

Summer & Fall Events

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Tuesday, July 2, at 11am: MN E-Bike Rebate Re-launch



Minnesota residents can apply to get an e-bike and qualifying accessory rebates of up to 75% or a maximum of \$1,500.

This year's allocation is \$2 million for the entire state and expected to go FAST. Only 10,000 applications will be accepted. Of those, an estimated 1,300 will be approved.

40% of the funding will go to those with Federal Adjusted Gross Incomes of less than \$41,000. For further details, visit:

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/electric-assisted-bicycle-e-bike-rebate>

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 7:30am-9:30am CT Bringing the Summer of Heat to Minneapolis: Third Act Minnesota Elder Week Protest at Wells Fargo



You are invited to join Third Act MN in an upcoming action to stop the financing of fossil fuel projects. The nonviolent protest will take place outside of the Wells Fargo corporate offices (600 S. 4th Street Minneapolis) to demand that Wells Fargo take immediate action to stop

financing oil and gas projects. Wells Fargo is the fifth largest fossil fuel financier in the world.

Some Third Act members are contemplating risking arrest at this protest and if they do so, Third Act MN will have appropriate support for any arrestees.

This protest is part of the Summer of Heat (<https://www.summerofheat.org/>) a national summer-long series of nonviolent direct actions, aimed at stopping dirty banks from doing business as usual. During Elder Week, from July 8 to 13, Third Act's "Rocking Chair Rebellion" will take a stand, demanding that Wall Street banks and financiers stop using our savings to fund the climate crisis. Third Act MN will be protesting in Minnesota, in solidarity with fellow Third Actors around the country.

To register for the event, visit: <https://forms.gle/172FuPSX6VLDGgZ3A>

From MN CERTs:

July 10 from 1-2pm CT and July 23 from 9-10am CT: Minnesota Energy Alley Demonstration Projects



Grid Catalyst is accepting applications for the next round of Minnesota Energy Alley demonstration projects.

The program features a customized cohort program that matches promising innovators with Minnesota-based public and private partners to demonstrate emerging technologies in real-world applications.

Learn more about the program during one of two upcoming informational sessions on Zoom. For further details and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourcetteams.org/minnesota-energy-alley-demonstration-project-webinar-0>

Part of the MN Interfaith Summer Policy Series:

Thursday, July 11, 2024 Noon-1pm CT

Clean Heat by 2040: What Will It Take to Get Us There?

To register for this Zoom webinar, visit: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/clean_heat



**Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30pm CT:
Central Minnesota Chapter Zoom Meeting**

Featured Speaker: Paige Novak, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering, University of Minnesota.

Tentative Topic: Wastewater Treatment and Climate Change

To register for this Zoom webinar, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/CMC-7-11-2024>

**Tuesday, July 16, 2pm–6pm CT: Everything Electric
Electric Vehicles, Solar Panels, Yard Equipment & more ...**

Join the city of Minnetonka for Everything Electric on July 16 from 2-6 p.m. at Ridgedale Commons! We'll have many electric vehicles to test drive (including e-bikes), various solar options, electric yard equipment and information on how to increase your energy efficiency to save money on your bills! See:

<https://www.minnetonkamn.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/2858/>

From Climate Action Now:

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6pm CT: FIX THE FARM BILL!



“The U.S. Farm Bill is our last big opportunity for federal climate legislation in the foreseeable future. The U.S. will spend \$648 billion on farm subsidies, loans, and more, compared with \$369 billion on energy & climate change in the Inflation Reduction Act.

But passage of this critical legislation before the end of the year is increasingly uncertain with serious negative consequences, and conservative legislators are trying to use the Farm Bill to preempt local

pesticide regulations, significantly reduce Food Stamps funding for the poor, remove climate guardrails from conservation programs, and redirect IRA funding to programs favored by Big Ag.

In this Action Party, our Farm Bill experts will unpack which actions have the greatest impact and why it is critical for all of us to advocate for them.”

To register for this Zoom event:

<https://climateactionnow.acemlnb.com/lt.php?x=3DZy~GE7JIag6H7.yAxFU.Zz~3-kvdEqvPcvjKQ3UnWb6pJ5zUy.zeNt2I2jidE~lvY3YHnM>

From MN CERTS:

Wednesday, July 17 9am-11am: Founder Curious 2024

“Join Grid Catalyst for an informal event to highlight the incredible experiences of three diverse energy founders. Learn more about how they navigated starting their own businesses and the challenges and milestones.

Speakers:

- Bob Blake – **Native Sun Community Power Development**
- Dwayne Caldwell – [Enspi](#)
- Abby Finnis – **Local Climate Solutions**

You do not need to be an entrepreneur or planning to start your own business to join us. There are many ways to be entrepreneurial in our careers, and we hope this inspires and equips more people to bring their big ideas to the table.”

The event will be held at the Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway North, St. Paul.
To register, visit: <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/founder-curious>

Part of the MN Interfaith Summer Policy Series:

Thursday, July 18, 2024 Noon-1pm CT

How is Climate Change Affecting Investments?

To register for this Zoom webinar, visit: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/climate_investments

Per MN CERTs:

Thursday, July 18, 2024 6:00pm - 7:30pm CT

Sustainable Duluth Workshop

Location: Dovetail Café & Marketplace, 1917 W Superior St, Duluth MN

Join the City of Duluth and Duluth Folk School for a community workshop series on how to incorporate sustainable practices in your household! Food, free parking, and child activities are available. This month: Learn how to reduce your gas usage and utilize other methods of transportation.

See: <https://duluthmn.gov/sustain/get-involved/community-workshops/>

Thursday, August 1, 6:30-8:00pm: West Suburbs Vegan Potluck

Location: The Base Camp coffee shop area of Unmapped Brewing Co., 14625 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345, USA (<https://unmappedbrewing.com/>)

Join us for another Vegan Potluck in the West Suburbs! On Thursday we'll eat delicious plant-based food, share recipes and get new cooking ideas. For further details, visit: <https://www.exploreveg.org/events/west-suburbs-vegan-potluck-5/>

Part of the MN Interfaith Summer Policy Series:

Thursday, August 8, 2024 Noon-1pm CT

Better Bonding for Better Buildings

To register for this Zoom webinar, visit: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/building_better

Thursday, August 15, 2024 5:15pm-8:00pm CT Volunteer Training for the Minnesota State Fair

The Minnesota Renewable Energy Society and numerous partner organizations, including CMC, will provide training for those that have volunteered to staff the MRES exhibits at the State Fair. The training will take place at Mayflower Church, 106 E Diamond Lake Rd, Minneapolis), with about 5 minutes on each exhibit. During the training you will receive your State Fair ticket(s) and t-shirt as well.

[This training was originally scheduled for August 14th, but MRES had to move it to the 15th.]

Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30pm CT: Central Minnesota Chapter Zoom Meeting

Focus: An overview of the Tax Incentives for Electrification

Instead of our usual Thursday meeting, we are meeting on Monday the 19th as the MRES training is on the 15th. Further details and the Zoom registration link will be published closer to the event.

August 22 – September 2: The Minnesota State Fair



Photo from <https://www.mnstatefair.org/location/eco-experience>

Stop by the Eco-Experience building to see what is new and chat with our volunteers!

Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30-8:00pm: West Suburbs Vegan Potluck

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Early to mid-October, 2024: **Change in Plans!**
The October Climate Reality Leadership Training will be Virtual

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

Instead of the planned in-person training in Detroit, this training will be online, meaning that there will be no cost to attend, no hotel stays, no airplane flights, and room for many participants. This will be the final leadership training this year. To receive details as they are released, sign-up at:

<https://www.climaterealityproject.org/us-virtual>