



The BEAT News

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the environment's best defense.

July 24, 2019

Dear Friend,

This Saturday we are excited to be co-organizing a [Housatonic River Cleanup](#) with the Housatonic Valley Association *and* participating in [NAACP Berkshires Annual Gather-In](#) at Durant Park. As always, we need lots of hands to make light work on the river. [RSVP here!](#) Join us after the Cleanup at Gather-In for lunch and fun!

That's it for now, folks.

Thank you for all you do to protect the environment,

Jane, Elia, Rose, Jake, Mary, Isabelle, Weyessa (Ace), and Elizabeth

Please help support this newsletter. Thank you!

In The News

Pittsfield's garbage problem needs a clear, long-term plan, not more trash bags

MARY STUCKLEN | BERKSHIRE ZERO WASTE INITIATIVE

To the Editor:

Re: Mayor, councilor spar over stalemate on Pittsfield waste management

The conversation around waste management in Pittsfield has been a seemingly never-ending cause for stress for residents, readers, and city leaders alike. As this article demonstrated, Mayor Tyer and Councilor Krol, with other city councilors, are frustrated with the current state of affairs with the current redrafted ordinance that will result in a volume-limit for waste for city residents. As a member of the Pittsfield Resource Recover Committee (RRC), I am very-much aware of the current state of affairs regarding this ordinance. [READ ON](#)

Covered Bridge Lane and Covered Bridge Closure

TOWN OF SHEFFIELD

Covered Bridge Lane and the Covered Bridge will be closed Mondays - Thursdays beginning July 22, 2019 through August 15, 2019. The reason for the closure is to replace the roof and re-stain the sides of the bridge. The road and parking area will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the construction. [READ ON](#)

Recycling Rally and Sustainability Fair - Aug. 3

GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE & THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD

Back by popular demand, the Greening with Guardian: Recycling Rally and Sustainability Fair will return this summer with a host of expanded offerings and exciting attractions on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Berkshire Community College (BCC). The event, sponsored by the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, in partnership with the City of Pittsfield and the Town of Dalton, now provides both Pittsfield and Dalton residents a venue to dispose of old electronic items, appliances, bicycles, even paper shredding and much more. [READ ON](#)

A 'surprise' in the woods

CHARLES XU | THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

With no agenda and no instruction, Chesterwood took a bet on environmental sculptors Rick and Laura Brown. The task? Fill an entire forest with eight tree-sized sculptures in just under a month. "For them to put a whole show in our hands, without it actually existing and with one month to pull it all together, was pretty courageous and risky for everybody involved," Laura said. "And so I respect Chesterwood. That's what kept us going in a lot of ways." [READ ON](#)

Parasitoids released to combat Emerald Ash Borer in Main

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

To battle the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation, Maine Forest Service is releasing parasitoids in Aroostook County. Parasitoids are tiny non-stinging wasps that feed in or on EAB by attacking immature (larvae) EAB under the bark of ash trees and parasitizing eggs on the surface of the bark. The parasitoid species being released in Aroostook County are *Oobius agrili*, *Tetrastichus planipennisi* and *Spathius galinae*. [READ ON](#)

Disputed ground: the future of landfill gas-to-energy

MAX WITYNSKI | UTILITY DIVE

Operators champion landfill gas as a source of renewable energy and revenue. But as communities seek to divert more organics and climate anxiety intensifies, the practice has been decried as greenwashing. The full story of landfill gas (LFG) is complicated. Capturing LFG creates beneficial use opportunities and earns operators revenue, in addition to reducing the global warming potential of the gas that is successfully captured. However, the system may be imperfect from an economic and environmental standpoint. [READ ON](#)

This is just one of the many climate and energy articles featured in this week's No Fracked Gas in Mass Weekly News Check In. [Find the rest of the news and subscribe here.](#)

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JOBS

We list jobs related to the environment from a variety of organizations.

Email news@thebeatnews.org to submit an open position.

Tree Program Canvasser | Berkshire Environmental Action Team | Pittsfield

Membership Coordinator | Urban Sustainability Directors Network | Remote

Research Coordinator | Urban Sustainability Directors Network | Remote

Board of Supervisors | Berkshire Conservation District | Berkshire County

Director of Policy | The Trustees | Boston

Development Associate | Sierra Club MA Chapter | Boston

Grant & Contract Manager | Northeast Community Center | Millerton, NY

TMDL Coordinator | Mass DEP | Worcester

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers | Housatonic Valley Association | Pittsfield & Dalton

Temporary Solar Installer & Temporary Solar Electrician | PV Squared | Greenfield

Land Stewardship Coordinator | The Nature Conservancy | Great Barrington

Network Weaver | Fix | New England

TerraCorps & Community Engagement Positions | Just Roots | Greenfield

Community Engagement Coordinator | Kestrel Land Trust | Amherst

Stormwater Coordinator | MassDEP | Boston

Berkshire Watershed Director | Housatonic Valley Association | Stockbridge

Conservation Commissioners | Town of Stockbridge | Stockbridge

Program Manager | Collaborative on Health & the Environment | Remote

Experienced Solar Technician | BPVS | North Adams, MA

Corporate Sponsor Director | NOFA/Mass | Remote

Membership & Database Coordinator | NOFA/Mass | Remote

Organic Food Guide Coordinator | NOFA/Mass | Remote

River Stewards of Tomorrow | Housatonic Valley Association | Stockbridge, MA

VT & NH Community Organizer | Toxics Action Center | Vermont & New Hampshire

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

We list events from a variety of local and regional organizations and individuals.
BEAT events are in **bold**. Submit events to news@thebeatnews.org

JULY 2 - JULY 28

Art Display: Montague Parks and Recreation Presents: Raptors - TURNERS FALLS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Nice n’ Easy Walk - North Adams

Free River Workshop - Pittsfield

Chestnut Orchard Wednesday - Pittsfield

Nature Walks for Health and Happiness - Lenox

Evening at the Beaver Ponds - Lenox

Ag in the Evening: a farm education workshop series - South Egremont

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Nice & Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough

Climate Change Crisis: Cataclysm on the Horizon - Pittsfield

Pollinator & Herbicides Action Conference Call

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Kidleidoscope - North Adams

Discover Greylock Hike - Lanesborough

Campground Critters - Lanesborough

Invasive Hardy Kiwi Pull - Pittsfield

Beavers, Birds, & Other Wildlife - Lenox

Evening at the Beaver Ponds - Lenox

Kidleidoscope Story Hour : Skunks - Turners Falls

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Housatonic River Cleanup - Pittsfield

Creatures of the Night - Lanesborough

Night Hike - Lanesborough

Learn the Ferns with Joseph Strauch - Lenox

Animals A to Z - Lenox

Lee Monthly Volunteer Street Clean-Up - Lee

Free Hike w/ Transportation - Richmond

Mauserts Pond Hike - Clarksburg

Landscaped Wildflower Meadows: Their Plants and Insects - Lakeville, CT

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Natural Bridge History Tour - North Adams

We Can Take It! CCC Talk - Adams

Canoeing the Housatonic River - Lenox

Sunday Open House - Athol

Trees and other plants of the Rutland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary - Petersham

MONDAY, JULY 29

Trails & Tales Hike - Lanesborough

Junior Rangers - Turners Falls

TUESDAY, JULY 30

Birding at The Mount - Lenox

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Nice n’ Easy Walk - North Adams

DIY Yogurt - North Adams

Mountain Mindfulness Yoga - Lanesborough

Chestnut Orchard Wednesday - Pittsfield

Trailside Music Series : Whiskey Treaty Roadshow - Lenox

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Nice & Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough

Farm-to-Table Dinner - Granby

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Discover Greylock Hike - Lanesborough

Campground Critters - Lanesborough

Night Creatures: Scouting for Bats and Moths - Ghent, NY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Recycling Rally & Sustainability Fair - Pittsfield

[Complete Community Calendar](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR

July 10, 2019

The Environmental Monitor provides information on projects under review by the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office, recent MEPA decisions of the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, and public notices from environmental agencies.

Berkshire Index

- Monterey – [Notice of Intent to Initiate an Aquatic Plant Management Plan \(pdf\)](#) – Lake Garfield diver assisted suction harvesting & mechanical harvesting – posted 6/26/19
- Adams – [Quarry Minerals Management Area](#) – ENF – comments due 7/1/19
- Alford – [Strassler, Robert- Pond Dredging](#) – ENF – comments due 7/1/19

Pioneer Valley Index

- Chicopee – [Notice of Issuance of a Draft Operating Permit Renewal \(pdf\)](#) – Chicopee Electric Light Clean Air Act permit – comments due 8/23/19
- Agawam – [Tennessee Gas Pipeline 261 Upgrade Projects](#) – FEIR – comments due 7/26/19
- Charlemont – [Notice of Intent to Initiate an Ecological Restoration Project \(pdf\)](#) – Avery Brook and Pelham Brook use rock and or wood vane structures to improve the channel thalweg and maintain connectivity during low-flow conditions – posted 6/26/19
- Amherst – [Notice of Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent \(pdf\)](#) – 33 Mountain View Circle removal of undersized culvert, stream daylighting and naturalized restoration – posted 6/10/19
- Chicopee – [Cabotville Mill Redevelopment](#) – ENF Certificate – Does Not Require an Environmental Impact Report – issued 6/21/19
- Worthington – [Route 143 Road Improvements & Related Work](#) – ENF Certificate – Does Not Require an Environmental Impact Report – issued 6/14/19

Statewide Index

- nothing new

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notices listed here are from a variety of sources, from town conservation commissions and select boards to state and federal agencies. These listings are for Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties. Listings are only posted if they are environmental in nature. You can find all public notices for Massachusetts [here](#).

Public Notices

