



RISE for Climate, Jobs, & Justice



On September 8th, hundreds of people gathered in East Boston and Worcester to RISE for climate, jobs, and justice in response to the Global Climate Action Summit in California, where local leaders from around the world met to discuss their climate commitments. The mobilizations were among over 480 actions across the world. Here in Massachusetts, we built bridges across movements and fostered new relationships to come together and demand our leaders take bold action on climate justice. We called for a 100% clean energy future that creates economic opportunity for all, and communities free of pollution, family-sustaining jobs, protection of workers, and permanent protection for all immigrants. We prioritized raising the voices of frontline communities who have suffered the brunt of climate change impacts. We rallied, we marched, we held teach-ins, and we galvanized engagement in this movement. Together, we demonstrated that real leadership rises from the grassroots up.

National Drive Electric Week 2018



This was another record-breaking year for National Drive Electric Week, with 180,000+ people attending 321 events in all 50 states, taking 10,000+ test drives! We had 19 events in Massachusetts alone, hosted by city captains from Northampton to Lowell to Weymouth. In Lowell, the Sierra Club [Merrimack Valley Team](#) produced their first NDEW event, and impressively, it was the largest event in the state! In Newton, Sierra Club was joined by Eversource, MassDEP, and Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller for a [press event](#) highlighting Eversource's \$45million investment in public EV charging, MassDEP's stewardship of Volkswagen settlement funds for electrification, and Newton's commitment to an all-electric municipal sedan fleet. NDEW's impact grows every year, and we already can't wait for what's in store in 2019!



Supporting the Merrimack Valley

Our hearts go out to all those displaced and affected by the Merrimack Valley gas explosions. This kind of tragedy could have happened to any community with active gas infrastructure, no matter which company provides the service. The fact is gas is an explosive substance, and there are always risks of human error. While we work to transition off of dangerous fossil fuels like fracked gas, safety is always the number one priority. We need to prioritize the required maintenance, safety provisions, and upgrades of our existing gas infrastructure to ensure any risks of incidents are minimized. We also have opportunities now to avoid future incidents like these altogether. As service gets restored, residents have a right to safer alternatives, like electric appliances, for home heating and cooking. Two ways you can help the families impacted by this disaster is by donating to this [GoFundMe](#) to buy electric induction cooktops, and by contacting info@heetma.org to volunteer by helping distribute these appliances.

Contact HEET



Monthly Activism Discussion Call



About once a month, the Massachusetts Sierra Club Ready for 100 campaign hosts a discussion call to hear from activists working at the local level in different parts of the state, offer updates on climate progress, and ultimately create a space for collaboration among local leaders. Have something you'd like to share? Want to hear about ways you can plug in? Our next call is scheduled (tentatively) for November 12th.

RSVP for November's Call

Chapter Outings Program

[Sierra Club Outings](#) were started by our founder, John Muir, in 1901. He was convinced that the best way to persuade people to fight to save valuable wild areas was to take them into the wilderness so they could experience for themselves the beauty that needed preserving. Outings are open to Sierra Club members and non-members alike, with no charge to

participate. All are welcome, however, some of our outings are geared towards adults or may be more physically strenuous, while others are more family-friendly and child-oriented.

The next Massachusetts Sierra Club Outing is an easy walk (1-3 miles) through Millennium & Cutler Park in West Roxbury, MA. This walk is limited to just 8 participants.

This is a monthly outing led by chapter outings leader Dee Graichen. Last month, on September 5th, we hosted "An Evening Exploration in Your Backyard" at Millennium and Cutler Park, doing about a 3.5 mile loop. We saw a lot of evidence of varied wildlife including an owl's nest, trees felled by beavers and habitat for a wide variety of birds (marsh, fields, woods). We're hoping to continue these monthly strolls through the ranging habitats in hopes of spotting some critters, while enjoying being outside. Frequent sightings include Red Tailed Hawk, various woodpeckers, ducks, and geese, while lucky sightings have included Bald Eagle, Deer, Coyote, and Fisher Cat!

[Learn more and sign up here!](#)



Opportunities to Take Action!



Election Day is just over a month away on November 6th, and the Massachusetts Sierra Club Political Committee has taken pains to produce a list of endorsed candidates. We will be making calls to support these candidates in the coming weeks before the election, but we need your help! Each set of calls takes no more than 15 minutes, however often you are able. If you're interested in joining our list of callers, contact Lilly Lombard.

Contact Lilly

The MBTA's [draft Focus40 Plan](#) reports that 460 buses, close to half of its existing fleet, are scheduled to be replaced over the next few years. If electrification is prioritized in these replacements, the MBTA has potential to drastically improve air quality, and reduce carbon emissions and climate impacts. Act now! Click [here](#) to comment on the draft plan and ask MBTA to invest in zero emission electric buses. Join us in support of electric buses at the next public meeting on MBTA's fleet plan. To stay updated, contact Veena Dharmaraj.

Contact Veena

Our state's building code is an important tool to ensure efficiency in our built environment, and it can have impacts beyond our structures. The Board of Building Regulations & Standards is expected to open a public comment period soon, on updates that include an "EV-Ready Spaces" provision, ensuring new buildings are ready for electric vehicle chargers. To stay updated on how you can help, contact Kevin O'Brien.

Contact Kevin

Upcoming Events

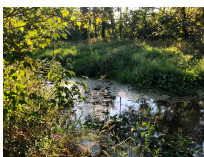


October 10th, 6:00pm

How to Save Your Health and the Planet by Going Vegan

Massachusetts Sierra Club Boston office

Free to attend. [Click here to learn more and RSVP.](#)



October 10th, 5:00pm

Outing: Evening Exploration in Your Backyard

Raider's Field Parking Lot - Millennium Park, Mezzanine Loop. Boston, MA 02132

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Free to attend. [Click here to learn more and RSVP.](#)

October 11th, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Gubernatorial Forum on Energy and the Environment



Cahner's Theater, Museum of Science - 1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114
Soldout. Watch the [Facebook livestream](#) from Environmental League of Massachusetts.



November 10th & 17th, SAVE THE DATE
Afternoon Boston Climate Activist Trainings
Exact time & locations TBD.
Free to attend. [Click here to RSVP today!](#)

