

# THE GREEN BEVERLY NEWSLETTER

Sustainability News and Updates - October 2022

Happy one month til Pumpkin Smash! (More on that below...) 'Tis the season of all things crisp and cool and you, like all of us on the Green Beverly team, are probably starting to get concerned about steep increases in energy costs for the winter. Electricity rates are skyrocketing to 64% above last year and natural gas will be up 22%.



**We're here to help.** Next Tuesday, we're co-hosting a free **Home Energy Conversation at the BPL**. Come eat some apple cider donuts and ask a panel of experts any and all questions you have about home heating, insulation, and electricity.

And read more below about our **free Green Homes Beverly program!** It's designed to connect you with - and coach you through the process of using - local services that can help you make high-impact changes in your home to save you energy and money.

REGISTER FOR OUR FREE HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP on 10/11

## GREEN HOMES BEVERLY

Energy efficiency translates into cost savings: the less energy you use, the less you spend. Once you've made your home or business as efficient as possible, drawing your remaining power from renewable sources can also be a smart financial move. But how do you sort through all the options? How do you connect with the services that are right for you? That's where we come in.

**Free 1:1 expert counseling:** Talk to a knowledgeable member of the Green Beverly team to learn more about your options and together, decide on next steps. There's no question too basic or problem too complex - we'll help you through it!

**Guided support:** Once we've connected you with the resources that make sense for your situation - whether you're a renter living in low-income housing, or a property manager trying to make multi-unit changes - we can continue to be a source of impartial advice.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 10/8:** Gently used and upcycled **Halloween Costume Sale** to benefit BevRec. We love a sustainable holiday! Lynch Park, 10am-1:30pm **Tuesday**

**10/11: Home Energy Conversation**, Beverly Public Library, 7-8:30pm **Saturday**

**10/22: Project Upcycle Runway Event.** A bit north of the North Shore, but this Portsmouth-based sustainable fashion competition is worth a trip! [319 Vaughan St, Portsmouth NH](#), 7pm

**Thursday 10/27: Downtown Beverly Trick or Treat.** We'll be there handing out treats along with many Main Street businesses - and we'll have a container where you can put candy wrappers to be responsibly recycled. Cabot (closed to vehicles) and Rantoul Streets, 4-6pm

**Thursday 10/27: A History of Wampanoag Foodways**, hosted by the Beverly Public Library. Learn about the local, sustainable foods of one of our region's primary indigenous cultures - you'll get some recipes to try! Virtual, 7pm

**Saturday 10/29: Last day to REGISTER TO VOTE in Massachusetts.** **Sunday**

**10/30: Moraine Farm Open House.** Explore this beautiful property with the many partners who have kept it a vibrant piece of the Beverly community. Moraine Farm, 10am-3pm.

**Sunday 11/6: Second Annual Great Pumpkin Smash**, Composting has never been more fun!! Check [greenbeverly.org/pumpkinsmash](https://greenbeverly.org/pumpkinsmash) or the event [Facebook page](#) for more details closer to the event - you'll be able to drop your soon-to-be smashed pumpkins off in advance if you like. New Entry Sustainable Farming Project @ Moraine Farm, 1-4pm.

**Tuesday 11/8: !!!VOTE!!!**

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



## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

**Big wind farm potential for Salem:** The second-largest wind farm in Massachusetts may go up in Salem Harbor! While the deal is dependent on winning a state award, this is an exciting development. -[Crowley Maritime Corporation](#)

**Upcycling plastic into...plastic?** Scientists have found a scalable way to convert polyethylene into propylene, a much higher-value plastic polymer that might incentivize companies to convert the mountains of existing plastic garbage into reusable material. -[Science Daily](#)

**Utility-scale renewable energy plant opens in Oregon:** “The Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility...is the first in the U.S. to combine integrated wind, solar and battery storage at such a large scale in one location, giving it even more flexibility to generate continuous output without relying on fossil fuels to fill in the gaps.” -[Fortune](#)

## WORK WITH US

**Green Beverly is hiring a Coaching Program Director.** Work with our amazing crew of expert sustainability coaches to organize workshops, pop-up events, and more. Learn more from [Julia](#).

ICYMI, Green Beverly has moved! Our offices are still at the Cummings Center but we are now located in Suite 350-E. Farther from Flip the Bird but closer to Regina's, and in a bigger space that will allow us to host more workshops and educational events on premises.

**Thank you for being part of the Green Beverly community, Christina!**

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