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ABCD Newsletter



Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition's 'Sustainable Communities Day' June 1st, 2023

[Climate Action Plan Delivered to City Council; Belfast Application for Community Resilience Partnership ~ June 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Final draft of Climate Action Plan submitted to Belfast City Council & City process for [applying for Maine's Community Resilience Partnership](#); a free class on being a city councilor; & report on [Sustainable](#)

[Communities day.](#)

[Sustainable Communities Day on June 1st ~ May 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Sustainable Communities Day June 1st with Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition; [Mainer's Guide to Climate Incentives](#); [Pollinator Week June 19-25](#); and A Climate To Thrive's [statewide conference June 22nd on transforming Maine's energy system for a livable future.](#)



[Celebrating Earth Month ~ April 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this Earth Month 2023 edition:

Lots to talk about! Updates on what ABCD and the Climate Crisis Committee have been up

to; ways we can all help create more sustainable landscapes; a sampling of wonderful local Earth Day & Earth Month Events; and a question: *What does our community need to move forward on climate action planning?*



Volunteers enrolled in the Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition's Penobscot Bay Stewards program

[Community Roundup of Belfast Events & Actions Addressing Climate Change ~ March 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Learn about all the positive actions & events happening in the Belfast area community around climate change!

[Updates from “Future of Transportation in Belfast & Waldo County” Event ~ February 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Takeaways & City updates from our exciting “Future of



A great turnout and engaged audience at ABCD event on February 9, 2023, "The Future of Transportation in Belfast and Waldo County"

Transportation" conversation; upcoming events including Community Composting.

A new group called "Walk & Roll Belfast" is also being created to help citizens band together to create more active transit in our community! SIGN UP to learn more - send your email address to walkandrollbelfast@gmail.com to be added to the email list!

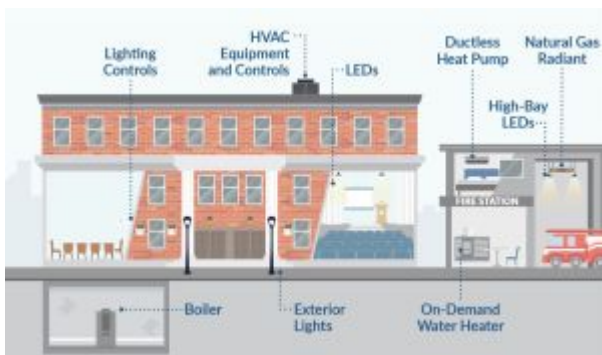


Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a \$13.3M grant will help 13 Maine school districts buy 34 electric-vehicle school buses this year. Searsport RSU 20 received an award for two EV school buses (\$790,000). Credit: NewsCenter Maine

[The Future of Transportation in Waldo County ~ January 2023 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Come attend a Community Climate Conversation on February 9th, about reducing greenhouse gases from transportation in Waldo County. Check out some great resources and actions discussed at our December "Modernizing Our

Homes & Buildings" discussion. Mark your calendars for lots of other great events coming up including the Belfast Garden Club's winter lecture series.



[Modernizing Our Homes & Buildings ~ November/December 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: You're invited to a Belfast Community Climate Conversation on December 8, to

Maine municipalities are often faced with budget pressures and high operating costs to maintain older municipal buildings. Energy efficiency is a great way for municipalities to save energy and money, and improve comfort, safety, and maintenance costs. Image credit: Efficiency Maine

discuss how our community can modernize our homes & buildings for energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gases.



October 31, 2021 stormwater erosion on Pours Mills Road, Belfast. Photo credit: Fred Bowers.

[Building Resilience for Big Storms and Flooding ~ October 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: You're invited to a Belfast Community Climate Conversation on October 18, to discuss how our community can best handle stormwater flooding & drought.



October 31, 2021 flooding of US Route 1, not far from the Belfast bridge over the Passagassawakeag River. Photo credit: City of Belfast Mayor Eric Sanders.

[Community Climate Conversations: Help Belfast Be Resilient to Stormwater Flooding ~ September 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: An invitation to give input on stormwater impacts in Belfast on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 PM [rescheduled from the 11th]; re-cap of electric vehicles at the Harbor Fest; & lots of September events!

[Photo Contest Winners & A Moment for Good News ~ August 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: ANNOUNCING the winners of the "[Celebrating Belfast ~ Places & Play! All Of Belfast: Climate Dialogues 2022 Photo Contest](#)"; also some good news and resources around climate change.



1st Place Winner, "Play" category: Walking on the Beach by Grace Murdock



Belfast Summer Nights music, July 7, 2022

[An Inspiring Night of Community Input to Belfast's Climate Action Plan ~ July 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Check out the inspiring community input from the June 14 public meeting on Belfast's Climate Action Plan; upcoming events; and LAST

CALL for the [ABCD Photo Contest](#) (deadline July 15th)! We also reflect on last week's Supreme Court decision limiting the EPA's authority; and share hopeful notes from Maine's June 17 "[Communities Leading on Climate](#)" [conference](#).



"This sunset photo of the tugboats was taken from the Nautilus patio after a big band of thunderstorms

[Celebrating Belfast ~ Places & Play! All of Belfast: Climate Dialogues 2022 Photo Contest ~ June 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Your input is needed on Belfast's draft [Climate Action Plan](#)! Community discussion on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 PM in the Abbott Room at the Library (also available on Zoom). Also

narrowly missed us. I feel so fortunate to work in this amazing spot right on the water ~ it is beautiful in all seasons!" Photo by Misty Mallar, July 2019

announcing the ABCD [Photo Contest](#) ~ deadline July 15th. Share your photo of the things you love most about Belfast and our corner of Maine... What activities and places bring you joy and gratitude?



Emma C. Moesswilde, presenter of "Living With Thin Ice: Past Perspectives on Climate Change in Belfast, Maine"

[Looking Back to See Ahead ~ May 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: This month, ABCD has 2 programs that examine historic and current climate change here in the Belfast area and in Maine - including a May 10th presentation by Belfastian and doctoral candidate at Georgetown University, Emma Moesswilde (pictured), "Living With Thin Ice: Past Perspectives

on Climate Change in Belfast, Maine."



Detail from Janice Kasper's "Polar Ice"

[Earth Day, Every Day ~ April 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this Earth Day / Earth Week-themed issue: Check out the series of inspiring events and activities in and around Belfast during Earth Week 2022, and [give](#)

[your input to the Belfast Climate Action Plan!](#)

[Building Hope Together ~ March 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this hope-themed issue: Learn about the recent Waldo County Climate Change Symposium, register for our upcoming event "Deep Woods: How



Climate Change Impacts Forests & How Forests Slow Climate Change", and [give your input to the Belfast Climate Action Plan!](#)



Shown left to right: Bahner Farm, Dickey Hill Farm, Daisychain Farm

[Has Your Livelihood or Business Been Affected by Climate Change?](#)
~ February 2022 Newsletter

In this issue: Summary of our recent farmer panel discussion; upcoming events; new books in the Library's climate change collection; and an invitation to tell

us how your business or job is affected by climate change, and how you are adapting.



The ABCD team: Sarah Kirn, Misty Mallar, Brenda Harrington

[Climate Hopes & Plans for the New Year ~ January 2022 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Reflections from the ABCD team; upcoming events including a Waldo County Farmer Panel on January 20th; and how you can get involved with the project, hear what climate concerns your neighbors have, and share your own thoughts and hopes for the coming year.

Wishing you a Happy and Hopeful New Year, from the ABCD team and Belfast Free Library!



"Mother Nature Holds Her Breath" by Mj Viano Crowe

"Finding Hope in the Face of Climate Change." We are also putting out a Call for Art for an upcoming spring Library exhibit, "The Art of Re-Climation."

[A Climate-friendly Holiday Season ~ December 2021 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: We are excited to feature offerings from local Belfast businesses who have shared their climate-friendly holiday ideas with ABCD. Enter our holiday book giveaway! Sign up for our Tuesday 11/30 online event with author Sue Inches, "*Finding Hope in the Face of*



Belfast Area High School students describe their design and installation of a tidal gauge in Belfast Harbor, Maine in October 2021.

[November 2021 Newsletter](#)

In this issue: Climate migrant stories submitted by local Belfast residents on the ABCD website; Belfast leads the planet with local tidal data collection and community planning for sea level rise; upcoming events including an intro to "The Warming Sea" symphony, and "Finding Hope in the Face of Climate Change."

(Note that you can watch past events anytime on the [Library's YouTube ABCD playlist!](#))

[October 2021 Newsletter](#)

In our first issue: An intro to the ABCD project; a quick survey about your



top climate concerns; upcoming events including "Maine Won't Wait: How Maine is Taking Action on Climate Change with Dr. Cassandra Rose".

Dr. Cassandra Rose, senior science analyst and the Maine Climate Council coordinator in the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

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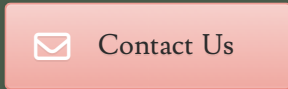
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