

# LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a  
Sustainable Lexington



## ECO-TIP: BOTTLED WATER CONTAINS ALARMING NUMBERS OF NANOPLASTICS

Learn  
More

**TAKE ACTION! Contact Your Town Meeting Member to Support  
Proposed Ban of Single Use Plastic Water Bottles in Lexington**

Contact Your Town Meeting  
Member

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## ONGOING EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

# CURRENT EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



## Lexington Climate Action Network

### WATCH: Taking Action Together: LexCAN, CLC and Local Experts Delve into Environmental Initiatives on Town Meeting Warrant

#### Recording of LexCAN Meeting

On March 13th LexCAN and Citizens for Lexington Conservation hosted an event during which Nancy Sofen, Charlie Wyman, Jeanne Krieger, Mark Sandeen, Todd Rhodes, Cindy Arens, Marci Cemenska, Tom Wanderer, Ricki Pappo and Fran Ludwig shared their expertise about the Town Meeting Articles listed below. The evening included presentations and a Q&A.

**ARTICLE 7:** SUSTAINABLE CAPITAL PROJECTS

**ARTICLE 10 (f):** LINCOLN PARK FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

**ARTICLE 29 (b):** AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAW NOISE CONTROL

**ARTICLE 31:** PROHIBIT SINGLE-SERVE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

**ARTICLE 34:** AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS - TREE BYLAW - TREE PROTECTION PLAN

**ARTICLE 35:** AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS - TREE BYLAW - REQUIRE MITIGATION PLANTING IN CERTAIN INSTANCES

**ARTICLE 36:** AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS - TREE BYLAW - EXEMPTIONS

**ARTICLE 37:** IMPORTANCE OF TREES RESOLUTION

**ARTICLE 38:** AMEND REGULATION OF FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE BYLAW - MEET DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES (DOER) REQUESTED CHANGES

**ARTICLE 40:** INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

**ARTICLE 45:** INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

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.

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

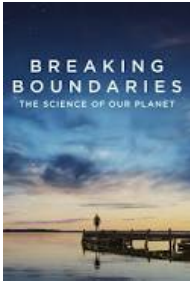
**MOST IMPORTANTLY: CONTACT YOUR TOWN MEETING MEMBER! Make Your Voice Heard! It Makes a Difference!**

[Contact Your Town Meeting Member](#)

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## Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet Film and Discussion

[Follow-up Resources](#)



On February 28th LexCAN, in collaboration with Cary Library, showed the powerful film *Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet*. This film explained nine segments of our planetary systems and where we are relative to newly defined scientific boundaries. Most importantly we learned how we can work on solutions to reverse these alarming trends.

The movie is available on Netflix. We encourage you to watch it. Or, watch it again and concentrate on the last fifteen minutes that illustrate a path toward a solutions-based approach to mitigating climate change. Click the button above for a wealth of follow-up resources.

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## SAVE THE DATE: LexCAN April Community Meeting Climate Change on Your Mind? Let's Talk About it!

**Tuesday, April 9 7:00- 8:30pm**  
**In-Person (Hopefully!) Details in 4/1 Newsletter**

Please join us! We'll spend time sharing what's on our minds as well as discussing tips on how to talk about climate change and how those conversations can be motivators for change.

[Learn More: Talking About Climate Change](#)



**Town of Lexington Department of  
Sustainability and Resilience**

## Lexington's Fossil Free Bylaw Goes into Effect March 21, 2024

[Learn More](#)

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## Networked Geothermal Feasibility Study to Begin Next Month in Lexington

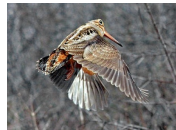
[Learn More](#)



## Citizens for Lexington Conservation

### Woodcock Walk at Dunback Meadow

Saturday, March 23 6:30- 8:00pm



Join us on a search for the elusive American woodcock, whose unusual mating behavior provides a rare opportunity to observe this species.

[Learn More](#)



## Lexington Living Landscapes

### Creating and Enhancing Native Bee Habitat in Your Garden

Tuesday, March 26 7:00- 8:30pm

VIRTUAL

[Learn More & Register](#)



There is a great deal home gardeners can do to provide habitat for our native bees without sacrificing other garden goals. Join Heather Holm as she explores the nesting habitats, life cycles, pollen collection, brood rearing, and general characteristics of some of the most common native bees in eastern North America, while highlighting the pollination of native plants and the mutualism between native plants

and native bees.  
The presentation will not be recorded.

Presented by Lexington Living Landscapes with generous funding from the Lexington Field and Garden Club.



## LPS Green Teams

### Spring Cleaning? 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 **AFFORDABLE CLOTHING** to those in need and **ENCOURAGES GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP.**



## SECOND LIFE ...



## Lexington Farmers' Market

### Small Yet Mighty Winter Market: Indoors

**MARCH MARKETS: Saturday 3/16 and 3/30**

**Every other Saturday through April 13**

**11:00am- 2:00pm**

**Waldorf School**

**739 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington**

[Learn More](#)



## Lexington Community Farm



### CSA Programs Include:

- Eggs **NEW**
- Winter and Spring Veggies\* **NEW**
- Summer and Fall Veggies
- Fruit
- Mushrooms
- Flowers

**Enjoy farm fresh food all-year-round!**

\* SOLD OUT

## LexFarm offers year-round Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs

that bring local organic food to you. CSA shares are typically purchased in the winter, with weekly pick-ups of sustainably-grown produce during the harvest season.

We plant, grow, and harvest vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers to provide fresh, certified-organic produce to our community.

And, we partner with local farms to supplement what we grow. This allows us to offer fruit, mushrooms, eggs and additional varieties of vegetables.

LexFarm is located at 52 Lowell Street in Lexington.

*Subsidized Summer Vegetable shares are available for SNAP recipients.*

**To learn more and buy CSAs, use the QR code on the front or go to [lexfarm.org/organic-csa](http://lexfarm.org/organic-csa)**

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## Lexington Community Farm Store

Wednesdays- Fridays 2:00- 7:00pm  
Saturdays 9:00am- 4:00pm  
52 Lowell Street Lexington

[Learn More](#)

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## Town of Lexington Transportation Services

### Upcoming Transportation Department Events

[Learn More](#)

Friday, April 5- Transit Explorer Grades 6-12

Thursday, April 25 Author Talk- Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World

Tuesday, April 30- LexPress Walk: Turning Mill/Williards Woods/Chiesa Farm/Parker Meadow

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# 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](#)

[Make a Plan Checklist](#)



## LPS Green Teams

LPS Green Teams Partners with Whitsons Food Service to Further Increase Schools' Sustainable Practices

[Learn More](#)



## LexZeroWaste

[Learn More & Sign](#)



# 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



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 Private Jet 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)

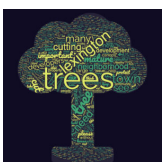
[Stop Hanscom Expansion Website](#)

[Sign the Petition](#)

## 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.



# 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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## 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

## Get to Know Our Local Bus Service with this Video: 10 Reasons We Love Lexpress

Check this Video: 10 Reasons We Love  
Lexpress



Check out the Events page on LexCAN's  
Website!

Learn  
More

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

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LexCAN

Would you like to submit an environmental event or activity?  
Email us at [info@lexcan.org](mailto:info@lexcan.org)

**Please forward to *your* network!**

Interested in signing up for this newsletter? Please email us [info@lexcan.org](mailto:info@lexcan.org)

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