



## Monthly E-Sierran Newsletter

September 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 Hikes!

**Sunday, October 2 at 12:00pm**  
**Belle Isle Marsh, East Boston**



Join us in East Boston this Sunday, October 2nd, between 12pm and 3pm to learn about and explore East Boston through Sierra Club's [City Hike](#)! Chapter staff and volunteers will be stationed along the route and we'd love to meet you and chat about local issues of climate and environmental justice as you walk the route. Hope to see you there!

[Register Here](#)

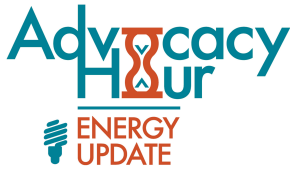
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#### Advocacy Hour: Campaign Updates

**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!





**October 5 at 5pm**

## Fighting for Fossil-Fuel Free Buildings

We're working to move Massachusetts closer to a future that is all electric, fossil fuel free and powered by 100% renewable energy. The next big step in the journey is to fully transition our building sector off of fossil fuels. Join us to learn more about how you can advocate for fossil fuel free buildings in MA!

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## Plant-based Cooking Demonstration

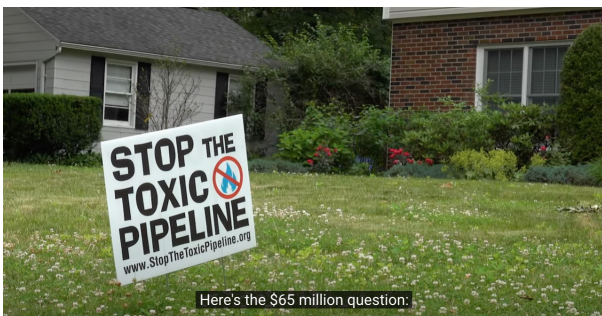
**Sunday, October 16 at 7:00pm**  
**Virtual Event**

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



## Stop the Longmeadow Pipeline Project

Watch the new video "[Gaslight](#)" explaining why Eversource's proposed pipeline is unnecessary and harmful to Springfield and Longmeadow residents.

[Watch the Video](#)

## Mass Save Renters Webinar

**October 4 at 6:00pm**  
**Virtual Event**

As a renter, you have a lot of options when it comes to saving energy and improving comfort. Discover them all during a free webinar presented by the Sponsors of Mass Save. Topics will include:

- Easy energy-saving tips and tricks for renters
- Available incentives and offers for energy-saving upgrades
- How to talk with your landlord about improving energy efficiency
- Answers to all your burning energy efficiency questions

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## Transportation Matters

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### National Drive Electric Week September 23 - October 2

Join us from September 23 to Oct 2 for a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of electric vehicles. [Attend one or many of the in-person events near you!](#)

**Recharge Northampton EV Test Drive Event**  
Northampton, MA  
Saturday, October 1 at 10:00am

Learn More

**Hebert Candy Mansion, Shrewsbury EV Show**  
Shrewsbury, MA  
Saturday, October 1 at 2:00pm

Learn More

**Catamount Electric Car Show**  
Shelburne Falls, MA  
Sunday, October 2 at 10:00am

Learn More

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### Urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to finalize a rule that will require states to reduce transportation emissions



Take Action Now

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on a standard that would require state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to set goals to reduce transportation emissions and track progress toward meeting those targets. As we move to cut global greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, we must slash transportation emissions. This rule will help policymakers understand how transportation investments impact climate-warming emissions. If states are required to be transparent about how their transportation

investments will affect emissions, they are more likely to prioritize non-polluting mobility options.

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## Stand in Solidarity

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### 2022 Native American Land Rights Gathering

**September 30 - October 1**

**Virtual Event**

The Sierra Club's Wildlands & Wilderness Team is hosting the Native American Land Rights Gathering on October 1st, with a welcome on September 30th. The Gathering will focus on how Sierra Club activists can build and sustain partnerships with Tribes in all contexts of Sierra Club's work. Participants will gain concrete ideas and inspiration for how to work with local Indigenous communities on common projects, as well as build upon their understanding of fundamental concepts around sovereignty, co-management/co-stewardship, and Indigenous conservation and land management. The Gathering will take place via Zoom - a link and agenda will be provided via email.

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## Chapter Committee and Team Meetings

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### Toxics Team Meeting

**Mondays 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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### Cape Cod Group Meeting

**Tuesday, October 4 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

**Wednesday, October 5 at 6:10pm**

Regular 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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### Political Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00pm**

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

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### Elections team: unleash enviro power!

**Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00pm**

Every other week, we'll be unleashing the power of the Sierra Club in this election: our members! Talk to friendly Sierra Club members and motivate them to support climate champions. On the off weeks, join us for meetings to collaborate on turning out members and training for skills to organize.

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### Forest Protection Team Meeting

**Thursday, October 13 at 7:00pm**

[RSVP Here](#)

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!

### Executive Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 20 at 5:30pm**

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

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### Energy Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30pm**

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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### Plant-based Planet Team Meeting

**Tuesday, October 25 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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### Transportation Committee Meeting

**Thursday, October 27 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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## Friend and Partner Events

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### Mental Health in a Changing Climate

**September 30 at 5:30pm**

**Hybrid Event**

From the eco-anxiety or climate grief that grows by watching the climate crisis continue year after year, to the daily stress and trauma experienced by people living through extreme weather events- one of the impacts of our changing climate that is often ignored because of its invisibility is the toll it takes on our mental health.

Join [CREW](#) in this hybrid event, held in person at the Somerville Community Baptist Church and online on Zoom. The event will begin as a series of short talks and Q&A's with Dr. Jim Recht of Climate Code Blue and other mental health professionals, discussing the different ways these mental health effects can manifest, as well as strategies to cope with and move through stresses brought on by extreme weather and climate chaos. They will be followed by exercises led by Jenny Bonham-Carter and other guest speakers to practice grounding ourselves and connecting with each other, helping find the strength that will keep ourselves and our communities resilient in the face of disruption and extreme weather.

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### LISC Story Slam

**October 6 at 6:00pm**

**Artists For Humanity, 100 West 2nd Street, Boston**

Join us on October 6, 2022 for the [4th annual Story Slam](#) which will feature compelling personal

stories from community members and LISC partners responding to a common theme: The Color of Impact. Their stories, filled with humor, pain, energy, love, reflections, and more, will offer perspectives on embarking on new chapters – and what it means for our collective work creating stable, affordable and healthy housing and economic opportunity; building financial stability, promoting racial equity and building thriving communities.

[Register Here](#)

## Framingham Repair Cafe

**October 8 at 2:00pm**

**Open Spirit at 39 Edwards St, Framingham**

Have you got something that needs fixing or mending? Bring it to the Repair Café! Our volunteers can help fix many things for FREE including: clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers/other electronics, bikes, batteries, toys, jewelry and sewing machines. We will also have a station for sharpening knives, scissors and garden tools. If you know what parts are needed, please get them ahead of time.

[Learn More](#)

## Our Reading List

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

- [The pursuit of climate justice](#) (Hill Heat, 9/24/22)
- [Wu announces forestry division to preserve and expand tree canopy in Boston](#) (Boston Globe, 9/21/22)
- [Shell's Internal Emails Show Just How Cynical Oil Companies' Emissions Promises Are](#) (The New Republic, 9/19/22)
- [We need to move away from reliance on natural gas](#) (CommonWealth Magazine, 9/17/22)
- [California Is Finally Confronting the Fossil Fuel Industry](#) (The New Republic, 9/8/22)
- [Jackson water crisis: A legacy of environmental racism?](#) (BBC News, 9/4/22)
- ['They want us gone': Black Louisianans fight to rebuild a year after Ida](#) (Southerly, 8/29/22)

*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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