

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: LexCAN Celebrates Carolyn Conte!

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ECO-TIP: VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 5 Make your voice heard!

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!

[Election Guide for Town of
Lexington](#)

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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 allowing 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

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](#)



Citizens for Lexington Conservation

Shoulder Season Birding at Dunback Meadow

Sunday, March 3 8:00- 10:00am

Join Bobbie Hodson who will be looking for winter species that haven't gone back north, early spring migrant arrivals as well as a selection of our resident year round species.

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](#)

Stop Private Jet Expansion



Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom and Everywhere Webinar: Updates

Wednesday, March 6 7:00pm
VIRTUAL

Learn More &
Register



Lexington Field and Garden Club

Please Do Eat the Daisies: The Comestible Virtues of Non-Native Weeds & Invasives in & around Lexington

Wednesday, March 13 6:30pm Social Meeting/7pm Meeting
Follen Community Church 722 Massachusetts Ave
Lexington MA

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There is a growing awareness among gardeners of the need to plant more ecologically valuable native plants to address the decline in native birds and beneficial insects. What should we do with all those non-native weeds and invasives? The answer could be, for many of them, to eat them. Join us to learn more from Russ Cohen, expert forager and author!



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

LPS Green Teams Partners with Whitsons Food Service

[Learn More](#)

LPS Green Teams have been proud to collaborate with Whitsons Food Service that provides our school lunches and breakfasts in multiple initiatives:

- Transitioning from styrofoam trays to compostable trays and lunch boats (2015)
- Compostable utensils
- Food rescue and share tables
- Transitioning from single-use disposable food ware to re-use food ware (2024-2025)



Lexington Farmers' Market

Small Yet Mighty Winter Market: Indoors

MARCH MARKETS: Saturday 3/2 and 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

Lexington Community Farm Store

Wednesdays- Fridays 2:00- 7:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am- 4:00pm

52 Lowell Street Lexington

Learn More

Town of Lexington Transportation Services

Get to Know Our Local Bus Service with this Video:

10 Reasons We Love Lexpress

Check Out: 10 Reasons We Love Lexpress!

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](#)

[Make a Plan Checklist](#)



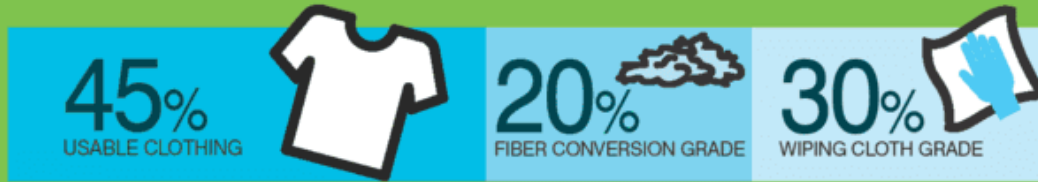
LPS Green Teams

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:



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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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 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,
Margaret Coppe mecoppe@gmail.com
Tom Wanderer thomas.wanderer49@gmail.com

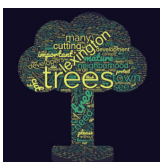
Stop Hanscom Expansion
Website

Sign the Petition

Lexington Tree Warden and Tree Committee

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

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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

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**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



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

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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

Climate Action and Resilience Plan: Resilient Lexington



Town of Lexington Department of Transportation

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

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

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