

The BEAT News!

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Hi Friend ,

Shout out to Willa and Solomon for raising \$206.50 for BEAT at their bake sale last week. We are so thankful to to them for being amazing proactive people taking initiative and supporting our mission to protect wildlife. Thank you both!

Check out this week's issue. We are now a center for recycling batteries. Batteries have materials that can be recovered and reused. If batteries are just put in the trash, they get sent to a landfill and toxic waste can pollute the water and ground.

Also, news on rabies vaccines in MA, white-tailed deer rescue, Gen-Z is proving to be an activist generation flocking to environmental careers, groundwater disappearing from farmlands and more.

*Sincerely,
Sarit - Education & Outreach Coordinator*



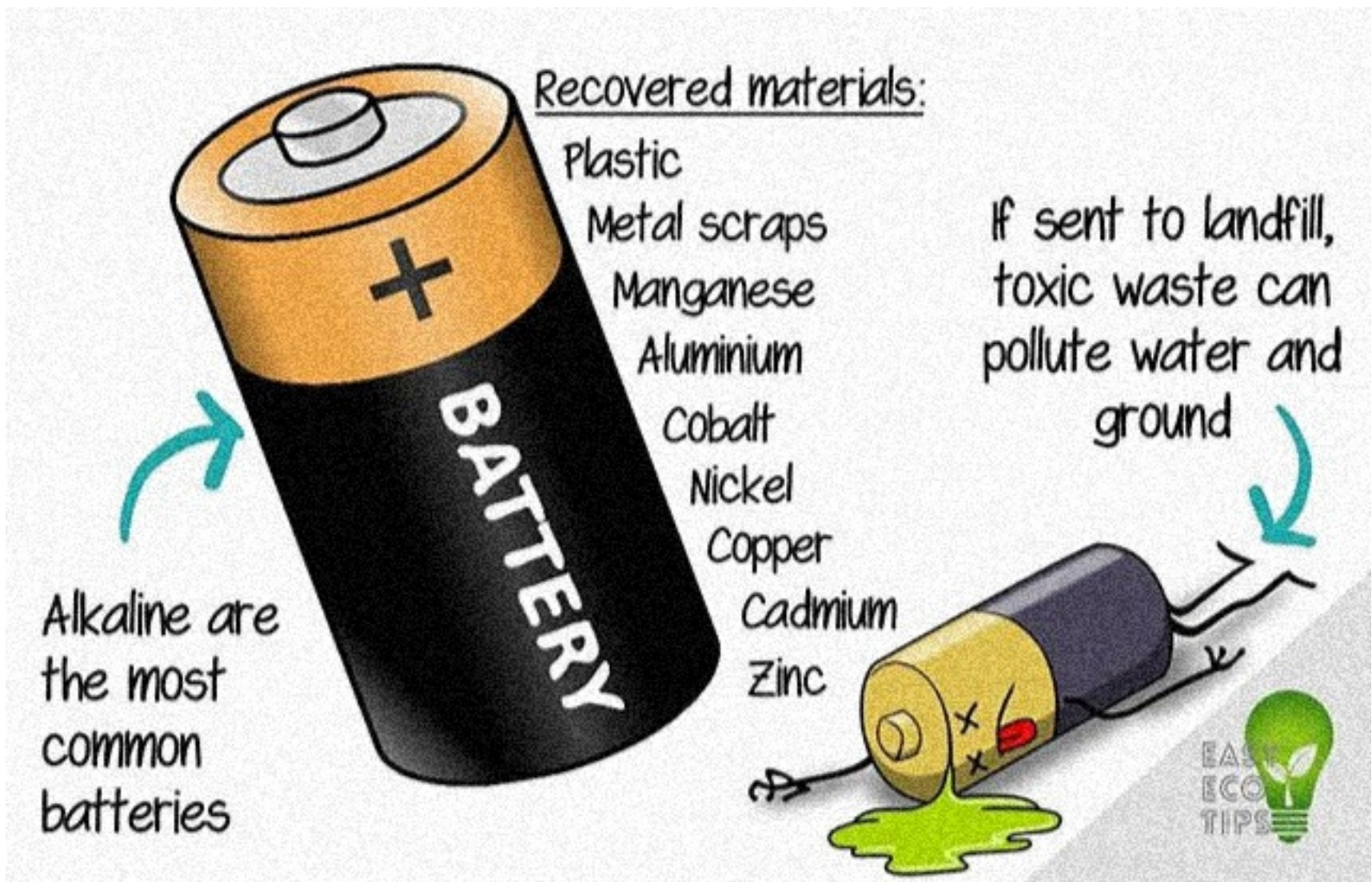
Batteries can be recycled to avoid toxic pollution!

Recycle your batteries at BEAT!

We are accepting clean (non-leaking & no corrosion) household batteries for recycling, (see list below).

You can drop batteries off at our office.

Best to give a call first to 413-464-9402 in case we are in the field, but we are usually around 10-3 pm Monday through Friday or at your content.



Acceptable Materials: Alkaline Batteries, Nickel Cadmium Batteries (NiCd), Nickel-Metal Hydride Batteries (NiMH), Lithium Ion Batteries (less than 300 Wh rated capacity), [Lithium Metal batteries \(less than 25g of lithium content\) *](#), Non-Spillable Lead Acid (weigh less than 11 Lbs. each), Silver Oxide, Carbon Zinc, Portable Electronics (see [FAQ to know more](#))

We cannot take car or motorcycle batteries (return to auto shops). All batteries must be clean with no leaking or corrosion.

In The News



In historic effort, rabies on Cape Cod again being fought on land and in the air

Cynthia McCormick | Cape Cod Times

The fight against raccoon-variant rabies is again taking to the skies above Cape Cod as part of what is described as the largest such effort in Massachusetts history. Starting next week, officials will dispense vaccine packets from low-flying helicopters in an historic effort to immunize raccoons and other wild mammals from the deadly rabies virus. Two federally owned aircraft — either black and red or orange and white — are scheduled to start dropping the oral vaccine packets or sachets off-Cape on Monday, weather permitting, from a height of 300 to 400 feet, said Brian Bjorklund, a wildlife rabies biologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [Read More](#)

Orphaned, native baby deer find new home at Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford

Buttonwood Park Zoo (BPZOO)

The BPZOO has a long history of providing forever homes to orphaned and injured native wildlife, thanks to a strong partnership with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. In early summer months, MassWildlife placed a female white-tailed deer fawn at BPZOO, who was believed to have been orphaned at less than 10 days old in South Dartmouth. Weeks later, she was joined by a second female fawn found alone in western Massachusetts. They are the first white-tailed deer to inhabit BPZOO since 2017. In discussing the new arrivals, Zoo Director, Keith Lovett stated that “as part of our mission related to environmental education and the conservation of wildlife.... the zoo will work to educate our guests on the impact humans can have on local wildlife and actions that can be taken to minimize our imprint on the environment.” [Read More](#)



‘No point in anything else’: Gen Z members flock to climate careers

Angela Lashbrook | The Guardian

“Once you learn how damaged the world’s ecosystems are, it’s not really something you can unsee,” says Rachel Larrivee, 23, a sustainability consultant based in Boston. “To me, there’s no point in pursuing a career – or life for that matter – in any other area.” Larrivee is one of countless members of Gen Z, a generation that roughly encompasses young people under 25, who are responding to the planet’s rapidly changing climate by committing their lives to finding a solution. Survey after survey shows young people are not just incorporating new climate-conscious behaviors into their day-to-day lives – they’re in it for the long haul. College administrators say surging numbers of students are pursuing environmental-related degrees and careers that were once considered irresponsible, romantic flights of fancy compared to more “stable” paths like business, medicine, or law. [Read More](#)

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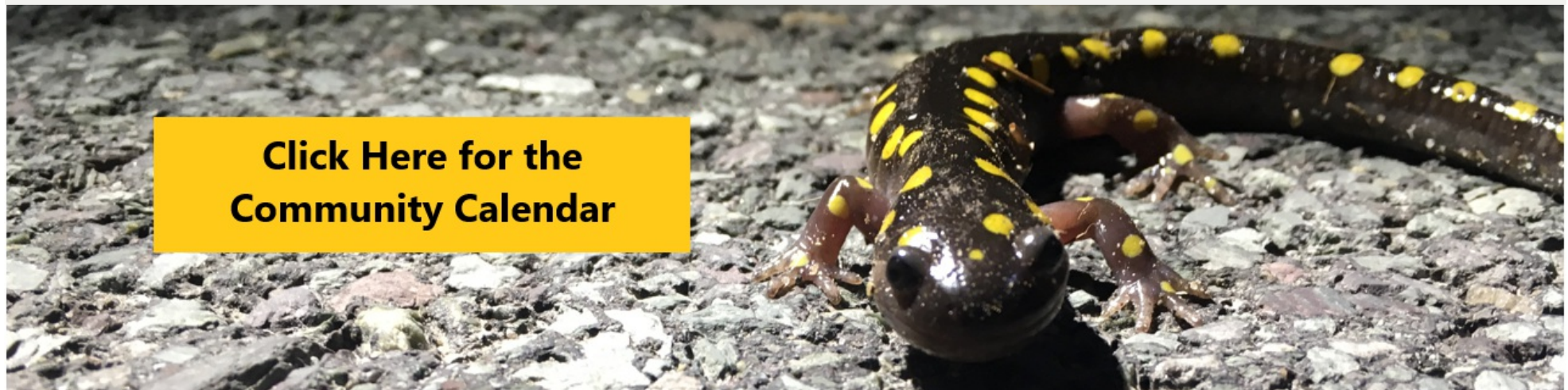
Farmers restore native grasslands as groundwater disappears

Tammy Webber | AP/The Bershire Eagle

For decades, the Texas Panhandle was green with cotton, corn and wheat. Wells drew a thousand gallons (3,785 liters) a minute from the seemingly bottomless Ogallala aquifer, allowing farmers to thrive despite frequent dry spells and summer heat. But now farmers face a difficult reckoning. Groundwater that sustained livelihoods for generations is disappearing, which has created another problem across the southern plains: When there isn't enough rain or groundwater to germinate crops, soil can blow away — just as it did during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. [Read More](#)

The Hydrogen Hoax

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 6PM VIA ZOOM

A black salamander with yellow spots is shown on a rocky surface. The salamander is facing left, with its body extending towards the right. The background is a close-up of dark, textured rocks. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "Click Here for the Community Calendar".

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The 19th Annual HOUSATONIC HERITAGE WALKS - The Berkshires and Litchfield County

Operation Pollination: Citizen Science Walk with Greenagers - South Egremont

Green Drinks Pittsfield - Online/Zoom

A photograph of a mother duck and her four ducklings on a green lawn. The mother duck is on the left, facing left, with her head turned back. She has brown and black mottled feathers. Four small ducklings are following her, also facing left. They have similar mottled patterns. A yellow rectangular box with black text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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