

Community Events:

From The Climate Reality Project

Tuesdays at 6pm CT on May 6 and May 20

Climate Reality Biweekly Federal Defense Coordination Call



Join Climate Reality staff and Climate Reality Leaders from across the country to hear the latest updates on the state of climate policy at the federal level. Over the next few months, there will be massive fights over potential repeal of climate policy passed under the Biden Administration. Simultaneously, there is an ongoing fight over illegal climate spending freezes and attacks on the civil service, including climate scientists, throughout the federal government.

It is time for the Climate Reality network to work together to fight back. These calls will be a space to hear updates on the latest federal climate policy movement, learn about important climate policies at risk, and coordinate on opportunities to fight back.

Chapter members should have received a registration link from The Climate Reality Project. If you are a chapter member and need the registration link, email info@climaterealitymsp.com.



Saturday, May 10 | 9am – 5pm CT Steele County Enviro Show

Four Seasons Centre, 1525 S Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN

A fun, free, and educational event dedicated to promoting eco-friendly practices, sustainable living, and environmental awareness!

Whether you're an eco-conscious individual, a family looking to learn more about green initiatives, or someone interested in supporting local organizations and sustainable businesses, this event has something for everyone!

Hosted by Steele County, Steele County Free Fair, & Owatonna Community Education.

See: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3299117420222792>

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 11am – Noon CT Webinar: Your guide to mowing electric

The good news is that for most residential uses electric mowers are actually a superior and more economical choice than gas mowers. Battery technology has advanced dramatically in the past decade and due to this, we're seeing more powerful electric cars and more capable electric lawnmowers.

Register to join Jukka Kukkonen of Shift2Electric, Minnesota Clean Cities Coalition, and Fresh Energy on May 14, 2025 at 11 a.m. Central for a conversation that will leave you with the info you need to make an informed decision about your next lawnmower and get a comprehensive comparison list of all makes and models available on the market.

For further details and/or to register, visit:

<https://fresh-energy.org/event/webinar-your-guide-to-mowing-electric>

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | 7pm – 8pm CT
The Climate Reality Project: Central Minnesota Chapter
Monthly Zoom Meeting

Topic: Edible Landscaping

Guest Speakers: Jordan and Tim from Edible Landscapes MN



Edible landscaping is an alternative to today's prevailing use of turf grasses, favoring easy to grown plants that are much more environmentally conscious but produce tasty food .

Join us as Jordan and Tim from Edible Landscapes MN tell us about the process and value of edible landscaping in Minnesota, and the varieties and techniques that will lead to success.

To register, visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nLY0E4DORUeO1mWK0_47bA

Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 10:00am – 2:00pm CT
Solar Boat Regatta at Lake Riley in Eden Prairie



The 33rd Annual Solar Boat Regatta will be held on May 17, 2025. The MRES Solar Boat Competition has given hundreds of students valuable and unique experience with photovoltaic systems, boat design, and construction. MRES is partnering with teachers to enhance the competitive nature of the event, expanding the number of schools participating and extending the solar education throughout the school year.

For further details on this fun event, visit:

<https://www.mnrenewables.org/solar-boat-regatta>



Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 1-4pm Eco Fair on Summit

Learn about climate action at an Eco Fair for the whole family. The event will feature everything from electric vehicles with test drives to solar installations and household electric appliances, vegetarian food trucks, and a kids' bike rodeo. Advocacy groups will educate attendees about key climate issues both local and

statewide from the Boundary Waters to municipal composting and recycling. An electric fire truck and school bus will be on site to wow attendees.

Location: House of Hope Presbyterian, 797 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul

The Eco Fair on Summit is morphing into a major event, with 45 exhibitors, plus food vendors, EV owners, car dealerships, bike shops, and bike owners. Our chapter will be tabling in the "big tent". To learn more, visit:

<https://www.mnpl.org/event/eco-fair-on-summit/>

From Climate Action Now:

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | 6pm–7pm CT Save the Ice: A Climate Action Party



About two-thirds of Earth's fresh water is locked in the ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica, while an estimated 270,000 square miles of glaciers persist at high elevations and latitudes on every continent except Australia.

As climate change drives rapid ice melt, sea levels are rising, and there are

other impacts too—slowing ocean currents, lost opportunities to study the earth's natural history, and negative impacts to the plants, animals, and people who rely on these icy ecosystems.

Join us on May 20th from 6-7 pm CT to learn about the critical role that ice plays in our world and make a difference by taking action with the CAN app. You'll hear straight from acclaimed science fiction author Kim Stanley Robinson, and one of the world's leading ice-saving engineers, Dr. Leslie Fields of the Bright Ice Initiative. There's no cooler way to spend a Tuesday night! To register for this free online event, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/save-the-ice-climate-action-party-tickets-1273260579669>

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As reported by MN CERTS:

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 | 3pm–6pm CT

MnSEIA Member Meeting and tour of Heliene Solar



MnSEIA

Join MnSEIA for an exciting afternoon that kicks off with a short meeting and **small group tours of Heliene's brand-new solar manufacturing facility in Rogers**. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at cutting-edge solar panel production and learn more about Heliene's role in advancing domestic clean energy. After the tour, we'll head to Short or Tall Eatery & Drink Hall for a relaxed networking happy hour with drinks and appetizers.

Free for MnSEIA members, **\$15 for non-members**

Location: 13225 Brockton Lane North, Rogers, MN

To learn more and register, visit:

<https://members.mnseia.org/ap/Events/Register/AnFo7znFVCdCN>

Note: Individuals who have a heart pacemaker would not be able to tour the facility, as there is a risk of magnetic interference that could result in pacemaker malfunction.