



## TOWN OF WELLESLEY MASSACHUSETTS

### Honoring the Past, Building A Sustainable Future with **Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend Climate Action Passport**

**May 10, 2023 (Wellesley, MA)** – Look for a new twist at this year's [Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend](#) (WWW) including a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to Papa Wheelies bike shop!

Take a tour of Wellesley's climate action programs with the new **WWW Climate Action Passport** – your ticket to a fun sustainability journey for the whole family! Through a collaboration of The Town of Wellesley's [Climate Action Committee](#), [Natural Resources Commission](#), [Celebrations Committee](#), [Friends of Wellesley Veterans](#), and [Sustainable Wellesley](#), favorite WWW events will showcase an array of climate action opportunities. As you travel among participating WWW venues, learn what you and your family can do to lower your carbon footprint, save money, and enjoy a healthier lifestyle while discovering Wellesley resources to support your household's climate action.

- Grab a passport
- Get your passport stamped at WWW climate action events
- Show your passport at the [climate action table](#) at the WWW picnic (Hunnewell Field) on Sunday, May 21 from 4:30 p.m. to dusk. **and qualify to win a \$200 gift certificate generously donated by Papa Wheelies bike shop**

On your family's climate action adventure...

- Check out electric vehicles (EVs) at the **Department of Public Work's Touch a Truck** event where you can also learn the benefits of [Wellesley's residential food waste drop-off program](#), enjoy a sustainability-themed puppet show, and explore a watershed table
- View solar power and induction stove demos at the **Municipal Light Plant Open House** where you can also ask an energy auditor your burning energy questions and inquire about Wellesley's [Clean Comfort](#) heat pump consultations
- Discover the electronics, specialty baking pans, drill, and more you can borrow at [Wellesley Free Library's Library of Things](#)

- **Donate your old eyeglasses** at the Lions Club's Free Eye Exam event
- Appreciate masterpieces made from recycled materials at **Art in the Park**
- Treat your pooch to complimentary compostable bags at **Pups in the Park**
- Take a spin on [Catch Connect](#) and learn about more [public transit options](#) at the **Bike Safety Rodeo**
- Bring your EV and hybrid questions to the **Antique Car Show** and ask an expert from the [Wellesley Drives Electric program](#), a no cost resource to help residents navigate EV and hybrid incentives and selection
- Don't forget to view hybrid cruisers and a new EV at the **Police Department's Open House**
- Watch a climate action puppet show at **Picnic in the Park!**

**1) Grab a passport at one of the following locations on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Free Eye Exams/Eyeglass Donations - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m, Wellesley High School
- Wellesley Free Library - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 530 Washington Street
- Department of Public Works Touch a Truck - 9:00 a.m. to noon, 20 Municipal Way
- Municipal Light Plant Open House - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 4 Municipal Way
- Police Department Open House - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 485 Washington Street

**2) Get your passport stamped at one or more events highlighting Climate Action.**

***SATURDAY MAY 20***

Event	Saturday Time	Location
Free Eye Exams/Eyeglass Donations	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Wellesley High School, 50 Rice Street
Morses Pond Trail Guided Walk	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Turner Road Gate
Touch a Truck, Dept. of Public Works	9:00 a.m. - noon	20 Municipal Way
Wellesley Free Library - Library of Things Children's Library, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Welcome Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Adult Collection	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	530 Washington Street
Bike Safety Rodeo	10:00 a.m. – noon	Tailby Lot, Linden & Crest Roads
Police Dept. Open House	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	485 Washington Street
Municipal Light Plant Open House	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	4 Municipal Way
Art in the Park	Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Simons Park
Pups in the Park	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Hunnewell Field
Build Your Own Nancy's Troll & Fairy House	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Pickle Point on Morses Pond

***SUNDAY MAY 21***

Event	Sunday Time	Location
Antique Car Show Wellesley Drives Electric Table	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Central Street from Juniper Restaurant to Fire Station #1.
Picnic in the Park	4:30 p.m. – dusk	Hunnewell Field

- 3) Show your passport at the climate action table at the WWW picnic (Hunnewell Field) on Sunday, May 21 between 4:30 p.m. and dusk and qualify to win a \$200 gift certificate from Papa Wheelies bike shop!**

Want to minimize your carbon footprint on your way around Wellesley Wonderful Weekend? Consider carpooling, walking, biking, or taking public transit to events to reduce traffic and emissions. Transportation makes up nearly 40% of greenhouse emissions in Wellesley.

Try [Catch Connect](#), Wellesley's microtransit public transportation option, at no cost to visit open houses and other events on Saturday, May 20th between 10:00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Catch Connect is a microtransit service provided by the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) in Wellesley that regularly charges a small fee and is available on weekdays in our area. Complimentary Catch Connect rides during Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend will allow residents to try out this resource!

If you would like to use the Catch Connect service on Saturday, please email [info@sustainableWellesley.com](mailto:info@sustainableWellesley.com) or visit <https://givebutter.com/FreeRide> to RSVP. In your email, make sure to share that you/family/friends would like to try Catch Connect so we can accommodate your travel plans.

Minimize waste by bringing your own water bottles and utensils. Use the recycling and food waste bins where available. Waste contributes approximately 4% of Wellesley's emissions.

WWW's Climate Action Passport is part of the Town of Wellesley's effort to educate the community about its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal and the [Climate Action Plan](#). Be part of the action!