

January 2023 Climate Newsletter

Happy New Year, Spring Election 2023, Bumper Stickers, Thank You Message, Musicians Needed, In Memoriam: Judy Skog

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Happy New Year from 350 Wisconsin!

I'm so appreciative of the efforts of 350 Wisconsin staff, volunteers, and supporters in 2022. By taking on climate change, we are directly engaging with the world's most consequential and challenging problem.

2022 was a significant year for the climate, with reasons for optimism. Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the US will be able to address climate change at a scale that makes a difference. Green technology is rapidly improving. And climate denial has significantly declined—most people agree that major climate action is needed.

In 2023, 350 Wisconsin will be unstoppable in pushing for needed transformational change. We'll be out there every day, fighting to keep fossil fuels in the ground, stop dangerous pipelines, and cut off

financing of fossil fuel-related companies. We'll be advocating for renewable energy and for strong, just climate policy at the state and local levels.

In 2023, I hope we can inspire thousands of people throughout Wisconsin to speak out for the major systems changes needed to bring climate change under control. It will require all of us—working relentlessly and together—to make this happen.

I look forward to working with you!

-Gail Nordheim, Board President



Spring Election 2023

350 WI Action plans to be involved in the upcoming statewide Supreme Court race, in addition to local Madison elections. Sign-up at the <u>350 Wisconsin Action Volunteer Page</u>, and stay tuned for how to get involved!

The Wisconsin Supreme Court race presents a critical opportunity to flip majority control of the court from conservative to liberal. As one of the most extremely gerrymandered states in the country, we are unable to elect a state legislature that reflects our state-wide progressive majority. The Court will soon decide on the legitimacy of the current gerrymandered district lines. The outcome of this election could open up opportunities on a host of progressive priorities in the state, including action on climate change.

In Madison, multiple candidates in 8 alder districts will face off in the Feb 21 primary election. Then in the April 4 election, voters will choose the Madison mayor and the alder in 14 of the districts (6 current alders are unopposed). Not all candidates are thinking about the climate crisis, so this is a great time to get involved!

REVERSE CLIMATE CHANGE

Letters are intentionally reversed.

Bumper Stickers!

The Art Collective has about 50 full size bumper stickers, copyrighted and paid for by a new member of the Art Collective, Jeff Bauer. Slap them on your front bumper so drivers ahead of you can read the message in their rearview mirror - it's an easy way to spread climate change awareness!

Any ideas on the best way to use them? Perhaps your 350 team has some ideas - Let us know!

Contact us!

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Giving Tuesday Celebration at Garver Feed Mill



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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve our year-end goal of raising \$50,000 to address the existential threat posed by climate change. Your support makes it possible to leverage the energy and dedication of hundreds of volunteers building the climate justice movement in Wisconsin. If you haven't yet donated, there's still time to support 350 Wisconsin's vital work in 2023!

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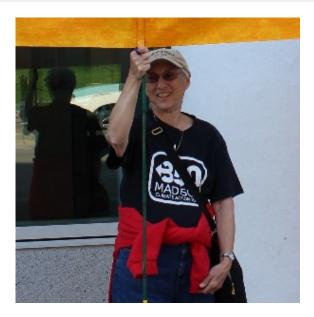
Musicians Needed!

Do you like singing? Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to be part of a drumming circle? The Art Collective is going to see what we can pull together in each of these three areas.

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In Memoriam: Judy Skog

Judy Skog, a founding member of 350 Madison, the forerunner of 350 Wisconsin, died peacefully at home on Dec. 6, following a long illness. Prior to her activism against climate change, Judy was active for women's rights, affordable housing, justice and equity, Transition Towns and many other causes. She was a founding member of the Tar Sands Team, served in the Divest & Defund Team, and participated in many street actions, protests, and long bus rides to national marches. Judy was recognized as a "Backyard Hero" by the Capital Times in 2019, and wrote many letters to the editor and attended an untold number of meetings. She was always cheerful, upbeat, thoughtful and

kind, and was an effective and hard worker. 350 Wisconsin owes a lot to Judy, and her many friends will not forget her.

Shortly before she died, she offered two quotes to remember her by. "She left no stone unturned to leave the world a better place," and another by Edward Everett Hale - "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." There will be a celebration of her life at the Friends Meeting House on Jan. 28.

Upcoming Meetings

Art Collective: TBD | Contact: Russ Bennett <u>bennett.russ@gmail.com</u>; Dianne Brakarsh <u>movingfromwithin@gmail.com</u>

Climate Justice: January 17, 7:00-8:00 pm | Contact Marian Fredal <u>marian.fredal@350wisconsin.org</u>

Community Climate Solutions: January 19, 5-6 pm | Contact: Susan Millar <u>Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org</u> (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click <u>here</u>.)

Communication Action: January 16, 7:00-8:30 pm | Contact Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org

Divest & Defund: January 23, 7-8:30 pm | Contact divest.defund@350wisonsin.org

Fundraising: January 18, 7-8 pm | Contact Stephanie.Robinson@350wisconsin.org

State Policy: January 18, 5:30-7:00 pm | Contact Gail Nordheim gail.nordheim@350wisconsin.org

Tar Sands: January 9, 5:30–6:30 pm | Contact Phyllis Hasbrouck Phyllis.Hasbrouck@350wisconsin.org

Monthly Meeting: January 9, 7-8 pm | Contact Julia Isaacs <u>Julia.Isaacs@350wisconsin.org</u>; Kelly Kearns <u>Kelly.Kearns@350wisconsin.org</u>



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