



The BEAT News

Because an informed and engaged public is
the environment's best defense.

August 7, 2019

Dear Friend,

Friday, come alllll the way down to the [Sheffield Farmers' Market](#) to hang out with Mary and Elizabeth (no, not the English queens, our very own staff!) to talk about composting and all things environmental.

On Saturday, we're so excited to be [joining our partners at DCR for Yo-Yo Ma's Day of Action on the Pittsfield Common](#). We'll be talking about trees and DCR will be *planting* trees!

Next on Saturday, we'll be hitting [the Housatonic for our 3rd River Cleanup of the year](#). We had an amazing cleanup last time, pulling over 2,700lbs. of trash out of the river. Join us this time behind 703 West Housatonic St. to launch!

ALSO next Saturday, our own Rose Wessel will be speaking on the panel at [Barrington Stage's climate and environmental challenges symposium](#). Other panelists include Judith Enck (former EPA), Laura J. Martin (Williams College), and Dr. Mehernosh P. Khan, MD.

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



kids in kayaks

SUNDAY • AUGUST 11 • 2-4PM

WESTSIDE RIVERWAY PARK • DEWEY AVE. PITTSFIELD

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In The News

Call for Aquatic Resource Restoration, Enhancement, Preservation

MA DEPT. OF FISH & GAME

The MA Department of Fish and Game (DFG) In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program seeks pre-proposals for aquatic resource restoration, enhancement and/or preservation projects. Eligible applicants include Massachusetts cities, towns, academic institutions, certified 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations, and other public entities. Please see the Request for Pre-Proposals (RFP) document for additional details on eligibility as well as available funding and priorities for each of the ILF Program Service Areas.

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In Vermont, hopes for the bobolink's return

BRIAN MACQUARRIE | THE BOSTON GLOBE

Allan Strong walks in camouflage waders through wet, thigh-high grass just after dawn, lifting his binoculars to his eyes as he scans a large, uncultivated field in search of a miniature prize. Strong swivels his head, stops, and smiles. “This is great,” he says. “We’re seeing quite a few out here.” What Strong sees is a small bird with a golden voice and look-at-me ensemble of yellow cap, black and white back, and black undercoat. [READ ON](#)

Gray tree frogs metamorphosing

MARY HOLLAND | NATURALLY CURIOUS WITH MARY HOLLAND

Gray Treefrogs are often heard but rarely seen, due both to their cryptic coloration as well as the fact that they are arboreal. They tend to perch (grasping trees with their toes which bear large, adhesive, mucous-secreting disks at their tips) in vegetation surrounding swamps and ponds, where their robust, territorial and mating trilling can be heard (males call between 500-15,000 times per hour). [READ ON](#)

Fast-spreading lotus takes over Cranston Lake

ECORI NEWS

Paddlers in kayaks and canoes, along with non-boating volunteers, are needed to collect seed pods from a noxious plant that threatens to cover a local lake. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is recruiting volunteers to help harvest seed pods from a large, non-native lotus patch in Meshanticut Lake. The plant, sacred lotus, is a highly aggressive, invasive species that threatens a healthy balance of native plants, impedes fishing and boating opportunities, and is costly to manage, according to DEM. [READ ON](#)

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Huge swathes of the Arctic on fire, 'unprecedented' satellite images show

HARRY COCKBURN | THE INDEPENDENT

Vast swathes of the Arctic are suffering from "unprecedented" wildfires, new satellite images have revealed. North of the Arctic circle, the high temperatures are facilitating enormous wildfires which are wreaking ecological destruction on a colossal scale. It comes after the world’s hottest June on record which has been followed by a devastating heatwave in the US, with Europe forecast for the same treatment later this week. [READ ON](#)

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JOB

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
Trail Construction Assistant | Berkshire Natural Resources Council | Pittsfield

Berkshires Campus Organizer | MassPIRG | Berkshire County

Regional Coordinators | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program | Western Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Mountain Mindfulness Yoga - Lanesborough

Chestnut Orchard Wednesday - Pittsfield

Paddleboard Social - Stockbridge

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

Lime Kiln Farm: Housatonic Valley & Taconic Range Views - Sheffield

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Nice & Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough

Housatonic Evening Paddle - Lenox

Open House - Ghent, NY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Discover Greylock Hike - Lanesborough

Campground Critters - Lanesborough

Beavers, Birds, & Other Wildlife - Lenox

Evening at the Beaver Ponds - Lenox

Healing America’s Streams - Millbrook, NY

Forest Bathing - Hancock, NH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Every Flower Matters with Joan Edwards - Williamstown
- Scenic Summit Tours - Lanesborough
- Creatures of the Night - Lanesborough
- Night Hike - Lanesborough
- Free Certification to assess aquatic passibility at road-stream crossings - Windsor
- Lilac & Shrub Pruning - Pittsfield
- Animals A to Z - Lenox
- Trailside Music Series : The Amy Ryan Band - Lenox
- Massachusetts Healthy Soils Action Plan Listening Session - Amherst

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Kids in Kayaks - Pittsfield

- Sunday Scavenger Hunt - Lanesborough
- Scenic Summit Tours - Lanesborough
- Canoeing the Housatonic River - Lenox
- Family Paddle Trip on the Housatonic River - Lenoxdale
- Sunday Open House at The Millers River Environmental Center - Turners Falls

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

- Trails & Tales Hike - Lanesborough

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- Trails & Tales Hike - Lanesborough
- Bob Presutti’s Pruning Class - Pittsfield**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- Mountain Mindfulness Yoga - Lanesborough
- Chestnut Orchard Wednesday - Pittsfield
- Moonlight Canoe Trips - Becket
- Ag in the Evening: a farm education workshop series - South Egremont

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- Nice & Easy Trail Hike - Lanesborough
- Housatonic Evening Paddle - Lenox
- Eco-Tour: Sustainable Production at Amherst Nurseries - Hadley

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- Lenox Mountain: Taconic Range & Richmond Pond Views - Lenox
- Beavers, Birds, & Other Wildlife - Lenox
- Evening at the Beaver Ponds - Lenox
- Full Moon Campfire Ghost Stories! - Lanesborough

AUGUST 17 - 18

- Berries, Baskets & Brook Trout : A Weekend of 4 Wilderness Skills Workshops! - Conway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Housatonic River Cleanup - Pittsfield

- Creatures of the Night - Lanesborough
- Night Hike - Lanesborough
- Extinction Rebellion Meeting - Pittsfield
- Pittsfield Repair Cafe - Pittsfield
- Scenic Summit Tours - Lanesborough
- Canoeing the Housatonic River - Lenox
- Animals A to Z - Lenox

Complete Community Calendar

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR

July 24, 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

- Adams – [Quarry Minerals Management Area](#) – ENF – comments now due 7/26/19
- Alford – [Strassler, Robert- Pond Dredging](#) – ENF Certificate – Does Not Require an Environmental Impact Report – issued 7/11/19

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

Statewide Index

- [Notice of Application of Title 5 Innovative Technology \(pdf\)](#) – Use of the Jet Drip Dispersal System for the treatment and subsurface disposal of sewage from facilities with design flows of less than 10,000 gallons per day – posted 7/24/19

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](#).



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