

# LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

## LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



### ECO-TIP: Move Away From Laundry Pods and Laundry Sheets That Add Plastic to Our Waterways

Most people do not realize that laundry detergent pods and dissolvable sheets are made from a petroleum-based plastic called Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA or PVOH). While this film dissolves, it does not disappear or readily biodegrade.

[Learn  
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### INSTEAD SHOP FOR SUSTAINABLE LAUNDRY SUPPLIES AT CENTER GOODS!



#### Center Goods

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**Center Goods** offers a variety of great products made by great people that reduce or eliminate waste, cutting carbon emissions. In 1.5 years, **purchases made at Center Goods diverted 20,000 plastic items from the waste stream.**

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## CURRENT EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



**Lexington Climate Action Network**



**Recording of Make a Plan for Electrification with the LexElectrify Checklist Presentation**

## Watch Presentation

Maggie Peard, Lexington Sustainability and Resilience Officer, and Andy Joynt, LexCAN's Clean Heat Outreach Specialist led us through an evening that included a walkthrough of the Make a Plan Checklist, information on weatherization, heat pumps, electric vehicles and solar for your home, and information on incentives and rebates. There was also a question and answer period.

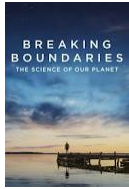
## Make A Plan Checklist

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## Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet

Wednesday, February 28 6:30- 8:30pm  
Cary Memorial Library Large Meeting Room  
1874 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

## Learn More & Register



Join us for a screening of "Breaking Boundaries: The Science of our Planet". A discussion with Ricki Pappo, Chair of LexCAN, community subject experts, and audience members will follow.

Registration is required.

### About the film:

David Attenborough and scientist Johan Rockström examine Earth's biodiversity collapse exploring issues related to nature, climate change, and the future of humanity. This crisis can still be averted.



## Stop Hanscom Expansion Special Standout at Hanscom

Friday, February 16 8:00- 9:00am

## Sign up and Receive Details



Lexington League of Women Voters

## TONIGHT: Town-wide Office and Town Meeting Candidates' Night

Thursday, February 15 7:00- 8:30pm  
Clark Middle School  
17 Stedman Road  
Lexington MA

[Learn  
More](#)



### VOTE! Make Your Voice Heard!

Early Voting: Saturday, February 24- Friday, March 1  
In Person Voting: Tuesday, March 5

[Learn More: Town of Lexington Elections & Voting](#)

Please VOTE in this election! This is the first time in years when we have had contested races for our town wide races!  
Every vote in this election matters!  
You can vote for climate, sustainability, and our future!



## Lexington Climate Action Network

### Taking Action Together: LexCAN Event to Delve into Environmental Initiatives on Town Meeting Warrant

Wednesday, March 13 7:00- 8:30pm  
VIRTUAL

[ZOOM Link: No  
Registration](#)

LexCAN is hosting an evening for citizens to learn and ask questions about the environmentally-friendly articles before this spring's Town Meeting. Local experts will briefly present the articles leaving time for discussion and a Q&A.

Topics include: Protecting trees, Fossil fuel free infrastructure, Saving wildlife, Indigenous People's Day, Prohibition of single-use food containers and plastic water bottles.

Click button below to find these important articles in the Town Warrant with explanatory text included. LexCAN priorities are highlighted in the Table of Contents.

## 2024 Town Meeting Warrant with LexCAN Priorities Highlighted

In addition, you can view presentation videos and slides of the articles by clicking the button below and scrolling down to the chart of Articles. Find the Presentation Materials column and continue to scroll down to find videos and slides. It may be helpful to view these materials in advance of the March 13 LexCAN information evening.

[View Presentation Videos and Slides of Articles](#)



## Save Lexington Wildlife

### Rodent Control: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

**Saturday, February 17 2:30- 4:00pm**  
**Lexington Community Center Room 242**  
**39 Marrett Road Lexington MA**

[Learn More & Register](#)



**Save the Wildlife** and **IndivisibleLAB** are hosting Laura Kiesel and Gary Menin for a talk titled: "Rodent Control. the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." This talk covers the dangers of rodenticide, alternatives to poison bait boxes, and how to take legislative action in our community including information on an article that is being presented at Lexington's Town Meeting.

NOTE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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### Jane Newhouse of Newhouse Wildlife Rescue and Eyes on Owls

**Saturday, March 2 1:00- 2:00pm**  
**Lexington Depot Building**  
**13 Depot Square Lexington, MA**

[Learn More](#)

Jane Newhouse of **Newhouse Wildlife Rescue** will discuss what wildlife rehab is all about and share fun facts about opossums, porcupines, beavers raccoons and foxes. **Eyes on Owls** will be there with LIVE owls to educate attendees about owls and other raptors.



## Lexington Living Landscapes

### Nibbling on Native Plants in Your Backyard and Beyond with Russ Cohen

Tuesday, February 20 7:00- 8:30pm  
VIRTUAL

Learn More and  
Register



Native plants aren't just for insects; many people find them delicious too! Plants that can nourish both groups provide an additional incentive for us to plant them in our yards and landscapes, benefiting all. Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of [\*Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten\*](#), for a virtual tour of at least two dozen species of native edible wild plants suitable for adding to your own landscape, or nibbling on as you encounter them in other locales. Keys to the identification of each species will be provided, along with details about edible portion(s), season(s) of availability, preparation method(s), and propagation.



LexTrees

### Learn About Town Meeting Articles Devoted to Protecting Our Trees

Tuesday, February 27 7:00pm  
VIRTUAL

ZOOM Link: No  
Registration

Members of the Tree Committee Bylaw Working Group will answer your questions about these articles, as well as the proposals that did not make it into the Warrant this year. We will also discuss other ongoing efforts to protect our trees, beyond legislation.

Learn  
More

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## Lexington Tree Warden and Tree Committee

### Get Free Trees; Grow Public Shade: Lexington Tree Setback Program

Learn  
More



The Tree Warden and Tree Committee have worked together to create the Lexington Tree Setback Program, in which residents can request a tree to be planted in their "setback" area at no expense.



## Lexington Farmers' Market

### Small Yet Mighty Winter Market: Indoors

**FEBRUARY MARKET: Saturday 2/17**

Every other Saturday through April 13

11:00am- 2:00pm

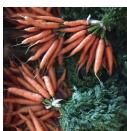
Waldorf School

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**.

Learn  
More

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## 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



### February Webinar Topics:

Heat Pumps with Abode Management;  
Massachusetts Policy Updates; Electric  
Vehicles 101

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](mailto: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 RECYCLED! They are separated into three grades:

**45%**  
USABLE CLOTHING



**20%**  
FIBER CONVERSION GRADE



**30%**  
WIPING CLOTH GRADE



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



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

## CLOSING THE LOOP



The second hand clothing market provides

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

## SECOND LIFE ...



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkriegerjk44@gmail.com),

Margaret Coppe [mecoppe@gmail.com](mailto:mecoppe@gmail.com)

Tom Wanderer [thomas.wanderer49@gmail.com](mailto: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**

### Opt Up to New England Green Electricity

[Learn 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](https://MassPowerChoice.com/Lexington)



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## Lexington is Going Fossil Free as Part of the Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration Program

Learn  
More

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## 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

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## Climate Action and Resilience Plan: Resilient Lexington

Climate Action & Resilience  
Plan



Town of Lexington Department of  
Transportation

Lower Your Carbon Footprint: [Lexpress Limitless Pass](#)

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