

July Climate Newsletter

Stayin' Alive, Delta Beer Lab Event, Night at the BallPark, 100% Renewables for Dane County, Energy Burden in Madison, Communities United by Water, MREA Energy Fair, CO2 Pipelines, Together for the Climate Campaign Update



Hey Chase, Pick Up the Pace!

"Even though Chase remains, by far, the world's largest funder of fossil fuels, we've seen some real progress ... Chase has passed Arctic drilling policies, committed to align its business model with the Paris Agreement, released 2030 climate targets, and committed to facilitating \$2 trillion in sustainable financing by 2030. None of that would have happened without all of your tireless activism, passion, and energy," says Alec Conan, Executive Director of Stop the Money Pipeline.

Wall Street has taken steps in the right direction, but in the race against the climate clock, the banking industry is still dragging its feet. Our world cannot afford this delay. To help the worst offender pick up the pace when it comes to defunding climate change, 350 Wisconsin will be bringing some fancy footwork to the doorstep of Chase Bank's downtown branch as part of an action called **Stayin' Alive**.

Stayin' Alive Civil DISCObedience Dance

Saturday, July 16 beginning at 10 a.m.

22 E. Mifflin, across the street from the Dane County Farmers Market

Learn More About "Stayin' Alive"



Let's Get Together! Community Event at Delta Beer Lab

Join 350 Wisconsin for the first in a series of fun, casual gatherings around town to build solidarity with fellow climate activists and supporters. We're partnering with Delta Beer Lab, a member of 1% for the Planet, and a champion of environmental advocacy.

WHAT: "Let's Get Together!" community event

WHEN: Tuesday, July 26, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

WHERE: Delta Beer Lab, 167 E Badger Rd, Madison, WI 53713

This is a great opportunity to socialize and meet our staff, Team leaders and Board members. You'll also hear from our Executive Director, John Greenler, on important organizational changes and our robust plan for growth. Our momentum is building, and we want to share our plans with you!

Bring your friends! The first 20 registrants will receive a free drink token.

Register Here

Night at the Ballpark

Once again, we're teaming up with volunteers from Exact Sciences for summertime fun and socializing while raising funds for climate



action. \$10 of every ticket purchased goes to support 350 Wisconsin!

WHAT: 350 Wisconsin Night at the Duck Pond **WHEN:** Saturday, August 6th (gates open 4:05

PM; first pitch 5:05 PM)

WHERE: Warner Park, 2920 N. Sherman Ave., Madison

See flier for details! Click here or the button below to order your tickets through the 350 Wisconsin portal. To select your seats and ticket option, zoom in on seating map Section 202. Click here for more info on the Pregame Party (vegan burgers included!).

Ticket options - *Deadline to order tickets is July 30th.*:

- 1. Terrace seating (with hat) -- \$22
- 2. Pregame party with unlimited BUFFET/SODA
- -- \$32
- 3. Pregame party with unlimited BUFFET/BEER
- -- \$39

Everyone had a a great time at last summer's event — don't miss it this year!

Order Tickets

Dane County First in the State to Be Powered by 100% Renewable Energy

In early 2023, for the first time ever, all of the electricity used in Dane County government facilities—from the Alliant Energy Center and the Dane County Regional Airport to county parks and the Henry Vilas Zoo—will come from



clean solar and wind power. Dane County will be the first county in Wisconsin and just a handful in the nation to power all of its facilities with 100% renewable electricity. "I'm proud of our accomplishments, yet this is no time to rest on our laurels. Now that we have achieved 100% renewable electricity, our next goal will be carbon neutral facilities and fleet by 2030," Dane County Executive Parisi says.

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Energy Costs are a Burden for Madisonians

One may think that energy costs for Madisonians are actually low compared to state and national averages. On average, Madison households spend \$1,621 monthly, compared to the national average of \$2,177 and the state average of \$2,051 in Wisconsin. But 350 Wisconsin's Community Climate Solution Team's new report, Low-income Energy Burden in Madison, Wisconsin: A Climate Justice Challenge finds otherwise:

- The average percentage of income spent on energy overall (average energy burden) for low-income city households is 4%, double the city average of 2%.
- Extremely low-income households spend 10% of their income on energy. That would likely make energy costs one of the larger expenditures in a home's budget.

Madison must do better for all of its citizens. Energy costs are likely to rise and low-income

communities are already bearing a higher burden as a result. We must act to provide efficient, equitable access to energy. In so doing, we also will reduce our carbon emissions.

Click the button below to read the report in full!

Read the Report



Communities United by Water Highlights

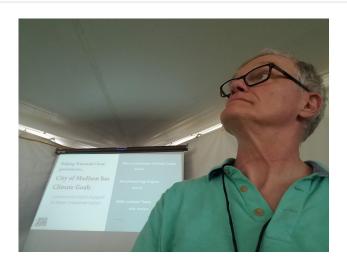
On Saturday, June 25, about 400 people came to Bay View Park in Ashland, WI, to support clean water and oppose Line 5. The native games, banners, flags, and cooking smells attracted many new people who left informed. A contingent of Water Walkers arrived from Duluth, at least 30 people from the Madison area attended, and many came from other states.

In the gifting ceremony in honor of the late Anishinaabe elder Joe Rose, a blanket on the ground was overflowing with donated gifts, and by the end, all who wanted had received a gift. Our Tar Sands Team had a booth where we collected petition signatures, informed people, and distributed lawn signs against Line 5. There was a popular story telling session, and in the evening, people danced to the infectious rhythms of Madison band *Beat Road* while enjoying a magnificent view of Lake Superior.

On Sunday, about 45 people picked up trash along the proposed Line 5 route, and then gathered at "the Bench" for a delicious lunch of bison, venison, and more. This spot (overlooking the Bad River) on the North

Country Trail would be ruined by the proposed Line 5 expansion.

People agreed: it was worth the 5-hour trip north to experience all of this! The goal of strengthening ties between people defending our waters was definitely met.





Kermit Hovey awaits his turn to share stories about CCST's Middleton Community Susan Millar speaks to "Leveraging Local Governments For Clean Energy Workshop"

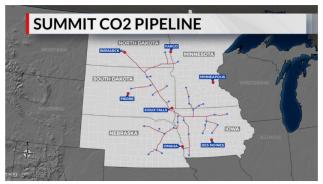
Working Group impact on clean energy policy. audience at Midwest Renewable Energy Association Energy Fair on June 25.

350 Wisconsin Presents at MREA Energy Fair

Volunteers from 350 Wisconsin mobilized <u>Midwest Renewable Energy Association Energy Fair</u> attendees in Custer WI on June 25th to take personal and governmental action not only against climate change but for clean energy. This decades old fair educates people about the importance of renewable energy even as it celebrates its progress. This year's gathering marked 350 Wisconsin's first public presentation there since announcing itself as the statewide evolution of 350 Madison and the first fair since the pandemic hit over 2 years ago.

Kermit Hovey and Susan Millar, Community Climate Solutions Team Co-Leads at 350 Wisconsin, helmed "Leveraging Local Governments For Clean Energy Workshop". They shared how their team functions to dynamically protect our climate and shift localities to clean renewable energy by engaging local community governments.

Susan also co-presented with Don Ferber, Sierra Club, the workshop "<u>Life is not a Gas</u>" about the importance of getting our energy system away from "fossil gas". In addition to explaining the magnitude of impact that fossil gas has on the climate and the need for policies to shift off of it, Susan described how she electrified her house in Madison.



This map, based on information in March 2022, shows the proposed route of the 2,000-mile Summit Carbon Solutions. CO2 pipeline that will carry pressurized carbon dioxide from ethanol plants to a sequestration site a mile underground in central North Dakota. About 470 miles of the pipeline would be located in South Dakota. Image: Courtesy KELO

Image Credit: South Dakota News Watch

CO2 Pipelines Coming to the Midwest?

CCS is a method of "capturing" carbon dioxide (C02) emitted from facilities such as power plants and refineries. The C02 is brought to a fluid state via temperature and pressure and is then transported via pipeline and injected far underground. Phyllis Hasbrouck, co-lead of the Tar Sands Team, writes on our blog that capturing and storing carbon may sound good, but that it is in fact a scheme that rewards industries that create C02, and that it will exacerbate the climate crisis and rip off the taxpayers.

Our allies at Save Our Illinois Land (SOIL), who for years have been at our side fighting Enbridge's planned Line 66 tar sands oil pipeline, has joined a coalition of groups in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota, to resist proposed carbon dioxide pipelines that would be part of a huge CCS scheme.

If you would like to learn more about CCS, and who stands to win and lose because of it, click the button below to read the full blog post.

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Together for the Climate Campaign Update

350 Wisconsin's multi-year capacity-building campaign is off to a great start! Thanks to the generosity of 350 Wisconsin members and

significant foundation grants, we've reached 44% of our \$500,000 goal. We're very grateful for the gifts and pledges of support from these lead donors:

- John and Robin Greenler
- Patricia McConnell
- Susan Millar
- Gail and Rick Nordheim
- Carol and Andy Phelps
- Rob and Stephanie Robinson

Sustaining our grassroots movement is critical so we can continue pressing elected officials and corporations to make the transformational changes needed to end the climate crisis and achieve climate justice. Check out this Wispolitics article about the campaign, visit our campaign webpage to donate or learn more, or download "A Vision for Our Future." To discuss a gift or pledge contact: Stephanie Robinson, Development Director at stephanie.robinson@350madison.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Art Collective: July 14, 7:15 pm | Contact: Russ Bennett bennett.russ@gmail.com; Dianne

Brakarsh movingfromwithin@gmail.com

Climate Justice: August 8, 7:00–8:15 pm | Contact: Marian

Fredal marian.fredal@350madison.org

Community Climate Solutions: July 21, 5-6 pm | Contact: Susan

Millar <u>Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org</u>; Kermit Hovey, <u>Kermit.Hovey@350wisconsin.org</u>; Julia DePalma, <u>juliadepalma1@gmail.com</u> (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click <u>here</u>.)

Communication Action: July 18, 7:00-8:30 pm | Contact: Emily

Park Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org

Divest & Defund: July 25, 7-8:30 pm | Contact: divest.defund@350madison.org

Fundraising: July 20, 7-8 pm | Contact: Stephanie Robinson Stephanie.Robinson@350madison.org

State Policy: July 20, 5:30-7:00 pm | Contact: Gail Nordheim gail.nordheim@350wisconsin.org

Tar Sands: July 12, 5:45–6:45 pm | Contact: Phyllis

Hasbrouck Phyllis.Hasbrouck@350wisconsin.org

Monthly Meeting: July 11 (picnic); August 1, 7 pm | Contact: Julia

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