

January & February Events:

From the Minnesota Commerce Department:

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00am CT

MN Home Energy Rebate Advisory Group – Meeting #8

This is the final meeting of the Home Energy Rebates Advisory Group. The group is open to all interested parties. The meeting will provide a recap of work completed to date, provide program updates, an overview of key program design decisions, and discuss next steps in the program design process. To learn more about the advisory group, visit:

<https://www.mnhomerebates.com/>

To register to attend to Zoom meeting, visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMpfu6oqjguE9ObcTKCNpCLQnQgzsrl_Vcm#

January 13, 2025 – June of 2025 and beyond



Great River Greening welcomes the community to a variety of events all year round such as hands-on volunteering, educational opportunities, and special events. For example "Indoor Seed Cleaning" is taking place on January 13 and 14. In February, there are biochar events, and more.

For details, visit: <https://www.greatrivergreening.org/events-calendar-sign-up>

Chapter member Kai Johnson plans to volunteer on January 13, should you wish to join him!

From Fresh Energy:

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, 4pm-6pm CT: Lagers & Legislation



The 2025 session of the Minnesota Legislature begins in mid-January and Fresh Energy is anticipating a year of change. We're taking an "all hands on deck" approach to our policy work — and we need Minnesotans like you to help us!

We hope you and a friend can join us for our second gathering of Fresh Energy's Action Network on the first day of the legislative session, January 14, from 4-6 p.m. at Utepils Brewing in Minneapolis. This year, helping Minnesotans speak up about the decisions being made — and the defense needed to protect our existing clean energy and climate laws — is a top priority for Fresh Energy.

We need your help in growing this movement of energy advocates. Please, invite your friends to this free and fun event! Everyone's first beverage of choice is on Fresh Energy.

Brynn Kirsling, Senior Manager of Legislative and Grassroots Advocacy at Fresh Energy, will lead a brief legislative outlook at 5 p.m. Drop in when you can, but we hope you'll join us for that portion of the event. And while we're calling this "Lagers & Legislation," Utepils will have a variety of brews and non-alcoholic drinks on tap.

To RSVP, visit: <https://fresh-energy.org/event/lagers-and-legislation>



From Climate Action Now:

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 6:00pm CT A Year in Review: Climate Hope Exists!

"There is a LOT of hopeful news about the climate—most people just don't hear enough about it!

Join us on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7 pm ET** for a review of the most hopeful climate trends from 2024, straight from Sam Matey, Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Dose of Climate Hope newsletter. You'll learn about unprecedented world-changing growth in solar and battery technology deployment, an international surge in rewilding, an imminent peak in global carbon emissions, and rapid innovations to sustain agriculture."

NOTE: This event has ended. A recording can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IM7xAN7AFSk> . The story deck is located at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4f0ed22ac65b478ba467bbcff6e867e4>

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:30pm CT Central Minnesota Chapter Zoom Meeting:



Featured Speaker: Tina Clarke Topic: Stories of Transition for a Clean Energy Future

What can communities and local areas do to more rapidly reduce emissions? Municipalities and regions in Europe, and some in the U.S. and Canada, have been experimenting and implementing bold solutions. Tina Clarke will share examples of advanced emissions reductions methods and models across key economic and social sectors. She'll share pictures and stories from working in Denmark and with "community resilience" leaders across Europe. We will have time for you to name your favorite models and methods for achieving deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

NOTE: THIS EVENT HAS ENDED. A RECORDING OF TINA'S PRESENTATION CAN BE FOUND AT: <https://youtu.be/DvUwl5YjmEq>

About the speaker:

For over 30 years, Tina Clarke has supported community leaders and organizations in strategic planning, public engagement, and energy transition as a Community and Organizational Consultant, Trainer, Facilitator, Public Speaker and Fundraiser. Working in the USA, Canada and internationally with the global Transition Network, Tina has served over 240 communities worldwide, delivered 73 Transition Training courses, and provided hundreds of presentations. From 2017-2020 Tina provided strategic consulting and program development to community resilience leaders and climate advocates in Europe. She created a program that united international, national and community-based organizations across the European Union in collaborating to support rapid transition from fossil fuel dependency.

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm CT

Community Climate Resilience Hubs – January Zoom Gathering



“Our Minnesota communities are already feeling the impacts of climate change, from widespread drought to bigger and more dangerous storms. Our neighbors are going to need support in building the relationships, infrastructure, and support to prevent and adapt to the realities of climate disruption. Minnesota’s communities of faith, and community organizations are uniquely poised to meet this particular moment.

That’s why MNIPL is launching the Community Climate Resilience Network. These [monthly] trainings and conversations will bring together organizations throughout the state that are interested in meeting this moment. We’ll cover topics like, “What are Resilience Hubs?”, building good and right relationships with your communities, and emergency preparedness with experts in the field.”

To register, visit: https://mnipl.nationbuilder.com/ccrn_jan_2025

Thursday, January 23 – Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Great Northern 2025



“The Great Northern is grounded in the celebration of Minnesota’s unique climate and winter traditions. As an organization, we are deeply committed to addressing climate change and fostering community dialogue about the future of our environment and our region.” To learn more, visit:

<https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/>

Many of the festival tickets are already SOLD OUT! Note that CMC members Anna Larsson or Jen Hammer have registered for the following events. You are welcome to make arrangements to join them:

- **Sat, Jan 25:** Our Winter Weather Future: Understanding, Preparing For, and Navigating Winter In the Midst of Climate Change (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/our-winter-weather-future>
- **Sun, Jan 26:**
 - Planetary Health: The Science of Integrated Solutions (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/planetary-health>
 - Equitable Decarbonization of Buildings in the Midwest (Anna plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/equitable-decarbonization>
- **Thu, Jan 30:** Role of Sci-Fi + Imagination in Climate Solutions (Virtual) (Jen plans to attend) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/role-of-sci-fi-imagination-in-climate-solutions>
- **Sat, Feb 1:** The Great Northern Winter Run (Jen plans to attend, and then doing the Sauna Village after!) <https://thegreatnorthernfestival.com/2025/winter-run>

From Cindy Cotter on behalf of the LA and SFV chapters of Climate Reality:

Friday, January 24, 2025 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm CT

Urban Agriculture Network

hosted by:

the Los Angeles and
San Fernando Valley chapters of
Climate Reality



“The Los Angeles and San Fernando chapters of Climate Reality are kicking off the Urban Agriculture Network to promote urban agriculture as a climate solution. With your help, we hope to build a space for relationship-building, information exchange, and sparking new projects. The topic is city farming -- that includes community gardens, backyard chickens, bee-keeping, stormwater management, controlled-environment agriculture and a host of local policy considerations -- zoning, city climate plans, county agriculture plans, etc. We'll talk about what we're all doing, what problems we've run into, what solutions we've found, and where we're headed.

Everyone is welcome. Share the link, bring a friend!” Zoom Link:

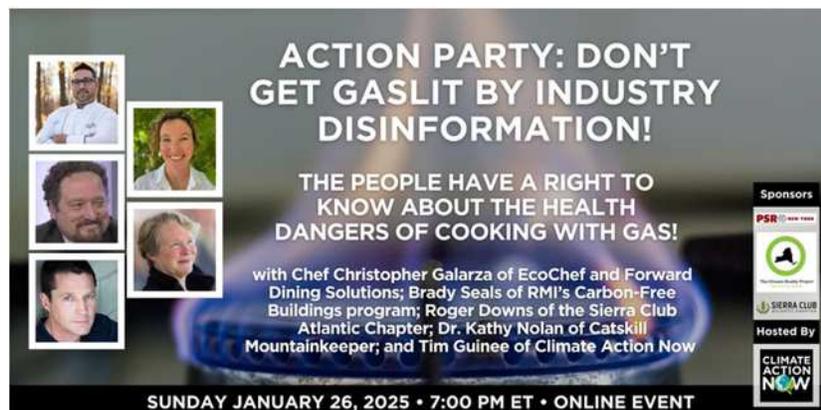
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86459252752?pwd=WHGdN6vObaHK3EqAV7CwfjtRVijrb.1>

Meeting ID: 864 5925 2752 Passcode: 770910

From Climate Action Now:

Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 6:00pm CT

Action Party: Don't Get Gaslit by Industry Disinformation



ACTION PARTY: DON'T GET GASLIT BY INDUSTRY DISINFORMATION!

THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE HEALTH DANGERS OF COOKING WITH GAS!

with Chef Christopher Galarza of EcoChef and Forward Dining Solutions; Brady Seals of RMI's Carbon-Free Buildings program; Roger Downs of the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter; Dr. Kathy Nolan of Catskill Mountainkeeper; and Tim Guinee of Climate Action Now

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2025 • 7:00 PM ET • ONLINE EVENT

Sponsors: PSR, Sierra Club, Climate Action Now

Hosted By: CLIMATE ACTION NOW

“While people are increasingly aware of the climate consequences of our dependence on so-called "natural gas," few are aware of its inherent health dangers.

Emerging science is clear: Gas stoves emit dangerous combustion by-products, including benzene, carbon monoxide, nitrogen

dioxide, and formaldehyde, which can negatively affect human health. Yet the public is largely unaware of these issues!

Join us on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 7 pm ET (6 pm CT) to learn about this situation. You can ask questions of experts—including Chef Christopher Galarza—and TAKE ACTION using the Climate Action Now App!”

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-action-party-dont-get-gaslit-by-industry-disinformation-tickets-1134142002259>

From fresh-energy.org:

Tuesday, January 28, from 6:00pm-7:30pm CT
Understanding Cumulative Impacts and Community Health

Join us for a conversation
Protecting Community Health Through the Cumulative Impacts Law
Presented by the Frontline Communities Protection Coalition (FCPC)
28 JAN 6:00-7:30PM ONLINE EVENT
REGISTER NOW!
<http://bit.ly/4jal0Q6>
Frontline Communities Protection Coalition

Join the Frontline Communities Protection Coalition on January 28 at 6 p.m. for a webinar about Minnesota’s groundbreaking cumulative impacts law. Learn how this law empowers low-income and BIPOC communities to address pollution, improve health equity, and protect community well-being. The session will cover cumulative impacts, pollution-related health disparities, and how to get involved in shaping the law’s implementation during the rulemaking process. Don’t miss this chance to take action for environmental justice. Register now and join us in the fight for a healthier, fairer future!

<https://fresh-energy.org/event/webinar-understanding-cumulative-impacts-and-community-health>



Tuesday, January 28, from 6:30pm-7:30pm
or Thursday, January 30 from Noon-1pm
Learn about the Metro CERT Community Ambassador Program – a virtual event

Looking to make a real impact in your community? Join us for a Metro CERT chat to learn about the Community Energy Ambassador program, meet the team, and get the scoop on exciting in-person events. It’s the perfect way to wrap up your day with inspiration and ideas! To learn more, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/events>

Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 1:00-2:30pm
From Fork to Forest: Why we can't solve the climate crisis without changing how we eat



Has last November's election motivated you to take environmental action on a more local level?

Come to this event to learn -- and taste! -- how we can mitigate climate change through our food choices. We'll uncover how our food systems impact the planet—and how we can help shift that trajectory.

After the talk, stay for a lively Q&A and sample delicious, low-carbon, plant-based foods.

This event is led by Nicola Philpott and Anna Larsson, two local mothers who are motivated to protect our planet for both the present and future generations. It is free and open to everyone, but please register below to reserve your space.

<https://ticketbud.com/events/14af26ac-b26b-11ef-afa8-42010a71703b>

Whether you're a seasoned environmentalist, a flexitarian curious about the power of food choices, or someone who just completed Veganuary, this event is for you.

Chapter Meeting at 7:00pm CT on Wednesday, February 12



Our featured guest will be Jeremy Davis from Minify Energy. In his presentation, Jeremy will focus on his work helping commercial buildings reduce energy costs and ultimately their carbon footprint. **Watch for further details and a Zoom registration link in early**

February. To learn more about Minify Energy, visit: <https://www.minifyenergy.com> .

Note that starting in February of 2025, chapter meetings will generally be held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month. In the past, our meetings have started at 6:30pm, but our new leadership team recommends a 7:00pm CT start.



FULL DAY:
\$40 ADULT
\$35 SENIOR/STUDENT
OR
ALA CARTE:
\$9/WORKSHOP &
\$13/LUNCH
**FREE KEYNOTE &
VENDOR FAIR**

**Saturday, February 15,
2025 from 8am-5pm CT**
**19th Annual BACK TO
BASICS - in Pine River, MN**

"Back to Basics is the premier sustainable living event in north-central Minnesota! It combines workshops, vendors/exhibitors, a

keynote, lunch, door prizes, and more to bring more than 500 people together to share ideas on a wide variety of topics related to sustainability and resiliency. In addition to 50+ workshops, this event includes a large vendor area with 50+ booths providing educational materials, services, and locally made/grown goods of a sustainable nature. The vendor area is open to the public for free." To learn more, visit:

<https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/back-basics-2>

From <https://www.earthday.org/> :

Earth Day 2025

"On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, we celebrate the 55th anniversary of Earth Day. To mark this milestone, we invite everyone to support **Earth Day's 2025 theme: OUR POWER, OUR PLANET™**. Let's unite in our collective global commitment to renewable energy, whether it's solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal or tidal – to generate clean electricity for everyone."