



SUSTAINABLE MARBLEHEAD

Preserving Our Past by Protecting Our Future

NEWS

Advancing Massachusetts Climate Legislation

Thank you to State Representative Lori Ehrlich, State Senator Brendan Crighton and moderator Jonathan Cohn for their lively and informative Zoom discussion on the status of current climate legislation in Massachusetts. They discussed pending bills and the process of how a bill becomes a law. The Massachusetts House and Senate have passed, independently, two different bills which are now being reconciled into a single bill by a six-person conference committee and will require a simple up/down vote by legislators in the near future. Key aspects of the pending legislation are expected to include:

- Adoption and implementation of equitable, economy-wide carbon pricing to significantly reduce carbon emissions in
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Massachusetts and meet our state's greenhouse gas emission goals.

- Environmental justice provisions to protect vulnerable and historically marginalized communities which have been burdened disproportionately by the air pollution caused by carbon emissions.
- Accountability for Massachusetts to meet its carbon emission reduction targets and take corrective action if these goals are not met.
- An accelerated timetable to include the adoption of 2030 and 2040 carbon emission limits and development of a roadmap plan by July 30, 2021.
- A change in the definition of “non-carbon emitting” sources of electricity for municipal light plants like the Marblehead Municipal Light Department (MMLD) by striking references to biomass and certain gas power plants from the definition.

Please contact the offices of Representative Lori Ehrlich (617-722-2877) and Senator Brendan Crighton (617-722-1350) to let them know which amendments you consider most important and ask them to urge conference committee members to include these provisions in the final bill. If you were unable to participate in our recent Zoom discussion, please click here to watch the full recording of the forum: <http://bit.ly/sustmarbweb1>.

Special Marblehead Town Meeting: October 17

Marblehead will hold a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 a.m. to act on warrant articles that were not addressed in June. The meeting will take place at 80 Atlantic Avenue in the Our Lady Star of the Sea Community Center parking lot and will be held outdoors under a tent in compliance with Covid-19 social distancing guidelines. The Board of Selectmen has approved a reduction in the required quorum from 300 to 30 registered voters. To see the warrant for the Special Town Meeting, please click this link:

https://www.marblehead.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif4661/f/uploads/special_town_meeting_warrant_202009241641.pdf.

Complete a No-Cost Virtual Home Energy Assessment

A home energy assessment can reduce your carbon footprint while helping you save in monthly energy costs. HomeWorks Energy (a Mass Save partner) has over a decade of experience in the eco-friendly ways you can save energy in your home—such as insulation and air sealing. To qualify for a No-Cost Virtual Home Energy Assessment through HomeWorks Energy, **Marblehead residents must heat their home with National Grid gas**. Sustainable Marblehead will receive a small donation from HomeWorks Energy for every energy assessment that is performed through our partnership. Click here to schedule your no-cost assessment today:



Land and Sea Cleanup

Sustainable Marblehead and SPUR would like to thank the **more than 300** volunteers who joined us for our September Land and Sea Cleanup! Volunteers of all ages cleaned beaches and parks in Lynn, Marblehead, Salem, and Swampscott. We collected more than 80 bags of trash, including old clothing, used masks, a metal plow, and literally hundreds of cigarette butts. It was a tremendous success, and we thank everyone

who participated!





Congratulations to Bay State Bike Month Contest Winners!

In celebration of Bay State Bike Month, Sustainable Marblehead and Bike Marblehead sponsored two month-long contests during September. Those participating in the Bicycling and Walking Scavenger Hunt searched the town on foot and by bike to identify specific locations using a short list of clues. Congratulations to Brenda Chamberlain for the winning submission!

The Bicycle Haiku Challenge elicited delightful poetic expressions of the bicycling experience: open air, views, freedom, and mental renewal. A haiku is a traditional Japanese poem consisting of three short lines, often structured using a 5-7-5 format of syllables per line. The prize for the winning poem goes to Linda Weltner for the following haiku:

Spinning wheels take me
Far from my worries and fears
Sweet wind in my hair.

Brenda and Linda will each receive a \$50 gift certificate to Marblehead Cycle/Salem Cycle!

Thank you to all who participated.

Go Green to Clean Your Boat This Fall!

Our Harbor, One Ocean, Sustainable Marblehead's harbor working group, and local boat cleaning experts, On the Water Boat Cleaning LLC, encourage you to choose eco-friendly boat cleaning products. Here are a few that they recommend:

- Dawn dish soap
 - Simple Green boat soap and wax
 - Starbrite rust and stain remover
 - Roll Off
 - Woody ultra pine wash n wax boat soap
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- 303 multi-surface cleaner
 - Flitz

Visit Sustainable Marblehead's harbor working group webpage for more green boating tips: <https://www.sustainablemarblehead.org/Harbor-WH>.

Go green this fall
with eco-friendly
cleaning products!





THE GREEN NEW DEAL, EXPLAINED.

LIMITING CLIMATE CHAOS AND
TACKLING ECONOMIC INEQUALITY



Tuesday, October 20 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Zoom link: https://salemstate.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UJuj2QuLRpqPNKS46Oy7mg

Sponsored by Earth Days at Salem State University

In this multi-disciplinary panel we bring together three climate, politics, and labor experts to discuss the significance of a Green New Deal, its political challenges and opportunities, and its potential for addressing the climate emergency.

MODERATOR: Joey Wolongevicz

Geography and Sustainability Major, Salem State University, Founder Sunrise Salem

PANEL:



Noel Healy is an Associate Professor in the Geography and Sustainability department at Salem State University. Dr. Healy works on the intersection between rapid climate mitigation, fossil fuel politics, just transitions and climate equity. He is a contributing author for the IPCC 6th Assessment Report and on the editorial board for Energy Research and Social Science. Dr. Healy is co-author of the article *The Green New Deal in the US: What it is and how to pay for it*. His writing has appeared in *The Guardian*, *Scientific American*, and *The Conversation*.



Alyssa Battistoni is an Environmental Fellow at Harvard University. Dr. Battistoni is a political theorist working at the intersection between environmental politics, political economy, and feminist thought. Her academic work has been published in *Political Theory* and *Contemporary Political Theory*, and her writing has appeared in *The Guardian*, *n+1*, *The Nation*, *Dissent*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *Jacobin*, where she is a member of the editorial board. She is an associate faculty member at the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research and co-author of *A Planet to Win: Why We Need a Green New Deal*.



Avi Chomsky is a historian who has taught at Salem State University since 1997. She has published numerous books on immigration, the Cuban revolution, labor history, and the impact of extractivism and economic development in Colombia and globally. Her current research focuses on the social and environmental impact of coal mining and indigenous resistance in Colombia.



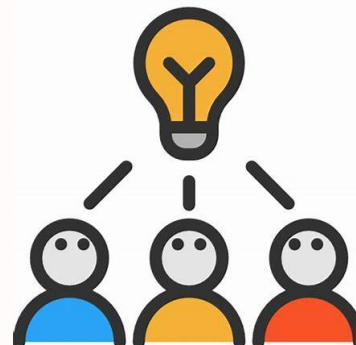
Did you know?

Trees extract and store carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, helping to mitigate climate change. They reduce pollution, stormwater runoff, and flooding. Despite this, trees are under assault. The world has lost nearly half its trees since humans first started cutting them down.

What can you do?

Join the Trillion Dollar Tree Challenge, an effort to plant one trillion trees around the world by 2030 and **plant a tree!** To learn how to best plant a tree, refer to UMass Amherst's tree-planting guide, "Planting for Resilience: Selecting Urban Trees in Massachusetts" at

<https://tinyurl.com/y67aaqhp>.



**Please support Sustainable Marblehead's work in 2020
by becoming a Contributing Member!**

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"Sustainable Marblehead's work is essential to secure a livable future for our children and our town, especially since we are at risk for the worst impacts of climate change."

—LORI EHRLICH,
STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
MASSACHUSETTS 8TH ESSEX
DISTRICT

"Tackling climate change and energy challenges require all sectors of the community to do their part. We are lucky to have Sustainable Marblehead as a partner."

—ANDREW PETTY, DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC HEALTH, MARBLEHEAD

"Sustainable Marblehead gave voice to our work to 'turn the tide on plastic' providing awareness and understanding of practical ways to ensure a more sustainable future."

—BOB HOWIE, PAST COMMODORE,
CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

"Sustainable Marblehead makes a big impact in our town by spreading awareness about the environment and by changing peoples' views on how they affect the planet."

—HANNAH KAO, MARBLEHEAD
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Become a Contributing Member of Sustainable Marblehead!

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP US:

- » Work with town officials to pursue our goal of 100% renewable energy
- » Promote low and no-carbon transportation
- » Increase awareness and develop policy solutions to reduce waste and increase composting and recycling (did you know that 40% of our waste is compostable?)
- » Offer programs that teach our children about the environment and sustainability
- » Advocate for a healthy tree canopy
- » Promote cycling education and infrastructure

We are a community organization dedicated to **protecting the environment** and **addressing the global climate crisis** on a local level. Please join us!

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE PAST YEAR:

- » We engaged and educated more than **1000 Marblehead residents** at our events.
- » We promoted and assisted the Town in the creation of its new **Green Marblehead Committee**, which will create a vision and action plan to guide the town in its carbon emission reduction, clean energy, and sustainability efforts. We will have two representatives on the 11-member committee.
- » We will soon introduce **Carbon-Free Marblehead 2040**, our framework to guide Marblehead to 100% renewable energy. It follows the release of our **Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report** in 2018, which documented our town's carbon emissions.
- » The number of households signing on to **Black Earth Compost's curbside pickup service has doubled to more than 400**, with the number of compost bins at the Transfer Station also doubling.

Please support our work with an annual family membership donation

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$Other

Please click [here](#) to become a member.

To learn more about Sustainable Marblehead and our impact, please click [here](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We have kicked off our first membership drive, and we thank our 2020 supporters for helping make our work possible. To learn more about our impact to date, click [here](#).

To become a 2020 member of **Sustainable Marblehead**, click [here](#).
Again, thank you for your support!



Please forward this newsletter to a friend! Thank You



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