

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

LexCAN's Community Newsletter for a Sustainable Lexington



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ECO-TIP: ORGANIC LAWN CARE From Lexington Living Landscapes:

There are good reasons to go organic with your lawn care and many resources to help you, whether you're a do-it-yourselfer or rely on a lawn care

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Lexington Climate Action Network

The Greatest Impact You Can Make to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom and All of Massachusetts is to **Write a Letter**



In their **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**, the Hanscom developers make the astonishing claim that this expansion will decrease flights, decrease emissions, and help meet Net Zero goals. These assertions are deeply flawed and misleading.

The public comment period for the DEIR is now open, and we have until May 10th to make our voices heard.

Three Ways to Submit a Comment Letter:

- Use the [STOP PRIVATE JET EXPANSION \(SPJE\)](https://spje.org/DEIRtools) campaign's Public Comment Toolkit, available at spje.org/DEIRtools

OR

- Use the Mothers Out Front's 4/2/24 Climate Action Call using these resources:
 - [Action Instructions](#)
 - [Event Slides](#)
 - [Event Recording](#)

It's easy using the template provided in the Action Instructions.

OR

- Join the LexCAN Letter Writing Actionar Thursday April 25 to go step by step through the Public Comment Toolkit and have your questions answered.

Let's hit the 100 Letters Mark!

LexCAN ACTIONAR to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom and All of Massachusetts

Thursday, April 25 7:30- 8:30pm
VIRTUAL

[Register](#)

[Learn More](#)

By Wednesday April 24: Contact Your Town Meeting Member About these Critical Sustainability Articles on Town Warrant

[How to Contact Your Town Meeting Member](#)

You can also submit a comment about a Town Meeting Article using the link below

[Submit Comment](#)

ARTICLE 31: PROHIBIT SINGLE-SERVE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

ARTICLE 40: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

ARTICLE 45: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY



Celebrating Both Indigenous People and Italian American Heritage

[Learn More](#)

Learn More About Above Three Articles on Town Warrant:

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

[Learn About Attending Town Meeting In-person or Viewing Online](#)

[Great News!](#)

All four tree articles were approved as well as the article to amend regulations of fossil fuel infrastructure bylaw!
Thanks to all who communicated their support for these important articles!

Landscapers Help Care for Your Land? Let Them Know about Workshop on Transitioning to Battery-Powered Equipment

The Town of Lexington, with monetary support from LexCAN and Citizens for Lexington Conservation, is sponsoring two workshops to help land care professionals and residents make the transition to battery-powered equipment.

The workshop below is for professionals. However, if homeowners hire businesses to care for their land they can share information about the workshop. Landscapers may be more likely to attend with homeowners' encouragement.

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COMMUNITIES

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AMERICAN GREEN ZONE ALLIANCE

GREEN, QUIET & HEALTHY

A Regional Workshop for Land Care Professionals

Wednesday, May 8th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Cary Memorial Hall
1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington MA

Calling all landscaping professionals to learn from leaders in the field on transitioning to battery-powered equipment:

- The latest in commercial equipment via a live expo with top manufacturers
- The economics of gas vs. electric
- Beneficial impacts
- Case studies and success stories



REGISTER HERE

Equipment Giveaways

NALP Continuing Education Credits

Lunch Included

WELLESLEY NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUSTAINABLE WELLESLEY
Simple solutions for lower impact living

LEXINGTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Workshop for Residents on Transitioning to Battery- Powered Landscaping Equipment

Register

You're Invited: Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Making the Shift to Cleaner, Quieter Landscaping – Healthier for You and Your Neighbors

REGISTER

A Zoom Workshop on Transitioning to Electric Equipment and Other Healthier Practices for Residents of Lexington and Wellesley:

Join Quiet Communities Founder Jamie Banks and American Green Zone Alliance President Dan Mabe and other special guests for a discussion about how residents can support a healthy transition away from fossil fuel-powered equipment to improve the health of workers, children, the public, and the environment. Bring your questions.

Residents of both towns are invited to attend a hands-on electric equipment demonstration on May 8th at 12:15 p.m on the lawn at Cary Memorial Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington.

For more information, contact rsvp@quietcommunities.org



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

Go Solar!

**Wednesday, May 1 6:30- 7:30pm
VIRTUAL**

Register

Thinking about going solar? [Lexington HeatSmart](#) is now offering solar coaching! By talking to a HeatSmart Energy Advisor, you will get the guidance you need to go solar and install battery backup systems. Advisors can discuss system sizing to meet your home electrification or energy saving goals, different ownership models to consider, what credits and rebates you can expect, and how adding batteries can deliver resilience benefits and additional savings.

GO SOLAR



WITH LEXINGTON HEATSMART

Thinking about solar or batteries?

Join the Lexington HeatSmart Team and Revision Energy for a virtual event that will give you the information you need to get started:

- Why solar?
- Solar & Battery 101
- Meet the Lexington HeatSmart Solar Advisors

Wednesday, May 1 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Would You Sign Up for Geothermal If It Were Available on Your Street?

Lexington has been awarded a grant to explore the feasibility of a [networked geothermal](#) system in town. While that project is focused on a few specific sites in Lexington, networked geothermal is a promising technology to transition away from gas on a much larger scale.

While this technology is not yet available at that scale, you can add your address to [HEET's Want Geo Map](#). The more people who show their support, the faster legislators and utilities will adopt these systems, which means billions of dollars not spent replacing our aging gas infrastructure and burning more fossil fuel!

Town Curbside Compost Program to Expand This Summer



The Town is happy to announce the expansion of its curbside compost program!

Key Dates

- May 1, 2024: Enrollment opens (details coming soon)
- July 1, 2024: Service begins for households new to the program

Please spread the word to neighbors that don't compost yet!

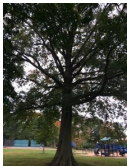
[Learn More](#)



Town of Lexington Public Works Department

Free Tree Seedlings

Week of April 22
Department of Public Works
Public Services Building
201 Bedford Street Lexington



The Town of Lexington Public Works Department in partnership with the Semiquincentennial Commission is offering residents free tree seedlings. First-come-first-serve; limit two per household



Mend in Public Day

Saturday, April 20 11:00am- 3:00pm
Center Goods
30 Waltham Street Lexington MA

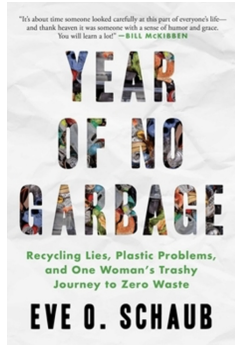
[Learn More](#)



Recycling Lies and Plastic Problems: What I Learned from a *Year of No Garbage*

Tuesday, April 30 7:00- 8:30pm

[Learn More and Register](#)



Internationally published author and humorist Eve Schaub challenged her family to attempt the seemingly impossible: to live in the modern world, for an entire year, without creating any trash at all. This talk will trace the high and low points of Schaub's family's Zero Waste journey, focusing on lessons learned and where we go from here.

Following Eve's presentation and Q&A, we will hear from Maggie Peard, [Lexington Sustainability and Resilience](#) Officer, and Erica Bouchard Rabins, Owner of [Center Goods](#). Maggie will talk about curbside recycling options in Lexington and Erica will talk about greenwashing and how to avoid non-recyclable items with refillable and reusable items.



Lexington Lyceum Advocates

Growing Up in a Climate Crisis: How Are Young People Responding?

Tuesday, April 30 6:30- 9:00pm
Follen Community Church
755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

[Learn More & Register](#)

GROWING UP IN A CLIMATE CRISIS

How are young people responding?



Tuesday
April 30
6:30pm

Follen
Community Center
Lexington



Atrayi Basu
Sustainable
Lexington Youth



Caroline Ehmann
LHS Envirothon



Dora Liao
Sustainable
Lexington Youth



Eileen Ho
LHS Envirothon



Isaiah Johnson
Mystic River Watershed
Association



Milo Briskin
Mass Audubon



Cindy Arens
Sustainable
Lexington Committee
Moderator



Roaming Buffalo
Wabanaki
Indigenous Talking
Circle Keeper



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER
or visit
Lexlyceum.org



Citizens for Lexington Conservation

April Walks

Butterfly Walk Arlington Meadows: Sunday, April 21

Spring Bird Walk Arlington Reservoir and LexFarm: Saturday, April 27

Lexpress Walk Series #1 Turning Mill/Williards Woods Chiesa

Farm/Parker Meadow: Tuesday, April 30

Learn
More



Lexington Farmers' Market

Stay Tuned for info on this year's Outdoor Farmers' Market

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Community Farm

LexFarm Updates



Click below to learn more about these exciting LexFarm offerings:

[Preorder LexFarm Seedlings Now](#)
[Financial Assistance for Summer and Fall Veggie CSA Shares](#)

[LexFarm Youth and Family Education](#)

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Living Landscapes

4th Annual Native Pollinator Plant Sale

[Learn More](#)



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society

Reimagining Our World Art Exhibit

Now through April 21 Tuesday-Sunday 11:00am- 5:00pm

Learn
More



Town of Lexington Transportation Services

Transportation Department Events

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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 with CLC

Wednesday, May 1: Massachusetts Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day:
[Register](#)

Friday May 3: Transit Explorers (Grades 6-12)



Lexington Field & Garden Club

Fresh Seasonal Floral Arrangements with Kathy Leva

Wednesday, May 8 9:30am Social Meeting 10:00am Meeting

Follen Community Church

755 Massachusetts Avenue Lexington MA

Learn More &
RSVP



Kathy Leva teaches floral design programs, classes and workshops and is a long-time Lexington Field and Garden Club member. Kathy will show you how to create an elegant fresh floral arrangement using spring flowers and how to choose the right size and shape container to showcase seasonal colors. Come and learn how to prepare long-lasting creative designs.

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](#)



Town of Lexington Department of Sustainability and Resilience

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

[Learn More](#)

Networked Geothermal Feasibility Study Begins in Lexington

[Learn More](#)

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



Energy and Water Data for Lexington's Largest Buildings

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 and Resilience
Plan**



Lexington Community Farm Store

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

Learn
More



LPS Green Teams

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

Learn
More

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 ...



stained t-shirt → wiping cloth



lone sock → pillow stuffing



old denim → household insulation



teddy bear



→ car seat stuffing



torn bath towel → wiping cloth



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.



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

[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 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](#)

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