

Dear Friends,

Each month the Epiphany Sustainability and Creation Care group will send out a monthly newsletter with news and events for those committed to caring for our planet. If you know of others who should receive this email, please forward it to them, and let me know who, so I can add their name to the email list. More up-to-date info can be found on the Sustainable Winchester Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SustainableWinchester, please like that page and share with others who should know.

In Faith,

Josh

Epiphany Sustainability and Creation Care Group Meetings



The Epiphany Sustainability and Creation Care Group Meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Through September they will be Zoom Meetings.

Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8734975675>

Meeting ID: 873 497 5675

Dial by Phone at: 929-205-6099

As a group committed to environmental justice, we stand with those calling for racial justice, accountability and an end to violence. We grieve for the loss so many are experiencing in our community, and we stand with those most affected by racist structures and systems. We commit to educating ourselves on the historic and current systems of racism in New England and to advocate for policies and elected leaders that are willing to address these issues.

NEWS OF NOTE

Did You Know...

Epiphany Runs on 100% Green Electricity

Parish of the Epiphany runs on 100% fossil-free electricity today! For over 3 years, Parish of the Epiphany has sourced its electricity from [WinPower 100](#) (the 100% renewable municipal electric aggregation program in Winchester). WinPower 100 electricity is generated from New England solar, wind and low-impact hydro sources. It supplies green electricity for both the Rectory and Parish building. Over 180 homes and businesses today use WinPower, and in 3 years it has saved over 7.2 million pounds of CO₂, the equivalent of taking 700 cars off the road for a year.) For more info on WinPower 100 visit www.WinPowerMA.com. For similar programs in other towns visit www.greenenergyconsumers.org/aggregation

Winchester Farmers Market



The Winchester farmers market is back! This year it will be in the Winchester Town Hall parking lot at 109 Skillings Road.

Entry will be via Mount Vernon Street. The market will be every Saturday 9:30-1:30PM from June 13-October 31st.

For more info visit: www.winchesterfarmersmarket.org

Financial Markets challenge oil companies to reassess carbon-based valuations



A group of more than 20 leading investment funds are widening a campaign pressing businesses with heavy fossil fuel exposure (such as oil companies) to better reflect climate risks in their accounting. BP has recently reduced the value of its assets by up to \$17.5 billion. Read more in this Reuters article:

<https://bit.ly/oil-reassessed>

Renewable Electricity Poised to Eclipse Coal in the US



For the first time ever, the US is on track to produce more electricity this year from renewable power than coal. This has been driven by economics. The cost of building large wind farms has declined more than 40% since 2010, while solar costs have dropped more than 80%. And the price of natural gas has fallen to historic lows

The Coronavirus has sharply reduced demand for electricity. And, because coal plants often cost more to operate than gas plants or renewables, many utilities are cutting back on coal power first in response.

Read more in this NYT article: <https://bit.ly/NYT-green>

Farm-to-Go!



Wright Locke Farm working with local businesses to offer a safe, no-contact pickup of pre-ordered and prepared meals.

Each week there's a rotating menu prepared by Essex Catering, and options for fresh bread from Mamadou's Bakery, and delectable desserts from Source Bakery. Order by Wednesday at midnight, for our Friday afternoon/evening pickup at www.wlfarm.org/farm-to-go/

UPCOMING EVENTS & “USEFUL” ITEMS

Green Energy Consumer Alliance Webinar: How to Buy Clean Electricity



Tues., June 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Register at:

www.greenenergyconsumers.org/event/howbuycleanelectricity0

Register for other webinars empowering you to support electric cars, solar, smart public policy, renewable energy development, at www.greenenergyconsumers.org/events

Blessed Unrest: Growing a Future for Life on Earth (Sponsored by Biodiversity for a Livable Climate)



See the replay of the 5-Part Online Conference

* Via Organica and Ecological Restoration Camps:

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Accomplishments

* Agraria – Agriculture as More than Farming

* Rising Out of Despair: Haiti’s “Green Pearl” Initiative

* The Community-led Movement for Forests, Climate and Justice in the Southern US

* How Faith Brings Blessed Unrest, Part 1

Register for the replay at: <https://bio4climate.org/blessed-unrest-program/>

Environmental League of Mass (ELM) Webinar Replays

The Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) is a nonprofit educational and advocacy organization which combats climate change and protecting our land, water, and public health. They focus their resources on the state level. They also network and collaborate with a variety of leaders in business and government. Watch the replays of the Wednesday Webinar Series events sponsored by ELM in June:

* Session 8: Perspectives on Climate Policy

* Session 9: Corporate Sustainability & Public Policy

* Wednesday Webinar Session 10: A New Era for State Climate Action

Watch these webinars at: <https://www.environmentalleague.org/news/>

Recycle or Trash? We'll Help You Sort it Out.

Massachusetts has a new statewide recycling program for all cities and towns **Recycle Smart MA** :

www.recyclesmartma.org

Did You Know not all paper products can be recycled? Tissues, Paper Towels, and Paper Napkins should not go in the recycling bin. The fibers in these paper items are too short to be used again.

To find the answers to other recycling questions, check out the “*Recyclopedia*” at

www.RecycleSmartMA.org

Should Massachusetts Cities and towns ban new natural gas hook-ups?

The Boston Globe provided a pro/con column about cities and towns prohibiting new gas hookups, and they are asking readers to vote. Read the Pros and Cons and vote here:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/04/16/metro/should-massachusetts-cities-towns-ban-new-natural-gas-hook-ups/>

Webinar: It's Happening. It's Now. The Climate Reports of 2018

In the webinar, Professor Michael Oppenheimer presented the most important findings from the UN IPCC Report and the US National Climate Assessment Report. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of MA. Register for this or other webinars at: <https://bit.ly/LWV-Climate>

RECOMMENDED ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

Here are some organizations committed to climate change. This is only a small sample of the many environmental groups. If you have other groups that should be included on this list, please email joshua.reynolds85@gmail.com

350 Mass Action <https://www.betterfutureaction.org/>
Cool Winchester <http://www.coolwinchester.org/Home.html>
Heat Smart <http://heatsmartccl.org/>
Green Car Reports <https://www.greencarreports.com/>
Green Energy Consumers Alliance <https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/>
Mass Clean Energy Center <https://www.masscec.com/>
Mass Interfaith Power & Light <https://www.massipl.org/>
Mothers Out Front.org <https://www.mothersoutfront.org/>
Sustainable Winchester www.facebook.com/SustainableWinchester
WinPower Community Choice Electricity www.winpowerma.org
Wright Locke Farm <https://www.wlfarm.org>