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Climate Week MEA

Medfield • Environment • Action

Saturday, April 27 – Sunday, May 5

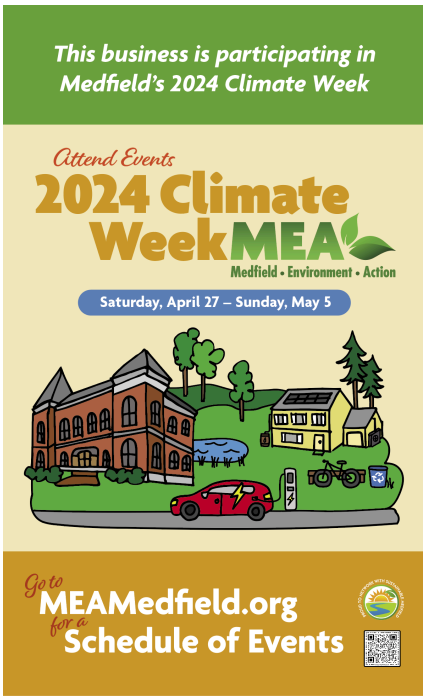
Climate Week Schedule

MEA is excited to announce Medfield's second annual Climate Week from Saturday, April 27th – Sunday, May 5th. A variety of unique events are taking place throughout the week at various locations around town. The goal is to have fun, spread awareness, educate, and network with neighbors. Any questions please email meamedfield@gmail.com.

Look for the MEA leaf at each of the Climate Week events!



Look for this sign at all participating Medfield businesses!



Events Ongoing Throughout the Entire Week

Children's Climate Book Display at Medfield Library
468 Main St.

Butterfly Tree Shop
505 Main St.
Special discounts on sustainable and eco-friendly products/gifts

Park Street Books
504 Main St.
Climate Books on Display

Larkin's Liquor Store
20 North St.
All during climate week, stop in at Larkins to enjoy 20% off any 3 or more bottles of organic or sustainable grown wine. A great selection of both red and white wines are available for this special sale.

Juice On Main

479 Main St.

10% discount during Climate week to anyone who does any of the following sustainable actions:

1. Shares a picture on social media and tags @juiceonmain for how they have reduced their carbon footprint.

2. Walks or bikes to Juice on Main and shares a picture of themselves and tags @juiceonmain

3. Brings their own smoothie cup and shares a picture of themselves and tags @juiceonmain

Medfield House of Pizza

10 North St.

Come in all week and take advantage of our meatless pizza special! Large 16" cheese pizza only $10.

Holistic Wellness Center

18 North Meadows Rd.

10% off any products that fall into the "local" category. A free reusable shopping tote or string backpack to anyone who spends over $50 or who walks or bikes to HWC.
The shop employs numerous sustainable practices every week of the year. They sell certified Fair Trade products. They make an effort to carry many items that are within the acceptable shipping range (local and local-ish) when possible.

Take a walk or ride your bike along the new Rail Trail

Begins at Ice House Road. 1.3 mile multi-use trail, parking available across from the entrance (Friends of the Medfield Rail Trail)

Saturday, April 27th

Hike Up Noon Hill **NEW DAY (CHANGED FROM SUNDAY APRIL 28)**

Meet at 8:30 am, meet at the Noon Hill Reservation parking lot on Noon Hill Ave (main parking lot near Holt Pond and near the Medfield Sportsman Club)

Enjoy a 3 mile walk in the Noon Hill area, exploring some new and recently improved trails along the Charles River. Led by Blanche Teyssier in partnership with Friends of Medfield Forests and Trails FMFT. Expected duration is 2 hours. Wear comfortable shoes.

Friends of Medfield Seniors, Inc FOSI Yard Sale to Benefit Council on Aging

8 - 2 pm, Center at Medfield One Ice House Rd.

This is a major fundraiser for the COA. Furniture, glassware, toys, books and much more - includes a bake sale and a book sale. Donations of gently used items are welcome except no computer, printers or clothing. Donations for the yard sale will be accepted from Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26. Hours for collection during those days are during our regular business hours or until the space is full. Any questions contact the Medfield Council on Aging (508) 359-3665. Reusing our 'stuff' and combating throw-away consumerism is vital to sustainability.

Fairy Walk at Bellforge

10 - 3 pm, 45 Hospital Rd.

Explore a world of magical fairy houses (fairy residences are known for having the lightest carbon footprint ever!) Fairy Walk at Bellforge

Sustainable Colonial Vegetable Garden

11 - 2 pm, Peak House, 347 Main St.

A sustainable Colonial vegetable garden with herbs and medicinal plants is to be planted next door to the Peak House. Come to the Peak House Heritage Center to see the new growth and find out more about volunteering as a gardener by growing Colonial vegetables which were vital to early Medfield families. You'll have a small plot of your own, and can select from a Colonial seed list! Seeds and water resources are provided at no cost, as well as deer and rabbit protection. Throughout the growing season, you may harvest your own crops or donate them.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

9 - 1 pm, Highway Garage Building 55 North Meadows Rd.

Drive up, pop your trunk and we will unload the items to be discarded. Acceptable items include automotive based chemicals, oil based paint, cleaning chemicals, fertilizer and pesticides, car batteries, fluorescent bulbs and propane tanks 1 lb and 20 lb. Any questions, call DPW at (508) 906-3003.

Sunday, April 28th

Earth Day Service at Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Dover 10 a.m.

18 Springdale Ave, Dover (not in Medfield but close by)

Join Us for a Special Earth Day Service. Our worship will include selected readings and special music calling us to reflect on how caring for the Earth and caring for our neighbors are inextricably linked. St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Solar Shingle Roof Open House

11 - 1 pm, 17 Loeffler Lane

My roof shingles are solar panels! Come view the roof shingle array from the outside and the system equipment from the inside – also includes explanation of the Inverter and Sunny Portal logins which show real time solar production (to the point where if a cloud goes over or moves away you easily see the changes) and production graphs from recent days – view David Baime's detailed data from several years on production, % of total electricity, total cost/savings and average price of electricity each year – info on US cities and their average annual hours of sunshine – multiple electric bills "no payment due."

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Adorable grazing baby Goats, Robot Mowers, Chickens and family friendly activities!

1 - 3 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 26 North St.

- **'Goats of Dover**' – Bring the whole family to see the friendly goats in action! Having the 'Goats of Dover**'** visit your property is an effective, environmentally friendly way to eradicate poison ivy and unwanted brush- and it's super fun! Goats of Dover is committed to cleaning up and greening up our planet. Our services include goatscaping, goat yoga, baby goat visits, and cocktails with goats. Learn lots more at Goats of Dover
- **Robotic lawn mowers** and other sustainable tools for yards and fields. Automated Outdoor Solutions of New England will be featuring robotic lawn mowers, a robotic snowblower, a leaf-blower, a variety of battery-powered handheld tools and more! All tools are practical alternatives to noisy gas and oil-powered lawn maintenance tools. Come see and try them out! AOS contact newenglandaos@gmail.com Website robot-mow.com
- Meet some friendly **local chickens** and learn if backyard chicken keeping is for you!
- **Kids craft project** using recycled materials

Jenga Blocks for Extinct Species

1 - 3 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 26 North St.

Sponsored by Extinction Rebellion

Check out an oversized game of "Extinction Jenga" and playfully learn about biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse with the endangered species Jenga Blocks. As species become extinct (they are removed from the tower) the tower becomes less stable.

A Climate-Themed Interfaith Labyrinth Walk

3 - 5 pm, Church of the Advent 28 Pleasant St.

Walkers may arrive anytime between 3-5 pm

See flyer at adventmedfield.org

You are invited to:

- Come as you are and bring your thirst for stillness in this candle-lit labyrinth walk.
- Come experience this ancient symbol for personal reflection, peace, world healing, and transformation.
- Come and share our interconnectedness; walk, pray, and share the burden of sorrow for all those affected by climate change, both human and non-human.

Hosted by Church of the Advent Creation Care Ministry Team. Contact: Jill Seiler-Moon (508) 241-5796, Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Visit a Diverse and Naturally Landscaped Lawn and Enjoy a Fiddle Concert

7 pm, 84 Bridge St.

Come by to see Andy Costello's yard with almost no grass (ground covering, trees and shrubs instead) and enjoy an outdoor fiddle concert at the same time. WEATHER PERMITTING

Monday, April 29th

Ground Source Heat Pump Conversation

7:30 pm via Zoom

Good for the 'Burbs: Our Ground-Source Heatpump Systems (Geothermal)

Medfield residents will chat about their respective homes' high-efficiency ground-source heatpump, aka geothermal, systems. Providing both heating and cooling, they run clean and green. Kirsten and Glen Dabate will share their recent experience installing a Geothermal HVAC system to replace their aging gas furnace. For Fred and Lucinda Davis, it's now been three heating seasons since they said goodbye to their oil system. GSHP technology makes sense for Medfielders who anticipate needing to replace their oil or gas furnaces with a comfortable, all-electric, zero-carbon HVAC system. We'll also mention how every Medfielder can now profitably opt-up to 100%-clean electricity. Here is the link to the Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165522763?omn=83858241993

Tuesday, April 30th

No-spray, Biological Mosquito Control

3 - 4 pm, 24 Marlyn Rd

With warmer weather starting sooner and more precipitation predicted, we all worry about mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry. Frequently, monthly yard sprays are ineffective or use, even in their 'natural' mixes', pesticides that are potential carcinogens and that persist for weeks on your lawn, flowers and bushes, harming people and wildlife. Hilli will demonstrate a simple, cheap and effective way to control mosquitoes naturally by breaking their lifecycle using 'breeding traps' and pond dunks. This method can be scaled across your property and whole neighborhoods to achieve consistent outcomes.

Beginner Mountain Bike Ride

5:00 pm, Bellforge Cultural Center front lawn

Rain date Wed. May 1

Beginner mountain bike ride along Charles River in Medfield Charles River Reservation. Meet at Medfield State Hospital Bellforge Cultural Center front lawn. Led by George Lester in partnership with the SE Mass chapter of New England Mountain Bike Association. Please visit Beginner Bike Ride for more info and to sign up so we know you are coming! There is no cost. Thank you!

Solar Power and the Value of Your Home

6:30 pm, Medfield Library, Meeting Room in the lower level

Have you thought about adding Solar panels to your home? Is there always a financial outlay required right up front? Worried about the return on investment time frame, and what if you decided to move? What will Solar panels do for the value of your home someday when you do sell? In this presentation, David Derian of Berkshire Hathaway Page Realty offers an overview of Solar installation options, and gives answers to these and other questions. Please email davidderian@bhhspagerealty.com if you're interested in attending so we can plan refreshments.

Low-Impact Sustainable Yard Care Webinar Viewing - Sign up Required CANCELLED If you have any questions or want to talk further about yard care, we will connect you with the right professional. Email us at meamedfield@gmail.com

6:30 - 8:30 pm Medfield TV 18 North Meadows Rd.

Please register by Sunday April 28th for this program as space is limited. Register here. A live viewing of MEA's webinar held in March. If you missed it this is the perfect opportunity to watch and get insight into how to create and maintain a sustainable, environmentally friendly yard.

Wednesday, May 1st

Swap Opens

9 - 3, Transfer Station

Come see what's happening this season to save our planet! The purpose of the Swap Area is to divert items from going into the waste stream. The SWAP AREA is a convenient drop-off spot for unwanted items or a unique "shopping experience" at a bargain price, it is FREE! Items are NOT disposed of at the end of the day (as was done in the past), items generally remain at the SWAP for a few weeks to give them a chance to be seen and taken before recycled/repurposed.

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Medfield Community Electricity

10:30 am, Center at Medfield, One Ice House Rd.

A community meeting to learn about Medfield Community Electricity, a town-run program launching in June of 2024 that seeks to offer new electricity supply options that provide more renewable energy and stable prices for all Medfield residents and businesses. Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions.

Demo/Display of Temperature Blanket (knit and crochet)

2 - 3 pm, Medfield Library

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Solar Panel and Electric Vehicle Charging Open House

4:30 - 7:00 pm, 3 Hospital Rd.

Come chat with Heidi and Tripp Johnson if you're considering solar, an EV or heat pumps and would like to ask any questions about the benefits of each or to see 7 years' worth of $0 electric bills! Check out the 45 solar panels on our roof and the corresponding net meter equipment for the electric company reading as well as the Solar Edge data collection dashboard. Also see our Tesla Y with installed Tesla charger in our garage and an additional 240V outlet that we also installed to help charge our daughter's Chevy Bolt when she visits. We also can speak to our heat pump heating/cooling solution at our paneled house in Maine.

Talk Tesla

5:30 - 6:30 pm, 36 Whichita Rd.

Come kick the tires (not literally!) of a 2022 Tesla Model Y. Have an up-close look at the electric vehicle and check out the frunk. Megan Sullivan will share her charging set-up and personal experience driving to and from Florida.

Thursday, May 2nd

Walk or Bike to School Day - Dale Street School

Meet at Hinkley Pond at 7:30 am

Raindate: Friday, May 3rd

Participating students will be entered in a raffle to win tokens for the school's new book vending machine! Students are welcome to meet at Hinkley Pond at 7:30 am to join a "bike train" which will proceed to the school. Sign up by April 30th (see flyer Climate Week flyers for QR code or email medfieldbike2school@gmail.com). Bus transportation will still be available and follow the normal route and schedule.

Children's Library Storytime

10:40 - 11:00 am Medfield Public Library Children's Room

Storytime for ages 18 months - 5 years with a caregiver. Join Miss Andrea for songs, stories, handplays & movement activities with an Environmental theme for Medfield Climate Week. This is a great opportunity for caregivers to model singing, playing & sharing the early literacy experience with their littles! Caregivers should plan to sit with their child and participate. There will also be an Earth Month Display of books.

Fabric Scrap Wreath Workshop for Adults

6 - 8 pm Medfield Public Library

Celebrate Medfield Climate Week by helping the librarians use up their fabric scraps! Sign up to make a fun and colorful wreath made of scraps leftover from library sewing classes - or bring your own scraps from home!

Supplies are limited. Please visit the May Events page at MedfieldPublicLibrary.org/EVENTS starting April 16th to register.

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Electronics Recycling

9 - 12 pm, Church of the Advent, 28 Pleasant St.

Donation based Electronics Recycling Event in Partnership with Data Recycling New England. See flyer at adventmedfield.org for details.

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Spring Dance Party at Expresso Yourself Coffeehouse

7 - 9 pm, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 26 North St.
Join us for International Folk Dancing with *The Larger Circle Band* and professional dance caller Jacob Bloom. Complimentary desserts, coffee & tea. Share a song, story, or poem in the open mic. Learn to do international folk dances! Join in the fun! Adults, teens, and children welcome. Tickets in advance: $10. Tickets at door: $12. Children $5. Funds collected will go to Green Roots, an environmental justice organization.

Sunday, May 5th

Electric Vehicle Car and ebike Show, Test drive an EV, Ice Cream Truck and Rail Trail Ride or Walk

1 - 3 pm, Sunday, The Center at Medfield parking lot - One Ice House Rd.
Medfield Energy Committee and Sustainable Medfield

Join fellow drivers and learn about their experiences with their electric cars and trucks. We have an assortment of vehicles including battery-only and hybrid models. Have you checked out the variety of EVs available today? Come on by!
Walk or ride the Rail Trail while you are there. Entrance is on Ice House Rd. Stretch your legs and check out what birds have returned for summer. See what is coming up in the new native plant garden. Enjoy an ice cream!

Textile and Sewing Machine Mending Clinic

1 - 4 pm, Medfield Public Library
Extend the life of your clothing and household textiles! Sign up to work with a volunteer Mender for some hands-on assistance and give those ripped, torn, stained, and deteriorated clothes, cushions, and linens some extra life. We'll also have folks available to look at that old sewing machine you've got gathering dust in your attic. We'll help you fix it if we can and show you how to maintain it going forward. Drop in anytime with holey sweaters, mittens, hats, or jeans, or to replace missing buttons, but please make an appointment for more complex jobs.

1:45-2:30 Visible Mending with Embroidery with Bri! No sewing experience needed to participate! Bring something with a small hole or stain, or practice on scrap fabric provided.

Click the links below to reserve your spot!

To register for Complex Textile Mending, Complex Textile Mending

To register for Sewing Machine maintenance or repair, Sewing Machine Maintenence or Repair

This event is planned in conjunction with Medfield Environment Action for Medfield Climate Week and is sponsored by the Medfield Public Library and The Medfield Transfer Station and Recycling Committee.

Private Events Happening Around Town

Children's Clothing Swap at Medfield Children's Center
Jenga Blocks for Extinct Species 4 - 6 grade MAP

Other Climate Awareness Activities

Annual Medfield Clean-Up Days
Sat/Sun April 20 and 21, 8 - 3 pm
Call Medfield DPW to volunteer (508) 906-3003.

The Bellforge Arts Center (Bellforge) in partnership with local State Rep Marcus Vaughn is planning a sustainability fair in Medfield, MA the week before Climate Week on April 20, 10am-2pm. This event will be part-recycling drive and part-environmental and social action fair. The Green Team in partnership with Eversource will be on site hosting a recycling drive for unusual items like dehumidifiers, mattresses, etc.

The goal of this event is to raise awareness in our community about ways to get involved in social and environmental action.

There will be music and other family-friendly entertainment, food, lawn games and lots of fun!

The Week
May 15, 21 & 23
Register at medfieldpubliclibrary.org

The Week is a unique, informative, and potentially profound group experience to discuss climate change, and what we can actually do about it.

Too often the issue of climate change feels abstract and overwhelming. The Week is a way to engage this issue, for real, with friends and neighbors. The Week doesn't tell us what to do, but

empowers us to make up our own minds. Your group will view three 1-hour documentary films over the course of one week, and spend about 30 minutes after each viewing to have a guided conversation.

Medfielders who have already participated in The Week highly recommend this program, even if climate change documentaries/discussions are not usually your cup of tea! It is not about recommending a particular policy solution at all, but instead focuses on our humanity and the wide variety of feelings that people experience on this issue.

This event will be held at the Medfield Public Library on Thursday May 15th, Tuesday May 21st, and Thursday May 23rd. Please plan to attend all three sessions to get the most out of the program. A morning session is being offered at 10:30 am-12 noon, and an evening session is offered from 6:00-7:30 pm on each date.

Thanks for your interest and support of Medfield's Second Annual Climate Week!

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