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Learn about Electric Vehicles at September 30 and October 2 Events
View Multiple EV Makes and Models In-Person, Saturday October 2nd, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at Cameron Street Parking Lot

Thursday, September 16, 2021 (Wellesley, MA) – Considering buying an electric vehicle (EV), or just want to better understand what it's like to own and drive one?

Transportation accounts for 43 percent of Wellesley's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). The Town of Wellesley has set an ambitious climate goal of achieving net zero GHG emissions by 2050 and interim goals of a 50% reduction by 2030 and 75% reduction by 2040. Driving an EV is one way you can reduce your environmental impact and help our community reach these goals.

Learn more about electric vehicles at three upcoming events to help you become an informed buyer:

Thursday September 30, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Energy New England Drives Electric

Learn about new EV choices available this year and get your questions answered by EV experts at this National Drive Electric Week virtual event. [Sign-up](#) here.

Thursday September 30, 7:30 p.m.

EVs, PHEVs, Hybrids: Car Options for Today

Sharon Kirby, a Wellesley resident and EV owner, will share her firsthand perspective on EVs and answer attendee questions at this Sustainable Wellesley virtual event. [Sign-up](#) here.

Saturday October 2, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wellesley EV Showcase (part of Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend)

View different makes and models of EVs in-person and chat with Wellesley residents about their experiences owning and driving EVs. This event takes place at the Cameron Street parking lot in Wellesley. [Sign-up](#) here.

EVs are fun to drive and more affordable than ever, thanks to a [\\$7,500 federal tax credit](#), a [\\$2,500 Massachusetts state rebate](#), and a Green Energy Consumer Alliance [Drive Green discount](#). And the savings continue, because an EV owner can save up to \$1,000 per year on fuel and maintenance costs when compared to a traditional gas-powered vehicle.



Wellesley Drives Electric

“We can all help combat climate change by choosing an EV the next time we buy or lease a new or used car, said Dr. Marybeth Martello, Wellesley's Sustainability Director. The U.S., along with more than 140 other nations, the state of Massachusetts, and Wellesley are actively working to curtail greenhouse gas emissions. We all can make a difference.”

ABOUT

EV events and information are offered at no cost to residents through a partnership between:

[Sustainable Wellesley](#), an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that engages residents, businesses and the town of Wellesley to take sustainable actions to protect our climate; reduce pollution of air, land and water; preserve biodiversity; minimize waste; and ensure environmental justice.

The [Wellesley Climate Action Committee](#) which engages our community and establishes goals, actions, metrics, and implementation blueprints for building resilience and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

[Wellesley Drives Electric](#), a program offered by the [Municipal Light Plant](#) to inform Wellesley residents about the benefits of driving an electric car and the electric utility bill savings available by charging an EV at home overnight.

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