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Dear SWAG Supporter,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and great start to the gorgeous fall season! SWAG has been busy and we're excited to share our latest news and opportunities for you to join in the action. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We really appreciate it!

LATEST NEWS

1) Community Choice Aggregation: an Opportunity to Source Greener Electricity for Weston

SWAG has kicked-off a new campaign: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). CCA is a regulated process by which municipalities can aggregate and switch the electricity supply of households and small businesses from Eversource basic service to cleaner energy. By implementing CCA, a town contributes directly to the increase in renewable energy capacity and production. Many surrounding towns have implemented CCA already. Now it's our turn! We are well on our way to the first step in the legally mandated process, which requires a Town Meeting vote: on September 10th, 2019, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support an article for the upcoming special town meeting that, if it passes, will authorize the town to pursue CCA. We'll need your help to pass this article! Please **come to the Special Town Meeting on December 3rd, 2019 and vote**. For more info on CCA, click [here](#).

2) Gas Audit Results Now Available and Weston Signs Resolution in Support of the FUTURE Act

Following SWAG's presentation of the Weston Gas Audit results on September 24th, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support proposed legislation to address gas infrastructure issues. The **For Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy act or "FUTURE" act for short**, is a multi-faceted approach to transitioning our state towards renewable energy and away from explosive fossil fuels by proposing to: (1) improve conditions for gas leak maintenance and repair, (2) create a pathway for gas utilities to transition to renewable energy and, (3) shift the balance of power to municipalities, legislators and customers. A copy of the Resolution can be found [here](#). More information on the Weston Gas Audit can be found on the [Town Projects web page](#).

3) Weston Prepares for the Effects of Climate Change

Weston's Sustainability Committee is excited to share that our town will be participating in the [Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness \(MVP\) Program](#). This program provides Weston over \$26,000 in funding to start planning for climate hazards, complete climate change vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. The program will help ensure our community is prepared for and resilient to any potential climate-related hazard. Once Weston completes the MVP planning phase of the program, it will become certified as an MVP community and be eligible for additional grant funding.

UPCOMING EVENTS: JOIN US!

Gas Forum: Triage & Transition, October 24th 7-9pm @ Weston Middle School

SWAG is co-sponsoring a panel discussion on MA gas infrastructure issues & solutions. The event will be hosted by Leon Gaumond, Weston Town Manager, and, among others, will feature State Rep. Lori Ehrlich and Weston/Wellesley State Rep. Alice Peisch. Dr Nathan Phillips, BU School of Earth & Environment, will moderate. More details about the panel discussion can be found [here](#). To register for this event, please click [here](#).

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Information Sessions

SWAG will be hosting three public information sessions on CCA. Choose the time/date/location that works best for you and join us! Light refreshments provided. No registration required.

- **Sunday November 3rd, 6:30-7:30pm** @ First Parish Church, Weston
- **Wednesday November 13th, 12:30-1:30pm** @ Council on Aging, Weston
- **Tuesday November 19th, 7:00-8:00pm** @ Weston Town Hall, lower level