

Summer & Fall Events

From MNCERTs and hosted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board:

Saturday, September 7, 10:00am – 4:00pm CT: 16th Annual Monarch Festival



The Festival celebrates the monarch butterfly amazing 2,300 mile migration from Minnesota to Mexico with music, food, dance, hands-on art, native plant sales and plenty of opportunities to get up close with monarch butterflies, learn about their habitats, and what you can do to make a difference.

The Festival will be held just east of the Lake Nokomis Community Center in the area bounded by E. Minnehaha Parkway, Woodlawn Boulevard, and E. Nokomis Parkway. To learn more, visit: <https://monarchfestival.org/>

Saturday, September 7, 10:00am – 4:00pm CT: 29th Annual Lake Superior Harvest Festival

Location: Bayfront Festival Park, Duluth



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A family-oriented event featuring a huge farmers market, live music all day, expanded **Energy Fair experience**, nonprofit exhibitors' tent, educational demonstrations and much more! Free entry, \$10 to park. Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$10/family.

For detailed information, visit: <https://sfa-mn.org/harvest-festival/> .

As reported by Fresh Energy:

Monday, September 9, 2024: 10am – Noon CT (ONLINE) Funding to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

“Join the [Minnesota Department of Transportation](https://www.dot.state.mn.us/) for an informational session about a unique opportunity to install electric vehicle charging stations. The department is offering to reimburse up to 90% of eligible project costs with grants through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program using a combination of state and federal funds. This grant round is anticipated to open in the fall of 2024. These sessions will include a short presentation, time for questions and answers, and networking with others interested in the electric vehicle industry.”

To learn more, visit:

<https://fresh-energy.org/event/round-2-nevi-grant-informational-meetings/2024-09-09>

From MNCerts: Self-Directed Community Energy Ambassador Training



Tuesday, Sept. 10, Noon-1pm: Paying for Your Projects

Join Peter Lindstrom of CERTs to learn about program, incentives, and financing for paying for your home energy project. Register at:

https://umn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpcO2prD0iHtNAJIm0SBGOWmI_CJ_-x6pk#/registration

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Tuesday, September 17, 2:30pm – 3:30pm CT: What you need to know about EVs

Join Diana McKeown of CERTs to learn the basics about Electric Vehicles (EV 101) and about EVs in Greater Minnesota. Register at:

<https://umn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpdOyhrjosE91YWJCen2ZzflYJXHNjUfwB#/registration>

From Recharge America, via Fresh Energy:

Wednesday, September 18, 9am-1:15pm CT 2024 Recharge Minnesota Symposium

Location: Univ of Minnesota McNamara Alumni Center, University Hall

Cost: \$65

This symposium will examine the transformative impact of the National Electric Vehicle Initiative on communities across Minnesota. It will also delve into the various incentives offered by states and utilities to promote the adoption of electric vehicles and electrification. For further details /or to register, visit:

<https://recharge-america.org/events/recharge-minn-symposium-2024/>

As reported by MNCERTs:

Thursday, September 19, Noon – 1pm CT An Introduction to Solar + Storage



"Solar combined with energy storage (solar+storage) can provide cost savings and keep essential services powered during grid outages. In this webinar, speakers from Clean Energy Group will answer some of the most

commonly asked questions about the design, installation, and economics of solar and battery storage for homes, businesses, and community facilities.

This webinar will cover many of the topics in Clean Energy Group's newly updated guide, "Understanding Solar+Storage: Answers to Commonly Asked Questions About Solar PV and Battery Storage" "

To learn more, visit: <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/introduction-solarstorage>

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.

Watch for details at: <https://www.tcvegfest.com/>

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: Minnesota Home Energy Rebate Program

The Minnesota Home Energy Rebate Program Design Team hosted a series of public forums to talk about HOMES Rebates and HEAR programs. Save the date for an additional meeting on Oct. 7. Details coming soon. Watch for details at:

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

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>



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>