



Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

November 2021

What's Happening at the Massachusetts Chapter

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!



Energy Update
December 1, 2021

Join Chapter Director Deb Pasternak for a discussion about how to advocate in the final stretch for a strong and equitable Mass Save plan.

[RSVP Here](#)



Sierra Club Massachusetts Annual Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 15 at 5:30pm
Virtual Event

Join the Massachusetts Chapter for our annual holiday party! We will gather virtually again this year to celebrate our hard work in a relaxed, social environment. Attendees will have a chance to meet other volunteers from across the state and compete in an ugly sweater contest! Don't forget to bring your favorite festive snacks and beverage, too!

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New Volunteer Welcome

Orientation

Thursday, December 9 at 5:30pm

Virtual Event

Join the Massachusetts Chapter for an introduction to our current work, learn how to get involved, and meet other volunteers! In this orientation, we'll discuss what the Sierra Club is, our equity values and how we put them into practice, and how anybody can get involved in our current work, regardless of your experience level or availability!



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Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

Sunday, December 12 at 6:00pm

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

Ready For 100: Energy 101 Training Series

Thursday, December 16 at 7:00PM

Virtual Event

Join the Ready for 100 campaign for a monthly training series all about energy! [Sign up to attend the series](#), and be sure to visit Ready For 100's [Activist Toolkit](#) to learn more about running a local campaign to transition your community to 100% clean energy.

Training #4 - Renewable Trends: Where is the industry going?

What does the future hold for renewable energy? Join us to hear about where the energy industry is trending and how new technologies become viable in this day and age. We will be joined by an expert on the topic to discuss how we can most effectively steer decision-makers toward practical and equitable solutions.

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Transportation Matters

Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule: The Road to Electrifying Trucks in Massachusetts

Tuesday, December 7 at 2:00pm

Virtual Event



Massachusetts is considering adopting the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule that, if adopted, will increase the percentage of clean, zero-emission trucks sold in Massachusetts leading to climate, health and economic benefits. Join Sierra Club and the Union of Concerned Scientists on December 7 at 2 pm for a discussion to learn about the ACT Rule, why it's important, and how you can support the regulatory process to get the strongest possible rule.

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Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

Toxics Team Meeting

Monday, November 29 at 5:00pm

Weekly 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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Energy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 30 at 4:00pm

This committee meets monthly for conversations about energy policy. They weigh in on legislative issues, write testimony for hearings/public input sessions, and pen op-eds for media publications.

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Cape Cod Group Meeting

Tuesday, November 30 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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Climate Research Team Meeting

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

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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Community Outreach Team Meeting

Thursdays at 7:00pm

Weekly meeting of the Outreach Team. This team is responsible for person-to-person outreach to Sierra Club members and supporters. They use a variety of tools, including phone calling, peer-to-peer texting, and email blasts.

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Forest Protection Team Meeting

Thursday, December 2 at 7:30pm

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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Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, December 13 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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Political Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00pm

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

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Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00pm

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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Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 16 at 5:30pm

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

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Friend and Partner Events

Online MA Food System Forum

December 3 - 9

Virtual Events

The MA Food System Forum will be held online December 3-9, 2021. We look forward to gathering virtually to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the food system in Massachusetts, and strategize about how to best address them together. Sessions will include panelist presentations and discussions.

[Learn More](#)

Our Reading List

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

- [With first official ordinance, Mayor Wu divests Boston from fossil fuels](#) (Boston Globe, 11/22/21)
- [Power line from Canada to Mass. meets a wall in Maine](#) (Boston Globe 11/20/21)
- [Clean energy growing, but hurdles remain](#) (Boston Globe 11/17/21)
- [The Top Ten Commitments from COP 26](#) (Canary 11/16/21)
- [Poll: Majority of Massachusetts Drivers Expect to Own Electric Vehicle Soon](#) (E&E, 11/16/21)
- [Burning Wood Pellets Isn't the Clean Energy it Claims to Be](#) (NPR 11/10/21)
- ["Nice" Isn't Going to Save the Planet](#) (The Nation, 11/10/21)

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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