with the help of numerous volunteers, partners, and allies—wrote and publicly released an [Equity and Justice Roadmap](#). We advocate for environmental justice and climate justice across the state, but we can't do this well without ensuring that we are a just organization. Learn about the Roadmap we've created for the Chapter to become a more equitable organization and ways you can be part of the movement!

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### What's Happening at the Massachusetts Chapter

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#### Massachusetts Climate Bill Celebration!

Thursday, August 26 at 6:00pm

Virtual Event



On August 11th the Governor signed into law a massive piece of climate legislation. This climate bill is historic with investments in offshore wind, solar energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, building electrification and more! Over 1,000 volunteers from across the state signed petitions, submitted comments, tweeted, lobbied our legislators, showed up to rallies, and more to help get this bill across the finish line - and now we're ready to celebrate!

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#### Advocacy Hour: Campaign Updates

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Virtual Event

Join Sierra Club Massachusetts leaders on Zoom for a campaign update, every Wednesday at 5pm. This is an opportunity to get plugged into our campaigns, learn about [timely issues](#) and ongoing projects, and talk directly to Sierra Club staff and leaders. New members and volunteers welcome!



September 7 at  
5pm

Tuesday, Sept 6 is the biggest Massachusetts primary day for state politics in a decade. We have all new districts, and soon we'll have an all-new governor. After a summer of record heat and extreme drought, we'll talk about what the results meant for environmental champions and discuss the secret sauce that will push Massachusetts into becoming the national environmental champion that it should be (hint: it includes you!)

## Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, September 18 at 7:00pm  
Virtual Event

Learn how to make healthy plant-based food with the Plant-based Planet Team! We'll demonstrate how to make various plant-based dishes at home. Feel free to ask us questions; we'll be happy to help you.

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## Clean Energy & Climate

Boston Green New Deal Coalition

# SAVE THE DATE

### WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Come learn about how to get FREE energy efficiency and weatherization work done on your home to save energy and money! We also want to hear from you about ideas for how to improve programs like Mass Save to more effectively address energy burden issues in our communities.

**COME JOIN US!**

**Registration Link:**  
[bit.ly/3oYPzPm](https://bit.ly/3oYPzPm)

**TUESDAY 13TH**  
SEPTEMBER 2022  
5:00 PM

The workshop will be a hybrid event with both virtual and in-person accessibility. Language interpretation will be available. Food will be provided and childcare will be available for those who attend in-person.

## Energy Justice and Weatherization Workshop

Tuesday, September 13 at 5:00pm  
Great Hall at the Codman Square NDC

Come learn about how to get FREE energy efficiency and weatherization work done on your home to save energy and money! We also want to hear from you about ideas for how to improve programs like Mass Save to more effectively address energy burden issues in our communities.

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## Speak Out Against Holtec!

Monday, September 26 at 6:30pm

## Plymouth Town Hall

Join Save Our Bay on Monday, September 26 at the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel meeting at Plymouth Town Hall. Holtec plans to dump waste from the closed Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into the Cape Cod Bay and we can't let them! Also join a rally before the meeting, starting at 5:00pm on the front lawn.

[Learn More](#)

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## Transportation Matters

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### Electric Cars at August Moon Festival

**Sunday, August 21 at 12:00pm**

**Coddington Street, Quincy Center**

Join Green Energy Consumers Alliance and Quincy Asian Resources Inc for an electric vehicle showcase at August Moon Festive, a momentous holiday that celebrates the harvest and the moon as symbols of prosperity, happiness and unity in Asian culture. This festival is one of the largest August Moon Festivals in the Northeast, bringing together over 20,000 guests from all over Massachusetts for a celebration of music, arts, culture, and community spirit.



[Learn More](#)

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### Sierra Forum: Chapter Update from MA, MI & TX

**Wednesday, August 31 at 12:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

Please join us Wednesday, August 31 for a forum with Ben Avery, Senior Director of Chapter Fundraising, and Chapter leadership from Massachusetts, Michigan, and Texas. You'll hear updates on the fight against the Line 5 tar sands pipeline in the Midwest, details on local transportation issues on the east coast, as well as specifics on the electrical grid in Texas and the complexity of intersecting challenges that frontline communities face.

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## Every Year is an Election Year

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### How to elect environmental leaders

**Thursday, September 15 at 7:00pm**

**Virtual Event**

Whether it's the IRA or the 2022 Massachusetts Clean Energy and Offshore Wind bill, legislators are one of our greatest assets in making meaningful progress on environmental issues. But as we know from Joe Manchin, not all politicians are equal. That's why it's the job of environmentalists to help put the right people into power. Join us for this training to learn the skills you need to feel comfortable motivating voters.

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# Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

## Advocacy Team Meeting

**Thursdays at 7:00pm**

Weekly meeting of the Advocacy Team. This team advocates for stronger legislation by helping Sierra Club members and supporters organize within their communities and connect with their legislators to advance climate justice.

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## Climate Research Team Meeting

**Wednesday, August 31 at 6:10pm**

Weekly meeting of the Climate Research Team. This team looks at municipal progress on clean energy/climate issues and seeks opportunities to leverage municipal power for state policy change.

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## Cape Cod Group Meeting

**Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00pm**

Please join us for the bi-weekly meeting of the Cape Cod Group. All interested parties are welcome.

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## Forest Protection Team Meeting

**Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm**

The Forest Protection Team is dedicated to protecting and preserving forests and trees throughout Massachusetts through education, advocacy and community involvement. All are welcome to attend!

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## Toxics Team Meeting

**Monday, September 12 at 5:00pm**

Regular meeting of the Toxics Team. This team handles toxic pollution issues, including deadly chemicals (e.g. PFAS), plastic-based pollutants, and recycling/solid waste issues.

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## Political Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00pm**

This committee researches political candidates and makes recommendations on who the Chapter should endorse.

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## Executive Committee Meeting

**Thursday, September 15 at 5:30pm**

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee. All members welcome to join except for any Executive Session.

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## Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00pm**

Please join us for the monthly meeting of the Plant-based Planet Team. Come discuss strategies to promote a plant-based diet as way of fighting climate change and conserving natural resources.

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## Transportation Committee Meeting

**Thursday, September 22 at 6:00pm**

Join us to discuss and respond to critical transportation issues affecting Massachusetts, including rail, bus, bike, pedestrian, and traffic pollution policies.

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## Energy Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, September 27 at 5:30pm**

This committee meets monthly for conversations about energy policy. They weigh in on legislative issues, write testimony for

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## Friend and Partner Events

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### GreenRoots Office Grand Re-Opening!

Thursday, September 8 at 5:30pm

90 Everett Avenue, 3rd floor,

Chelsea

GreenRoots will officially open its doors for the public on Thursday, September 8th! All community members and allies are invited to celebrate our grand re-opening. Join us for a special tour, food, and a short presentation of our current work.

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## Our Reading List

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Read the latest environmental news from Massachusetts and beyond...

- [Celebrate the Inflation Reduction Act. Then Double Down on Demonizing Fossil Fuels.](#) (The New Republic, 8/16/22)
- [Study Underscores That Exposure to Air Pollution Harms Brain Development in the Very Young](#) (Inside Climate News, 8/6/22)
- [US sending \\$23m to Boston area to train new generation of workers](#) (Boston Globe, 8/3/22)
- [Public lands Preservation Act negotiators come up short](#) (State House News Service, 8/2/22)
- [Heat pumps perform well in below-freezing weather, new research finds](#) (Canary Media, 8/1/22)

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Always be sure to check our [website calendar](#) for more upcoming events. If you'd like the Sierra Club to co-sponsor your event (and add it to our events digest), [please email us!](#)

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