

# THE GREEN BEVERLY NEWSLETTER

Sustainability News and Updates - May 2022

There's a lot of content here, so let's dive right in with the action item so it doesn't get lost. Can you spare about [5 seconds and 3 clicks](#) to help us win a big grant?

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There's more detail on that grant below, but first let's talk about the context in which we operate. The [IPCC's latest report on climate change](#) is sobering, highlighting how much of our struggle to reduce carbon emissions right now is related to politics and not technology. [India and Pakistan](#) just suffered a blistering heat wave that set new records for April - and in one spot, one of the highest heat records anywhere, anytime, in the world.



## *Artwork at Earth Fest*

So what can we do about it here in temperate, ocean-buffered Beverly? Make sustainable daily choices. Change starts small. Coal-fired power plants are shutting down, single-use plastics are getting a bad rap everywhere, and carbon offset options pop up on online checkouts in mainstream stores now.

None of those were global actions decreed by the U.N. All of those were the result of people making changes in their own communities, advocating with their local governments, being passionate and involved or just bringing their own cloth bag to the grocery store. Action begets action.

So with that in mind, read on for some success stories and some options for local action that, no matter how small they seem, will truly help create a more sustainable and climate-resilient North Shore.



## GREEN BEVERLY NEWS

**EARTH FEST 2022:** Our inaugural Earth Day festival was a huge success. Thank you to the 1,000+ of you who came out to celebrate this beautiful planet and the work being done to create a more sustainable future for the humans who live on it. [Check out some photos and read more about the event](#) - if you attended, leave us a comment with a favorite memory or observation from the day!

**GRANT COMPETITION:** You've already [voted](#), right? Well, it's because of you (a lot of you) that Green Beverly has a shot at winning this \$25,000 grant from State Farm Neighborhood Assist. [Read about in The Patch!](#)

More than 4,000 organizations applied nation-wide

200 have made it to the final round

Green Beverly is the sole Massachusetts finalist

100 will win, based purely on popular vote

Vote every day through Friday 5/6

Green Beverly has risen from a day one #186 to a day seven #55!

**Once again for good luck: [tinyurl.com/vote4GB](https://tinyurl.com/vote4GB)**

This grant would fully fund our exciting new [food diversion project](#) which would benefit the community in two ways: by reducing greenhouse gas emissions (saving healthy, safe to eat food from being thrown away) and reducing food insecurity (getting that food into the hands of local meal programs like Ellis Square Friends and Bootstraps so they can increase the number of meals they serve).

**GREEN NEWSLETTER GRANT:** New England Biolabs has awarded us a grant to start working on a project near and dear to our hearts. We can't say too much about it yet, but it will pull together, support, and highlight the work of North Shore businesses, organizations, and individuals working toward a more environmentally just and sustainable future.



*During Earth Fest, kids explored the beach and got up close and personal with crabs at Lynch Park*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Ongoing: BPL now has a [free seed library](#)! No checkout required, and all the seeds are selected for direct sowing in this zone. Local food power-up.

May 7: [Electronics Recycling Event](#) at BMS

May 23: [Monday Mornings](#) at the BPL: Meatless Mondays and Beyond

May 9, 14, 17, and 31: [Public Cleanups](#) in Salem and Beverly with Salem Sound Coastwatch

Remember that you can now [submit your own](#) sustainability-related event to be featured on our calendar!

## JOBS IN SUSTAINABILITY

### GREEN BEVERLY

Please reach out to our Internal Operations Director & Culture Keeper at [jen@greenbeverly.org](mailto:jen@greenbeverly.org) to get involved!

**Graphic Design:** We are looking for an experienced designer to work closely with our

Communications Director on core brand projects and visual engagement for events.

**Coaching Program Director:** Work with our amazing crew of expert sustainability coaches to organize workshops, pop-up events, and more.

### EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Work for one of these great organizations that either directly support a sustainable mission or include sustainability as a core value. All of them are actively hiring!

**Revision Energy**

**Delphine's Kitchen** (have you had a crepe yet? what about a house-made strawberry milk?)

**Unpacked Living** (psss...soon to be opening a second location in Danvers!) **Native Plant Trust**

## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

The Massachusetts Senate passed a sweeping climate bill - it still needs to go through reconciliation, which means it's more important than ever to let your reps know how you feel about it! via [WBUR](#)

Bravo, UMass Amherst, for committing to 100% renewable energy by 2032! via [WBUR](#)

Washington State passed the first legislation of its kind in the country: all new buildings will now require electric heat pumps as a heating source! via [Grist](#)

Scientists at the University of Texas at Austin have developed an enzyme that can break down plastics in days rather than centuries. Whoa. via [UT News](#)

European researchers have spent 12 years developing a heat battery that could take millions of homes off fossil fuel heat. via [The Independent](#)

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**the Green Beverly community, Christina!**

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