

Fall 2024 Events:

3:30pm on Friday, September 20 - 11pm on Saturday, Sept 21:



Project North: A Music, Art and Sustainability Festival in Rhineland, WI

Now in its fourth year, Project North continues to grow and offers a diverse music line up, interactive art workshops, sustainable and eco-friendly practices, family friendly events, food trucks, and so much more.

Here are a few things you can expect to see throughout the weekend: Hands-on art activities for all ages, public art projects, visual art installations, and more.

Project North is on the cutting edge of sustainable festivals and is a certified Near Zero Waste event.

Attendees can visit the Eco-Village filled with vendors promoting sustainable practices and products; and participate in educational opportunities to learn from environmental and sustainability experts in the Northwoods.

Come hungry. Project North will be featuring a variety of food inside the festival grounds. And we'll be doing it sustainably, too:

- All Food waste will be composted
- No single use plastic used
- Biodegradable compostable supplies used

Location: Downtown Rhineland. One day pass: \$52.61, kids 16 and under: free
For further details, visit: <https://www.projectnorth.org/>

Sunday, September 22, 10:00am - 4:00pm CT

Twin Cities Veg Fest – Harriet Island Park, Saint Paul, MN



Location: Harriet Island Park, Saint Paul, MN

Join us on Sunday, Sept 22nd along with Compassion Actions for Animals for the Twin Cities Veg Fest. Held at Harriet Island Park in St Paul, this event features a variety of businesses offering vegan-only foods and other animal-free products. Many non-profit groups will attend as well - as of this writing a total of 90 business and organizations will be there. Total attendance is expected to exceed 5000 people, so this is a good chance to talk about our chapter and make some new friends along the way.

For more info about the Twin Cities VegFest, check out the event page at: <https://www.tcvegfest.com>

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

Monday, September 23, 7:00pm – 8:00pm CT:

Your Energy Transition: Making Your Home Work for the Earth



How we power our home appliances can make a big impact on the climate. And now, with the Inflation Reduction Act and Utility Incentives, we can save big on making our homes more efficient and more electric.

Join us for an info-packed webinar on how to make a plan for your home, what incentives are

available to you, and the tools you can access to help you. We'll unveil our new digital-audit tool created by our UNC summer interns and hear personal stories from homeowners who have gone all electric.

RSVP at: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/your_energy_transition_webinar



Coordinated by the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB):

September 23 – September 26

The 2024 Environmental Congress

This year's Environmental Congress is hosting four meetings, each in a different region of Minnesota, where state agency members will share what they're doing to address each regional issue. For further details, visit:

<https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/programs/environmental-congress>

Tuesday, September 24 at 11:30am CT

MnCIFA Quarterly Input Meeting

The Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MnCIFA) is currently developing their first strategic plan and investment plan this fall. They are hosting their quarterly public input meeting. For further details, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/mncifa-quarterly-public-input-meeting-0>

The committee meeting is a public meeting and will be a virtual/online meeting via Zoom, meeting ID: 810 6536 6014 Passcode: 637342

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

Thursday, September 26 at 1pm CT

PUC Meeting on what "Carbon Free" Means

"The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will be making some key decisions about implementing Minnesota's 100% clean energy standard – including what types of electricity will be considered "carbon free." We need you to help fill the room and show your support for a true clean energy standard!

This PUC meeting is open to the public, but we *do not* expect attendees to have a chance to speak or give testimony. Showing up conveys that this is an issue people care about and tells regulators the public is watching." For further details, visit:

<https://www.mnipl.org/2024/09/carbon-free-means-carbon-free/>

Via Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light and the Women's Environmental Institute:

Saturday, September 28 – Sunday, September 29: 14th Annual Will Allen Farmer Training Weekend



This weekend event in North Branch, Minnesota brings together emerging and established farmers, environmental justice activists, community organizers, and allies for workshops, panels, and more. Urban farming extraordinaire Will Allen will teach a hands-on compost workshop all day on Sunday. Expect discussions around potential farming opportunities at the

East Phillips Urban Farm at the former Roof Depot site and delicious meals catered by Wiisinida Wašte of the Alliance of Early Childhood's Kitchen.

This event will keep you busy learning new ideas on how to grow, sustainably care for yourself as a land-based worker, build soil, identify medicines, and much more. Registration is structured as a sliding scale fee between \$50 and \$350. Or get in free in exchange for covering a volunteer shift.

To learn more, visit: <https://w-e-i.org/event/14th-will-allen-weekend/>

Minnesota Renewable Energy Society – ASES National Solar Tour via MNCERTS

Friday, October 4 – Sunday, October 6, 2024: Sustainability Tour: From Inspiration to Installation



The Minnesota Sustainability Tour is a free, self-guided event that is open to the public. The tour is designed to help spread knowledge of sustainable living practices by connecting homeowners to the curious public.

The event consists of numerous locations that have agreed to showcase sustainable features of their homes and buildings. Visit your neighbors and learn about sustainable living practices in your community!

Interested in hosting a stop on the tour? Sign up (follow the link below)! You can join the tour in-person, virtually, or both - it's up to you how you'd like to share! The in-person tour will be held October 4 - 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (but you are not obligated to host your site for this entire duration).

To learn more, visit: <https://www.mnrenewables.org/sustainability-tour>

Monday, October 7, Noon-1:00pm CT: Minnesota Home Energy Rebate Program

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is hosting a virtual public meeting to update the public on the planning of Minnesota's Home Energy Rebates program.

Audience: Open to all Minnesota residents, especially those with an interest in energy efficiency or who work in the energy efficiency sector, including utilities and contractor workforce; non-profits, community-based organizations and advocacy groups; and renters, homeowners, and landlords.

Objective: To inform the public of the Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) programs, convey Minnesota's timeline and next steps.

Register for the online meeting here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3_Petru2TgKVp2u12s7Mag#/registration

Unable to attend? A recording and meeting slides will be available at <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/public-engagement.jsp> after the event.

Frequently asked questions regarding the rebates:

<https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer/energy-programs/home-energy-faq.jsp>

October 8 – 9: MnSEIA's Gateway to Solar Conference



MnSEIA

InterContinental Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hotel

The Gateway to Solar Conference, hosted by the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA), is the Midwest's largest solar + storage conference. Each year solar installers and developers, manufacturers, distributors, financiers, engineers, utilities, job trainers, trade unions, non-profits, government agencies, and more gather for quality networking, education, and fun off-site events.

Note that registrations costs from \$400 to \$600. To learn more and/or register, visit: <https://www.mnseia.org/gateway-solar-conference>

From Fresh Energy:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 7:30–11:30am CT:

Fresh Energy Benefit Breakfast & Fair of the Future: All-electric showcase

Location: Saint Paul RiverCentre and Online

We hope you will join us on October 9 for an inspiring and **hope-filled Benefit Breakfast** with nationally known marine biologist, policy expert, and author Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson alongside Fresh Energy staff and other special guests. If you can't attend in person, please be sure to register for a ticket for the virtual event.



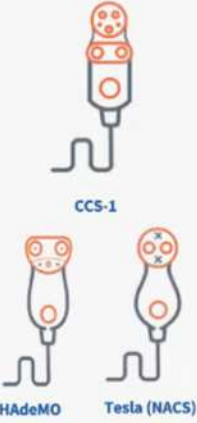
The suggested minimum donation is \$125. Registration is required. Please RSVP by September 25, 2024. To learn more, visit:

<https://fresh-energy.org/benefitbreakfast24> and <https://tinyurl.com/Fair-of-the-Future>

Chapter Zoom meeting: Thursday October 10 at 6:30pm CT Tentative Topic: EV 101 & EVs in Greater Minnesota

Special Guest Speaker: Diana McKeown, the CERTs Co-Director / Metro CERT Director at the Great Plains Institute, and a CMC member

Types of Passenger EV Chargers

Level 1 (120v)	Level 2 (240v)	Direct-current (DC) Fast Charging
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Included with vehicle• Plug into regular 120v socket• 1-1.4 kW• 4 miles added per hour <p>Learn more: driveelectricmn.org/charging</p> <p>CERTs CLEAN ENERGY RESOURCE TEAMS </p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most popular vehicle charging method• Requires installation• 6.4-19 kW• 30-60 miles added per hour	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial installations at retail centers, highway charging stations etc.• 50-350 kW• Up to 400 miles in 30 minutes

Details are yet to be finalized, but the talk is likely to include:

- The types of EVs (battery, plug-in hybrid, plain hybrid)
- EV Adoption in Minnesota
- Types of EV chargers
- Minnesota EV charging infrastructure, including in greater MN
- EV Benefits
- EV Batteries
- EV incentives (very brief) + Utility incentives on chargers

Final details and a Zoom registration link will be posted in the October 4th issue of CMC Update and posted on our website prior to the event.



Thursday, October 17 – Wednesday, October 23 Climate Reality Leadership Training

Train with former US Vice President Al Gore and join a community of change-makers working for just climate solutions worldwide.

The training will take place online from October 17 – 23. With only a few required live broadcasts, and several on-demand skill building sessions to choose from, it can easily fit into most schedules. Areas of focus will include REDUCING EMISSIONS and MISINFORMATION. The training is open to the public.

Don't miss this opportunity! Learn more and apply at: <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/us-virtual>

**Monday, October 21, 10:00am-4:30pm CT:
Electrify Minnesota 2024**



Humphrey School Conference Center

While the concept of beneficial electrification is appealing, the question remains – how do we implement? This meeting will bring together stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds to discuss next steps to meeting both challenges and opportunities provided by advancements in electric technology. Cost: \$95.00

For further details and/or to register visit:

<https://be-league.org/events/electrify-minnesota-2024/>