

LATEST NEWS

1) Weston Power Choice: Weston's own Community Choice Aggregation plan in the works

Weston is a few steps closer to bringing (renewable!) electricity supply options to Weston residents. Together with energy consultant Peregrine, the Weston CCA team developed Weston's aggregation plan and other key documents required by the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The team picked a name, "Weston Power Choice", developed a logo and a [website](#), and conducted extensive public outreach to [announce the plan](#) to Weston residents, answer questions and solicit feedback prior to submitting the plan to the MA Department of Energy Resources (DOER). After obtaining a green light from the DOER in August, the team is now preparing program materials to submit to the MA DPU. Once submitted, it can take several months for the DPU to complete its review. In the meantime, the WPC working group won't sit still: it will start preparing for the public education and outreach phase of the aggregation plan.



2) The Weston Plant Pollinator Alliance ("WPPA") is making strides

Would you like to know how you can help combat native pollinator decline, improve your yard and become a pollinator super host? The WPPA, which seeks to restore and protect habitat for native pollinators, has compiled [a collection of resources](#) about native plants, local wild pollinators and actions you can take in your own yard to combat native pollinator decline. The WPPA has also joined forces with the Weston Water Working Group to develop and plant low maintenance, pollinator-friendly demonstration gardens in Town, which will showcase what your pollinator friendly yard could look like. The demo gardens will feature native plants that require very little water and provide food and habitat for a variety of native Massachusetts insects, birds, and mammals throughout the growing season. Stay tuned for more information and [sign-up](#) for The Quarterly Buzz, the WPPA online newsletter, to receive the latest updates.



3) Weston Ahead: Taking bold action to be more resilient to impacts of climate change

Have you noticed the drought we are experiencing? As our community faces threats of climate change, we need to look at what aspects of our town are most vulnerable to climate change, how we are contributing to a changing climate, and what opportunities we have to effect positive change – as residents, students, organizations and town government. The Town's Sustainability Committee has worked tirelessly to launch [Weston Ahead](#), a platform focused on climate action and resilience to create a sustainable future for Weston. Wondering how you can help? Share [your personal sustainability pledge](#), talk to your neighbors and Weston friends about joining SWAG, attend a Sustainability Committee meeting, or let us know if you'd like to [sign up](#) for training (10/5 @ 7:30PM) to become a Weston Climate Leader!



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIONS: JOIN US!

- **Quieter, Economical & Healthier Ways to Maintain Our Landscapes**
Are you done with noisy, polluting lawn mowers and leaf blowers? The Town of Lexington and Town of Wellesley DPU are co-sponsoring a free Zoom workshop on 10/1 on electrifying yard care. [Register](#) and learn what you can do to make the transition to a quiet, healthy yard.
- **Energy Efficiency & Solar for Your Home**
Attend the COA presentation on 10/28 from 9:30-10:30 via Zoom. Weston residents will share their personal experiences on how they made their homes more energy efficient and resilient.
- **Lower Your Carbon Footprint**
See how your daily life choices affect your carbon footprint and how you can make changes [here](#).
- **Environmental Education @ Land's Sake**
Are you looking for your kids to roam outdoors and become a steward of the environment? Land's Sake after-school programs are open to all ages. Check [here](#) for more info. Programs are filling up quickly so sign up while you can!