EARTH MONTH



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Westford Climate Action is hosting our second annual **Earth Month in April 2023**. There will be events throughout the month at the library and a family-friendly **Earth Day Festival on the Westford Town Common on Saturday, April 22,** from **2 to 5 pm.** Rain date is April 23. Music will be provided by Oh Contraire, Momentum Rocks, Estella Cui, and Malvike Bhardwaj. **Please visit:** <u>Earth Month - Westford Climate Action</u> for more information on all events.

At the Festival, the Animal Craze Traveling Zoo will once again allow children to feed, brush and hold a lamb, baby goat, piglet, chicks, ducklings, and baby bunnies. Children will also be able to make Earth Day posters. Experts on alternative energy, sustainability, recycling, solar energy, and Mass Save rebates will be there to answer questions. The Westford Museum will be displaying Native American artifacts from its collection. There will be a 2023 Ioniq 5 Electric Vehicle on display. Sustainable Westford, in collaboration with Westford Climate Action, has received a generous from the Mass Cultural Council through its Festivals Program to support this day's events, organized by WCA.

Every Saturday in April, the Westford Conservation Trust is leading a nature walk in Westford from 9-10:30 am rain or shine. April 1 Stone Arch Bridge, April 8 Sassafras Trail, April 15 Burns Hill, April 22 Beaver Brook and April 29 the Peace Trail (off Boston Road). For more information about these walks, call the walk leader for each walk you are interested in, or call Marian Harman at 978-692-3907. For maps and descriptions of these areas, check out the Trust's website <u>WCT Earth Month Walks</u>.

Everyone is invited to our webinar, co-sponsored by Westford Conservation Trust, on Monday, April 10 at 7 pm. "Gardening for Wildlife in an Era of Climate Change" by Design and Education Manager Trevor Smith of Weston Nurseries. <u>Register here</u> in advance for this webinar.

Other children's activities at the J. V. Fletcher Library in April include **Upcycle Book Crafts** on Tuesday, April 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm <u>Register</u>; "Alpaca Therapy" on Thursday, April 20 at 2

pm <u>Register</u>, and the Library's own Earth Day Celebration on Thursday April 20 from 11 am to noon <u>Find Out More</u>

Westford Climate Action is sponsoring an evening of stargazing at the Stony Brook Middle School! Free and open to all! We'll be stargazing with members of the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston. They will bring their telescopes to get a great look at the night sky. We will need clear skies, so check our website, <u>westfordclimateaction.org</u>, for updates. If you have a question, contact us at westfordclimateaction@gmail.com. Rain/cloud date: Monday, April 24. Register in advance here: <u>tinyurl.com/westford-stars</u>

Organizations partnering during Earth Month with Westford Climate Action include Westford Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee, Westford Recycling Commission, First Parish Church United, J.V. Fletcher Library, League of Women Voters of Westford, Mass Heat Smart Alliance, Mass Save, Sustainable Westford, Westford Conservation Trust, Westford Museum, Mass Cultural Council and the Westford Boy Scouts.

Westford Climate Action is a grassroots organization of town residents who are concerned about the climate crisis. Our mission is to drive climate action. We promote sustainability and advocate on a local level for actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and safeguard the health of our community for future generations. For more information, please visit: https://westfordclimateaction.org/