

January & February Events:

From the Minnesota Commerce Department:

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00am CT

MN Home Energy Rebate Advisory Group – Meeting #8

This is the final meeting of the Home Energy Rebates Advisory Group. The group is open to all interested parties. The meeting will provide a recap of work completed to date, provide program updates, an overview of key program design decisions, and discuss next steps in the program design process. To learn more about the advisory group, visit:

<https://www.mnhomerebates.com/>

To register to attend to Zoom meeting, visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMpfu6oqjguE9ObcTKCNpCLQnQgzsrl_Vcm#

January 13, 2025 – June of 2025 and beyond



Great River Greening welcomes the community to a variety of events all year round such as hands-on volunteering, educational opportunities, and special events. For example "Indoor Seed Cleaning" is taking place on January 13 and 14. In February, there are biochar events, and more.

For details, visit: <https://www.greatrivergreening.org/events-calendar-sign-up>

Chapter member Kai Johnson plans to volunteer on January 13, should you wish to join him!

From Fresh Energy:

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, 4pm-6pm CT: Lagers & Legislation



The 2025 session of the Minnesota Legislature begins in mid-January and Fresh Energy is anticipating a year of change. We're taking an "all hands on deck" approach to our policy work — and we need Minnesotans like you to help us!

We hope you and a friend can join us for our second gathering of Fresh Energy's Action Network on the first day of the legislative session, January 14, from 4-6 p.m. at Utepils Brewing in Minneapolis. This year, helping Minnesotans speak up about the decisions being made — and the defense needed to protect our existing clean energy and climate laws — is a top priority for Fresh Energy.

We need your help in growing this movement of energy advocates. Please, invite your friends to this free and fun event! Everyone's first beverage of choice is on Fresh Energy.

Brynn Kirsling, Senior Manager of Legislative and Grassroots Advocacy at Fresh Energy, will lead a brief legislative outlook at 5 p.m. Drop in when you can, but we hope you'll join us for that portion of the event. And while we're calling this "Lagers & Legislation," Utepils will have a variety of brews and non-alcoholic drinks on tap.

To RSVP, visit: <https://fresh-energy.org/event/lagers-and-legislation>



From Climate Action Now:

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00pm CT A Year in Review: Climate Hope Exists!

"There is a LOT of hopeful news about the climate—most people just don't hear enough about it!

Join us on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7 pm ET** for a review of the most hopeful climate trends from 2024, straight from Sam Matey, Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Dose of Climate Hope newsletter. You'll learn about unprecedented world-changing growth in solar and battery technology deployment, an international surge in rewilding, an imminent peak in global carbon emissions, and rapid innovations to sustain agriculture."

To register for this free online event, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-year-in-review-climate-hope-exists-tickets-1115962216029>

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:30pm CT Central Minnesota Chapter Zoom Meeting:



Featured Speaker: Tina Clarke Topic: Stories of Transition for a Clean Energy Future

What can communities and local areas do to more rapidly reduce emissions? Municipalities and regions in Europe, and some in the U.S. and Canada, have been experimenting and implementing bold solutions. Tina Clarke will share examples of advanced emissions reductions methods and models across key economic and social sectors. She'll share pictures and stories from working in Denmark and with "community resilience" leaders across Europe. We will have time for you to name your favorite models and methods for achieving deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

To register for this Zoom meeting, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/CMC-01-16-2025>

Shortly after registering, you will receive a confirmation email, containing the actual link (unique to you) for joining the meeting. As always, please feel free to invite others to attend.

About the speaker:

For over 30 years, Tina Clarke has supported community leaders and organizations in strategic planning, public engagement, and energy transition as a Community and Organizational Consultant, Trainer, Facilitator, Public Speaker and Fundraiser. Working in the USA, Canada and internationally with the global Transition Network, Tina has served over 240 communities worldwide, delivered 73 Transition Training courses, and provided hundreds of presentations. From 2017-2020 Tina provided strategic consulting and program development to community resilience leaders and climate advocates in Europe. She created a program that united international, national and community-based organizations across the European Union in collaborating to support rapid transition from fossil fuel dependency.

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm CT Community Climate Resilience Hubs – January Zoom Gathering



“Our Minnesota communities are already feeling the impacts of climate change, from widespread drought to bigger and more dangerous storms. Our neighbors are going to need support in building the relationships, infrastructure, and support to prevent and adapt to the realities of climate disruption. Minnesota’s communities of faith, and community organizations are uniquely poised to meet this particular moment.

That’s why MNIPL is launching the Community Climate Resilience Network. These [monthly] trainings and conversations will bring together organizations throughout the state that are interested in meeting this moment. We’ll cover topics like, “What are Resilience Hubs?”, building good and right relationships with your communities, and emergency preparedness with experts in the field.”

To register, visit: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/ccrn_jan_2025

Thursday, January 23 – Sunday, February 2, 2025 The Great Northern 2025



“The Great Northern is grounded in the celebration of Minnesota’s unique climate and winter traditions. As an organization, we are deeply committed to addressing climate change and fostering community dialogue about the future of our environment and our region.” To learn more, visit:

<https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/>

Many of the festival tickets are already SOLD OUT! Note that CMC members Anna Larsson or Jen Hammer have registered for the following events. You are welcome to make arrangements to join them:

- **Sat, Jan 25:** Our Winter Weather Future: Understanding, Preparing For, and Navigating Winter In the Midst of Climate Change (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/our-winter-weather-future>
- **Sun, Jan 26:**
Planetary Health: The Science of Integrated Solutions (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/planetary-health>
Equitable Decarbonization of Buildings in the Midwest (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/equitable-decarbonization>
- **Thu, Jan 30:** Role of Sci-Fi + Imagination in Climate Solutions (Virtual) (Jen plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/role-of-sci-fi-imagination-in-climate-solutions>
- **Sat, Feb 1:** The Great Northern Winter Run (Jen plans to attend, and then doing the Sauna Village after!) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/winter-run>

Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 1:00-2:30pm
From Fork to Forest: Why we can't solve the climate crisis without changing how we eat



Has last November's election motivated you to take environmental action on a more local level?

Come to this event to learn -- and taste! -- how we can mitigate climate change through our food choices. We'll uncover how our food systems impact the planet—and how we can help shift that trajectory.

After the talk, stay for a lively Q&A and sample delicious, low-carbon, plant-based foods.

This event is led by Nicola Philpott and Anna Larsson, two local mothers who are motivated to protect our planet for both the present and future generations. It is free and open to everyone, but please register below to reserve your space.

<https://ticketbud.com/events/14af26ac-b26b-11ef-afa8-42010a71703b>

Whether you're a seasoned environmentalist, a flexitarian curious about the power of food choices, or someone who just completed Veganuary, this event is for you.

On the Horizon:

From <https://www.earthday.org/> :

Earth Day 2025

"On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, we celebrate the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. To mark this milestone, we invite everyone to support **Earth Day's 2025 theme: OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™**. Let's unite in our collective global commitment to renewable energy, whether it's solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal or tidal – to generate clean electricity for everyone."