



**Mashpee
Environmental
Coalition**



Environmental News

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:30am to 1:30pm

“PFAS in our Environment: What do we know and what can you do?”

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government Center Gymnasium

483 Great Neck Rd South, Mashpee

Co-sponsored by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and STEEP (a URI Superfund Research Program), the public is invited to a Bloomberg Investigates film screening, followed by a panel discussion about PFAS (nicknamed "forever chemicals"). Additional information may be found at:

<https://web.uri.edu/steep/filmscreening/>.

For the remainder of May, Guided Nature Tours will take place in Mashpee as follows:

Saturday, May 25, 2024, 9am, Mashpee River Woodlands – North

These guided walking tours, sponsored by the Mashpee Conservation Department, are offered free-of-charge and are weather dependent. Additional information and directions may be found at:

https://www.mashpeema.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3426/f/uploads/0524_nature_tour_press_release.pdf

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Urine Diversion Toilets: A Workshop for Curious Community Members

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR), Visitor's Center

131 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit, MA

Earle Barnhart and Hilda Maingay of the Green Center in East Falmouth and Bryan Horsley of MASSTC will share their research and recent studies about this innovative way to help conserve water while keeping excess nutrients out of our waterways. For more information, go to:

www.waquoitbayreserve.org and click on the appropriate link under "Upcoming Events."

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 9am to 5:30pm

Collaborating for Solutions: Practical Sessions to Achieve Watershed Plans

The Emerald Resort and Conference Center

35 Scudder Avenue, Hyannis, MA

This WBNERR 2024 Cape Coastal Conference will focus on "action to restore water quality and highlight local case studies that apply and evaluate traditional and alternative methods to reduce nutrients in Cape Cod watersheds." The target audience includes Municipal Staff, Boards and Committees, Tribal Staff and Leaders, Environmental Organizations, Local Officials, Scientists, Water Quality Managers, and Conservation Commissions. **This event is free, but registration by June 13th is required.** For additional information and to register, go to www.waquoitbayreserve.org and click on the "2024 Cape Coastal Conference" link under "Upcoming Events."

Looking Ahead - Save the Date

Saturday, August 17, 2024 - 9am to 1pm

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Textile Recycling, and Secure Shredding Event
Mashpee High School, 500 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee**

Co-sponsored by Barnstable County, Mashpee DPW, and Mashpee Environmental Coalition, this is a **FREE** event for all **Upper Cape residents**. Non-Upper Cape residents are invited to participate, but a fee will be charged for their hazardous materials. Information regarding the county's Household Hazardous Waste program may be found [here](#). Information about Textile Recycling and Secure Shredding will be posted soon on the home page at www.mashpeemec.us.

Recent Activities - Mashpee Environmental Coalition (MEC)

Textile Recycling, Secure Shredding and Composting Event

Co-sponsored by MEC and the Mashpee DPW, this April 20th Earth Day event was indeed a success -- with 3,500 lbs. of textiles and 4,394 lbs. of documents dropped off for recycling. In addition, 45 composting containers of various sizes were distributed along with literature on how to compost.



Atlantic White Cedar Tree Planting

Organized by the Mashpee Conservation Department for Earth Day 2024 and co-sponsored by MEC, on Sunday, April 21st over a dozen volunteers (including 4 MEC members) gathered at a retired cranberry bog within the Santuit Pond Preserve and planted 320 6" seedlings -- to help bring it back to its natural state.



Mashpee Middle-High School's Scholarship and Award Night - Class of 2024

At the Senior Scholarships and Awards Night on May 16th, MEC was pleased to present scholarships to three outstanding students. All three plan to continue their education next year at a college or university, with intended majors of Biology, Environmental Studies, and Forestry. Some of their past activities in support of the environment include Internships in the Mashpee Conservation and Natural Resources Departments, spearheading of last Spring's "TreePlenish" project where over 150 saplings were planted throughout the community, organization of last Fall's "Walk for Water" to support Project Thirst, and active membership in the MMHS Environmental Club.

Information Items

Phase 2 of Mashpee's Sewer Project Approved

Last week, voters approved funding for Phase 2 of Mashpee's sewer project -- first by a two-thirds vote at the May 6th Town Meeting, and then by a vote of 1,979 to 476 (per the Town Clerk's website) at the Local Election on May 11th. Detailed information regarding Phase 2, including maps of impacted areas, may be found at: <https://www.mashpeema.gov/sewer-commission/pages/5-sewer-project-phase>.

Please consider sharing this email with your friends, colleagues, and neighbors who may have an interest in this information.

Our thanks to each of you for your own efforts on behalf of our town and the environment!

To Join or Donate

The Mashpee Environmental Coalition (MEC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization – dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of Mashpee's natural resources for over 25 years.

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