

**Climate Action Advisory Board
Director's Update
September 18, 2019**



Grants – The Town has been awarded funds through two state grant programs for municipal operations. We received over \$150,000 from Green Communities for projects that include LED retrofits, hybrid vehicle upfits, LED streetlights, electric vehicle charging stations, and HVAC efficiency improvements. We also received over \$95,000 through the Clean Vehicles program to upfit a number of town vehicles to hybrids.

Sustainable Landscaping – The first of three sustainable landscaping workshops is taking place on Thursday, September 19th. See attached flyer for details. These workshops are part of the project funded by MAPC that also includes the demonstration gardens and a handbook to be released later this year.

Climate Preparedness Week – Next week, Sept. 23-27th has been declared Climate Preparedness Week by the Concord Select Board. Climate Preparedness Week is a nationwide initiative organized by a nonprofit, Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW). CREW has focused efforts on collaborations with communities and libraries. Kate has been collaborating with Concord Free Public Library staff to plan for a number of events and displays to take place next week. See more online: <https://concordma.gov/2479/Climate-Preparedness-Week>

Fall Events – Below is a list of some upcoming events. Save the dates and let Kate know if you're interested in volunteering.

Thurs Sept 19, 5:30pm	Sustainable Landscaping Workshop	CCHS
Tues Sept 24, 4:00pm	Climate Preparedness Week - Teen Solar Cars	Main Library
Fri Sept 27, 6:30pm	Climate Preparedness Week - Paris to Pittsburgh Showing	Fowler Library
Sat Sept 28, 2:00pm	Climate Preparedness Week - Kids Bee Hotel Activity	Fowler Library
Tues Oct 8, 9:00am	Sustainable Landscaping Workshop	Police/Fire
Sat Oct 19, 10:00am	DropOff SwapOff	141 Keyes Road
Sat Oct 26, 9:00am	Sustainable Landscaping Workshop	Harvey Wheeler
Sat Oct 26, 10:00am	Discover West Concord Day	West Concord
Sat Nov 2	EV Ride and Drive	CCHS