



August 2018



Weak Energy Compromise Bill

On the final days of the legislative session, the Massachusetts House and Senate passed a clean energy compromise bill. While this bill does make some incremental positive changes, such as a small annual increase in the Renewable Portfolio Standard, it falls far short of the policy changes needed to boost Massachusetts' renewable energy profile. Our state is quickly falling behind leading states such as California, New York, and New Jersey in terms of meeting climate goals. Read more on our [blog here](#).



Outings Across the State

In mid-July, more than twenty outdoors-minded folk met at Arnold Arboretum to take the first step to become an [Outings Leader](#). To start off, participants formed small groups to brainstorm trip ideas they could lead once trained. After trip logistics, everyone headed outside to the Arboretum to discuss trail etiquette and how leaders handle urgent situations on the trail. Before leaving, volunteers had to pass first aid training, learning how to handle emergencies from small cuts to extreme allergic reactions. The conclusion of this day was filled with excitement, cohesion, and eagerness to start leading trips. Since the course, leaders have already begun planning their own excursions. Our next Outing is scheduled for [September 5th](#), and be sure to keep an eye on our [website calendar](#) for more near you!



Farewell, Summer Interns!

We want to give a warm thanks and a well-deserved shout-out to our 2018 summer [interns](#)!

Some will remain with us through August, and

Please Join Us! Fundraiser September 6th, 6:00 PM

An intimate gathering at the home of Chris and Hilary Gabrieli in Louisburg Sq. on Beacon Hill, where you will have an opportunity to hear about Sierra Club's victories over the last legislative session, and plans for the upcoming year. You will also hear from our special guest speakers Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge, and award-winning Boston area journalist Charlie Pierce. For more details on speakers, special guests and to get a ticket [RSVP today](#).



Outing: Evening Exploration in Your Backyard

Please join our small group for an easy walk 1-3 (max) miles through Millennium & Culter Park in West Roxbury, to explore the nature close to home. We will walk, stop, look, and listen as we enjoy the flora changing with the seasons, while searching for the birds and animals of the river and woods. This Outing is hosted by Sierra Club volunteer, Edith, who said *"I have been exploring this area for years and stumbled upon wonderful sights I look forward to sharing with others. All who wander are not lost."* [RSVP here!](#)



NDEW 2018

National Drive Electric Week is back again! Event organizers across Massachusetts from Northampton to Worcester to Lowell to Weymouth and more will be hosting displays, showcases, and parties celebrating the environmental wisdom of electric vehicles and reducing the impacts of transportation. To check for events near you, view the [map here](#), or check our [website calendar](#). Looking forward to seeing you there!



others are already preparing for the 2018-2019 school year. It's been an incredible summer, with our interns supporting rallies, protests, & press events, crafting written content, meeting legislators, and contributing to real positive change. We know they will carry these experiences with them into promising & successful careers in their chosen fields. Good luck!

Chapter Leader Candidates Needed

Every year Sierra Club members have the opportunity to run for their Chapter or local Chapter Group Executive Committee. Active Sierra Club members may run and submit a 100-word statement by to [John Kyper](#) for the Chapter, [Matthew Cannon](#) for Cape Cod & Islands Group, and [John Pitkin](#) for Greater Boston Group.



Welcome Interim Chapter Director, Deb Pasternak!

The Massachusetts Chapter would like to welcome Deb Pasternak as our Interim Chapter Director! Deb brings to the chapter over a decade of experience in the wind industry and a lifelong dedication to activism. We look forward to continuing the great work of the Massachusetts Chapter under Deb's leadership. (Candidates interested in the permanent position of Massachusetts Chapter Director may apply [here](#).)



JOIN THE PEOPLES
CLIMATE MOVEMENT
RISE
ON SEPT. 8

RISE - People's Climate Movement Boston Saturday, September 8th, 10:00am

On this day, thousands of rallies in cities and towns around the world will take place to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that puts people and justice before profits. No more stalling, no more delays: it's time for a fast and fair transition to 100% renewable energy for all. By acting

together, we can end the era of fossil fuels and save the climate we all depend on. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP!

Interested in Local Action? [Join our Local Action mailing list!](#)

More Meetings + Events

Sierra Club Merrimack Valley Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 15th, 6:30pm - Lowell, MA

The next regular meeting of the Merrimack Valley Sierra Club Team. There will be a presentation on the upcoming National Drive Electric Week event, "Lowell Drives Electric," to take place on September 15. Find us in the first floor function room of the Apartments at Boot Mills, 141 John Street, Lowell, MA. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Net Zero Webinar

Wednesday, August 15th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Are you curious about Net Zero? Want to know more about how we can build better buildings that make as much energy as they use while being light-filled, comfortable, and affordable to heat and cool? This webinar discussion, which is a continuation of MCAN's Net Zero Roundtable discussions, will provide in-depth answers to questions you might have about Net Zero buildings, Passive House buildings, maximizing energy efficiency for buildings and finding new ways to make sure that our built environment is a source of clean and renewable energy. [Click here](#) for more info and to RSVP.

Ready For 100: Organizing for 100% Renewable Energy Call

Monday, September 17th, 7:00pm

Join a call and learn about Massachusetts Sierra Club's new Ready for 100 campaign! What does it mean for your community to go 100% renewable? How do we get from here to there? Join us to see and hear what other folks across Massachusetts are doing to advocate for clean energy. [RSVP here.](#)

Support Clean Energy and Massachusetts Sierra Club



You, like many of us, may not be able to put solar panels on your roof. Sierra Club and Mass Energy Consumer's Alliance have an easy way for you to purchase renewable energy for your home. We have worked together for many years to advocate for better energy policy and are teaming up now to help you switch to cleaner, locally sourced electricity. [Click here to learn more and enroll now!](#)

What Will Be Your Legacy?



Ensure your legacy by making a gift to the Massachusetts Sierra Club in your will or trust by beneficiary designation. Planned gifts are particularly important to the Chapter as they provide significant resources to continue conservation activities over an extended period of time. For more information on naming the Massachusetts Chapter as a beneficiary of a bequest or on creating life-income gifts, call (800) 932-4270 or email giftplanning@sierraclub.org.