



# April 2021 Newsletter

*Preserving Our Past by Protecting Our Future*

## Springing Forward



There are signs of spring in Marblehead. Tulip and daffodil bulbs are peeking through the ground, trees are beginning to bud and birds are singing. After our pandemic winter, these signs of the changing season are especially welcome, and when we celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 30, it will be with a renewed appreciation of the beauty of nature and the rhythm of the seasons.

After a long process, Governor Baker signed a bipartisan climate-change bill into law that sets the goal of creating net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The law includes incremental goals every five years to reach a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030 before meeting the 2050 goal. The law also strengthens protections for environmental justice communities—often lower-income communities whose populations are especially

vulnerable to the effects of pollution. The passing of this bill is a huge step forward for our state, and we appreciate the commitment of our elected officials to make it happen. To learn more about the bill, visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

As our trees come into bloom, we invite you to share your pictures, thoughts and stories about your favorite trees on our new Facebook group page, Marblehead Loves Trees. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/marbleheadlovestrees/>. Started by our Town Trees and Urban Forestry Group, this page invites you to post anything that celebrates the trees of Marblehead and trees in general. Happy Spring!

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## Town Trees



Jon Fobert, Marblehead's Tree Warden, has ordered 30 bare root trees to arrive April 21st. These trees will be planted mostly in residential areas that have lost a significant number of trees over the last several years. Bare root trees need to be planted quickly after they arrive. Because some street locations will be under the electrical wires and some will be without such limitation, Jon has ordered a variety of species that will fulfill several objectives -- they are mostly native species with different mature growth heights that can withstand an urban environment and not project roots into sidewalks and paved areas. Tree species include some Swamp White Oak, Yellowwood, Honey Locust and Ginko (which is not native).

All trees will be planted on town property April 24th and 25th.

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## It's Not too Late to Join the Outdoor Challenge



Get ready for some fun, adventure, and even peaceful moments when you challenge your family to enjoy 60 hours per month outside in April and May. Prizes are awarded at the end of each month!

[Learn More](#)

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Upcoming Event  
Monday, April 12, 4:30 pm



## Ask Chip: Green Lawn Care

Learn how to move turf and landscapes from conventional management practices to a natural approach.

[Register Here](#)



Our Harbor  
One Ocean

### Attention Marblehead Boat Owners

**Help to keep shrink wrap plastic out of the landfills by having it recycled!**

Thank you for doing your part to make boating more eco-friendly.

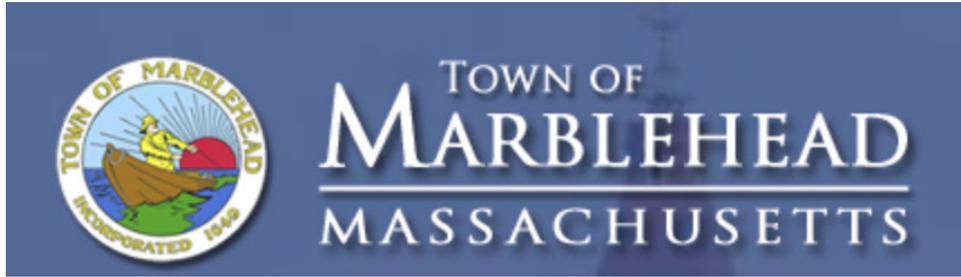
Bring your used marine shrink wrap this spring to the Marblehead Transfer Station and deposit in the dedicated shrink wrap bin on-site now. The bin is located next to the scale house.

This service is free. No permit-sticker required for dropping off shrink wrap.



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## Town Meeting



Marblehead's Town Meeting is fast approaching and will be held on Monday, May 3, outdoors at 7 pm. There are 49 articles being considered, and a few caught our eye. As we wait for more details in the warrant, we are advocating for:

- When equipment is purchased for the town (Articles 8,9) it should, wherever possible, be zero emission.
- When improvements are made to town property (10,35) they should be as "Green" as possible, and not just meet the minimum standards.
- The acquisition of conservation land and maintenance and enhancement of existing properties (24,31).
- The objectives of article 46 (storm water redirection) appear laudable, and we are looking into this in more detail.
- The curtailing of the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers (47) will be a baby step in reducing emissions of CO, NOx, NMHC and other harmful chemicals.

We will have more information in the May newsletter and at [sustainablemarblehead.org](http://sustainablemarblehead.org).

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## Marblehead Ocean Week Youth Media Competition

### Calling all Marblehead students!

What does a healthy  
ocean and harbor look  
like to you?

### To enter:

Create a piece of  
original content (a short  
video, animation, audio  
podcast, news article,  
or poster) to help  
generate awareness  
and inspire action to  
protect our harbor and  
ocean.



Open to all students K-12

Send submissions to [harbor@sustainablemarblehead.org](mailto:harbor@sustainablemarblehead.org)

By May 21, 2021

Winners will be announced June 3rd and awarded prizes!



### Did You Know?

All public spaces in Marblehead have been organic since 2001. However, pesticides used by homeowners enter the harbor through rain runoff and storm drains, impacting water quality and marine life.

### What Can You Do?

Commit to making your yard and garden pesticide-free.



To learn how join us for Green Lawncare on April 12 from 4:30-5:30pm. [Register here.](#)

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## Support

Sustainable Marblehead is a community organization working to reduce waste and achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040. Our work is important, and we can't do it alone. Please join us by donating today.

**Donate Today**

