

Events, Updates, News, and more!
December 2024

Dear Friend,

As we wind down to the end of 2024, we've been reflecting on some of the incredible work achieved by our volunteers, members, and community over the past year. We helped pass a climate bill, endorsed climate champions for local office, and held a rally for offshore wind, just to name a few!

A reminder that the Sierra Club offices are closed from Monday, December 23rd, 2024 to January 2nd, 2025. We hope you have a wonderful and restful holiday season and we look forward to continuing the work in the new year!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Chapter Book Club

Thurs, Dec 19 6:00pm



Join us for book club! We're discussing "What If We Get it Right: Visions of Climate Futures" by Ayanna Elizabeth Johnson. Register and then read a little, read a lot, or not at all... whatever you can fit in and no pressure, just join us for community and conversation.

Sustainable Aviation Fuels: Can They Meet 2050 Climate Goals?

Wed, Jan 8 7:00pm



Join Sierra Club Mass, the Institute for Policy Studies, SPJE Coalition and others for a webinar in early January. Much of the research and policy conversation about the future of "sustainable aviation fuels" has been funded by the aviation industry. This webinar features independent researchers who receive no aviation industry support.

Drop off calendars to legislators!

Thurs, Jan 9 10:00am



It's a new year, a new legislative session, and a new Federal administration. As we prepare for a hostile federal environment, state action will be more critical than ever. Help deliver our revered Sierra Club calendars and remind legislators of the urgency of the climate and biological diversity crises. Join us in this fun and impactful annual tradition!

Upcoming Committee and Team Meetings

Check out our Events Calendar for all Committee and Team Meetings in addition to special events!





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Sierran Magazine - now digital!



The 2024 edition of the *Sierran* Magazine is now available digitally!

Check out what's been happening at the Chapter in our Letter from the Director and other exciting articles about our work this year.

Read the digital Sierran Magazine →

Art for the Preservation of the Quabbin, Ware, and Wachusett forests!



Protect our Watersheds

This month the Chapter's Forest Protection Team was gifted this beautiful piece of art by Jennie Polan in support of our campaign to protect the public forests of the Quabbin, Ware, and Wachusett reservoirs from logging.

- This piece was hand drawn with black ink and then digitally colored.
- Her art shows the great biodiversity of the forests surrounding the reservoirs that supply our drinking water.
- Nou can check out more of Jennie's work here!

Sign our petition to protect forests!

Unfamiliar with why this effort is important to our members? You can watch a recording of a campaign introduction presentation.

Want to learn more about our current work?
Check out our <u>Campaign Updates Document</u> for more information!

Methane Pipelines, Climate Change, & What Comes Next

January 28th at 7pm ET



Project Maple is the proposed expansion of a methane pipeline in NY, CT, RI, and MA. Join our webinar on January 28th at 7pm to hear from Bill McKibben, who is a renowned author and the founder of Third Act, an organization focused on organizing people over the age of 60 for climate action. In addition, learn more about Project Maple and hear from Dr. Sandra Steingraber, New York biologist and author.

MA Youth Climate Coalition Lobby Week 2025

February 10th-14th

Massachusetts Statehouse and virtual

Join the <u>Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition</u> as we sit down directly with our legislators to fight for state-level climate justice policy during our Youth Climate Lobby Week (week of 2/10/25). This is a great way to represent your community, have fun, and make a difference!

What We're Reading

- David vs. Goliath: Mass. tries to even the playing field for decisions about energy infrastructure (<u>Boston Globe</u>)
- Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$735 Million for Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Including Over \$82 Million for Massachusetts (<u>Sierra Club</u>)
- State gives green light to develop giant battery farm in Everett over mayor's objections (<u>Boston Globe</u>)
- Massages and country clubs: Your electric bill may be funding lavish perks (<u>Floodlight</u>)
- Cleanup and wildlife rescue efforts continue after Muddy River oil spill (<u>Brookline News</u>)

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