

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



ECO-TIP: Recycle Film Plastic at the Grocery Store; Never in Your Recycling Bin What is considered film plastic...?

[Learn More](#)

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- **Lexington Living Landscapes Asks: Got Cabin Fever?** - Check Out These Events
- **Lexington Farmers' Market: Small Yet Mighty Winter Market:** Next Market Saturday January 20
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- **Green Energy Consumers Alliance Webinars :** Lots of information about Electric Vehicles
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CURRENT EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



Lexington Climate Action Network



Resources from LexCAN January Community Event: A Clean Energy Future Depends on Fixing the Grid- How Do We Accomplish This?

Larry Chretien, the Executive Director of Green Energy Consumers Alliance, gave an informative presentation on Massachusetts' electric grid answering the questions listed below and much more. View presentation and Larry's slide deck by clicking buttons below.

[Presentation Recording](#)

[Presentation Slide Deck](#)

Questions Answered:

- How does the electric grid work?
- What are the barriers to the grid accommodating distributed renewable energy such as wind and solar?
- What role do the utilities play in addressing these barriers?
- How can we make a difference in speeding progress for our clean energy future?
- What role does energy storage play?
- Who decides what gets done? The electric utilities, DPU...?
- Are the electric utilities properly incentivized to promote renewable energy?
- What are the siting issues?

And more!



MA Environmental Justice Legislative

Table

Environmental Justice and Building Our New Grid- Where Should It All Go?

Saturday, January 20 2:00- 3:30pm HYBRID EVENT
In Person: First Parish 20 Lexington Road, Concord

[Register for In-Person & to Receive Zoom Link](#)

Join the MA Environmental Justice Legislative Table to discuss the elephant in the room- how do we build the distributed renewable electric grid we need fast, while not repeating the mistakes of the past? Learn more about our vision for infrastructure, energy democracy, and centering frontline communities in the process- as well as the current policy proposal from the EJ Table to greenlight good projects fast and nip bad projects in the bud.



Lexington Living Landscapes

Got Cabin Fever? Check Out These Events

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Farmers' Market

Small Yet Mighty Winter Market: Indoors

NEXT MARKET: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Every other Saturday through April 13

11:00am- 2:00pm

Waldorf School

739 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington

[Learn More](#)

Lexington Community Farm



Winter Options for Fresh Local Food

LexFarm is expanding its CSA Program and there are lots of fresh local food available by CSA **right now**.

Mushroom Shares in partnership with [Fat Moon Farm](#) and Egg Shares with a dozen large eggs weekly from [Chip-In Farm](#)'s free-running, cage-free hens are available year-round beginning late January.

A **Winter Vegetable Share** with organic produce grown by [Red Fire Farm](#) begins in February.

New this year is a LexFarm-grown **Spring Vegetable Share**, which is possible with all the season-extending investments made at LexFarm!

LexFarm will continue to offer their popular Summer, Flower, Fruit, and Fall Shares.

[Learn More](#)

Lexington Community Farm Store

Wednesdays- Fridays 2:00- 7:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am- 4:00pm

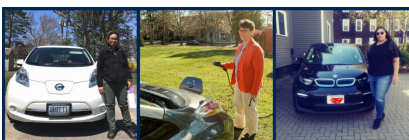
52 Lowell Street Lexington

We offer organic vegetables and local high-quality products, like dairy, cheeses, meats, poultry, bread, vegetarian and vegan entrees, snacks, beverages and desserts.

[Learn More](#)



Green Energy Consumers Alliance



Webinars providing information on electric vehicles including the MA MOR-EV rebate, ways to save money on EVs, the basics of purchasing and owning an EV; even a webinar specifically designed for

women and EVs.

Learn
More



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Opt Up to New England Green Electricity

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More

**Support local renewable energy
for the price of one large fancy latte a month!**



Opting up to the **New England Green** option in Lexington's Community Choice Program would cost the average household an extra \$8 per month.



**Drive demand for local renewable energy products.
Support local workforce development.**

Opt Up at MassPowerChoice.com/Lexington



Town of Lexington Department of Transportation

Decrease Your Carbon Footprint through Town's Transportation Department Offerings

- Join [Lexington's Safe Routes to School \(SRTS\) Taskforce](#)
- Participate in the 2024 Yard Sign Design Contest
- Enjoy Winter Walk, Bike & Roll Day: February 2

Learn
More

ONGOING EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

Would you like to get involved in one or more of these campaigns?

Help is always needed and welcomed!

Please email: info@lexcan.org



LexElectrify Campaign

LexElectrify is a community-wide campaign to empower homeowners, renters, and businesses to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from the building and transportation sectors. View recording and slides of LexElectrify launch and learn more...

[LexElectrify Campaign Website](#)



LPS Green Teams

Clearing Out? Support Our Schools & the Environment

95% of unwanted textiles can be reused or recycled. [Baystate Textiles](#) accepts "the good, the bad and the ugly" as long as they're clean and dry. You can drop off in the white bin by the parking lot at each of our schools. Baystate Textiles pays our schools \$120/ton of material collected!

the secret double life of
donated textiles

NEARLY **100%** OF DONATED TEXTILES ARE

NEARLY 100% OF DONATED TEXTILES ARE RECYCLED! They are separated into three grades:



Recycled fiber products **SAVE MONEY and RESOURCES** by using existing materials.



CLOSING THE LOOP

Recycled cloth rags use **LESS WATER, LESS ENERGY** and create a **LOWER CARBON FOOTPRINT** than all other alternatives.



The second hand clothing market provides **AFFORDABLE CLOTHING** to those in need and **ENCOURAGES GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**

SECOND LIFE ...



stained t-shirt → wiping cloth



lone sock → pillow stuffing



old denim → household insulation



teddy bear



→ car seat stuffing



torn bath towel → wiping cloth



Since 1932
SMART SECONDARY MATERIALS* AND RECYCLED TEXTILES
The Association of Wiping Materials, Used Clothing and Fiber Industries



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making sustainability simple and second nature

LexZeroWaste

Learn More & Sign Up

ZeroToGo REUSABLE TAKEOUT

Pilot Program at

ROYAL INDIA BISTRO

No cost to use.

Sign up now.

Starts December 1st.



LexZeroWaste.org

The ZeroToGo pilot program, in partnership with Recircable, LLC, is funded by a generous grant from the Community Endowment of Lexington, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest; sponsorship by Enterprise Bank; and donations from LexZeroWaste members.



Action Network

Put Gas in the Past

Put Gas in the Past Website & Sign the
Petition

Send this Email to a
Friend



Even as the early impacts of the climate crisis sweep over us, gas companies continue their efforts to expand their systems and entrench themselves in our energy future. For more info on how you can help click links above.

Questions? Email allyson.samuell@sierraclub.org



Stop Hanscom Expansion

Tuesday & Wednesday Morning Standout to Spread the Word

Join us for one or both standouts to spread the word:
Stop Expansion of Private Jets.

Tuesdays: 8:30am at Emery Park/Depot Square

Wednesdays: 8:30am at Massachusetts Ave and Pleasant Street

Questions?: Email Jeanne Krieger jkriegerjk44@gmail.com,

Margaret Coppe mecoppe@gmail.com

Tom Wanderer thomas.wanderer49@gmail.com

[Stop Hanscom Expansion Website](#)

[Sign the Petition](#)

Statement of Concern for Lexington's Trees

[Info and How You Can Help](#)



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Energy and Water Data for Lexington's Largest Buildings Now Available

Big buildings use a lot of energy! Energy use transparency is an essential first step towards finding solutions to reduce energy consumption in order to meet our local

and state climate goals which is why Lexington's Town Meeting passed the Building Energy Use Disclosure (BEU-D) bylaw.

**Building Energy Use
Disclosure**

Climate Action and Resilience Plan: Resilient Lexington

**Climate Action & Resilience
Plan**



**Town of Lexington Department of
Transportation**

**Lower Your Carbon Footprint: Lexpress Limitless Pass
Only \$20 Good through June 2024**

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More**



**Check out the Events page on LexCAN's
Website!**

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**Please Consider Supporting LexCAN's Work with a Donation-
THANK YOU!**

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Please forward to *your* network!

Interested in signing up for this newsletter? Please email us info@lexcan.org

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