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## May 2023 Climate Newsletter

*Earth Week with the Art Collective, Big Changes at 350 Wisconsin, Gallery Night Fundraiser, Phyllis Hasbrouck Retirement, Architect's Forum Video, Columbia County Speech, Banking on Climate Chaos, Zap Action, Climate-Safe Pensions, Save the Date: Pizza for the Planet, CCST Action Participation List, Local Girl Scouts Promote Embodied Carbon Awareness, The Climate Book*



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**Earth Week With the Art Collective**

The Art Collective just finished a very busy few weeks leading up to, and including, Earth Week. Posters were wheat pasted, a skit and dance rehearsed, props built and, the highlight of it all was the "Carriage of the Great Turning" that was conceived of and built. Special kudos go to Richard Jones, Russ Bennett, and friends for this incredible piece, and a special thanks to Dianne Brakarsh for her work choreographing the flash mob dance!

Art Collective support was provided to UW student groups for their five Friday gatherings on East Campus Mall, entitled "March 24th to Earth Day". And the "Carriage of the Great Turning" made its debut in their Earth Day march from Library Mall up State Street to the Capitol. It was even pushed up the Capitol steps to provide a dramatic backdrop for their rally! By the way, we are in dire need of storage for our "carriage"! (or even just the wheels) If you have any ideas of possible spaces that it could live, please contact Russ Bennett at [bennett.russ@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.russ@gmail.com).

We also participated in the Divest & Defund team's series of Zap actions at various Chase Bank locations, contributing our own flavor of a Zap on April 19 (see video below).

Many thanks to all who came out in support of these actions! What a wonderful community we have.

Also, a reminder that AC member Beth Racette has curated an exhibit exploring "Democracy," featured at the Overture Galleries. This exhibit will run through June 5.

[Watch the Zap Action Video](#)

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## Exciting Changes on the Horizon for 350 Wisconsin

On September 1, 2023, John Greenler will be stepping down from his position as our Executive Director and transitioning to a role on our Board of Directors. Stephanie Robinson and Emily Park will be 350 Wisconsin's new co-Executive Directors!

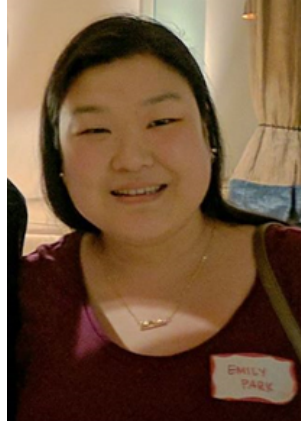
As our first Executive Director, John has had a truly extraordinary impact on our organization. He led us through the change to a statewide organization as 350 Wisconsin, and guided the formation of 350 Wisconsin Action, our sister 501(c)4 organization. John has been deeply committed to helping us shape our organizational plan for centering our work on justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI), in addition to playing a key role in building our capacity as an organization.

Emily and Stephanie have been an integral part of the team working with John to bring about the significant successes of the past year, and are deeply committed to the organization's mission and future. Both have held leadership roles with the organization for several years, and will bring complementary skills and experience as co-EDs.

In the coming weeks, John, Stephanie, and Emily will continue to work as a team to facilitate a smooth transition. Stephanie and Emily are eager to continue our critical work, and foster continued organizational growth and evolution in alignment with our strategic plan.



John Greenler



Emily Park



Stephanie Robinson

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# GALLERY NIGHT

**FRI**  
**MAY 5**  
FROM 5-9PM

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## Gallery Night Fundraiser

Support local artists and 350 Wisconsin at the same time! On Friday, May 5th from 5-9 pm, join talented members of our Art Collective for Gallery Night. Artists Terri Wolf and Richard Jones will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their designs to 350 Wisconsin. Stop by Studio Paran to see Terri Wolf's wet felted "bird pods" and Richard Jones's "small offerings" flower altars. Light refreshments will be provided. Studio Paran Address: 2051 Winnebago St Madison WI 53704.



## Help Us Celebrate Phyllis Hasbrouck's Retirement!

Our long-time Tar Sands Team organizer Phyllis Hasbrouck has retired! Phyllis has had an amazing, inspirational career as an organizer for so many different causes, and

we're so grateful for everything she's done for 350 Wisconsin. Phyllis, we all wish you the absolute best in your retirement!

We'll be having a party to celebrate Phyllis! It will be a community meal, so if you'd like to bring a dish or drinks to share, please sign up by clicking the button below. Please bring your own plate/bowl and cutlery to reduce our use of disposable products.

What: Phyllis' Retirement Party

Where: Garner Park (333 S Rosa Rd, Madison, WI 53705)

When: Sunday, May 21, 3 PM - 6 PM

RSVP

Architects' Forum on  
Sustainable Commercial Buildings and Residential Homes  
October 2022



## Watch Our Video: [Architects' Forum on Sustainable Commercial Buildings and Residential Homes](#)

In this 23-minute video, you will learn how local architects help the owners, developers and builders of new buildings incorporate cutting edge sustainability strategies into their building design. Design is critical as we transition to the green buildings that will serve us for decades into the future. This video, edited by Azura Jorda (a Community Climate Solutions Team intern), presents key points from the 60-minute forum.

Watch the Video



## South Central Wisconsin Has an Opportunity to Lead

On April 18, 2023, Dr. Chris Unterberger traveled to a Columbia County to speak on behalf of 350 Wisconsin. The Board of Supervisors was hosting a public hearing regarding a proposed moratorium on solar projects in the county, and though Chris did not have the opportunity to voice his concerns, he did prepare the speech that is available for us to read. In the speech, he talks about how south central Wisconsin is falling behind other parts of the state due to a lack of investment in the future. He urges the board to look forward and lead the way in advancing renewable power, specifically by supporting solar projects proposed for the area. If you'd like to see the whole thing, as well as Chris's thoughts on the hearing, click the button below!

[Read the Full Speech](#)



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## Banking on Climate Chaos

On March 29, when the new Chase Bank branch opened its doors in the Hilldale/Midvale area, 350 Wisconsin was there to protest and raise awareness for Chase's role in funding fossil fuel industries. Since 2016, JP Morgan Chase provided \$434 billion in funding to coal, oil, and gas, according to the [2023 Banking on Climate Chaos Report](#). While members of the 350 Wisconsin community held and draped signs outside of the building, some members protested peacefully in the building. Five activists were arrested and given trespassing citations. We even got a feature in the Cap Times' social media pages - click the buttons below to see!

[See the Facebook Post](#)

[See the Twitter Thread](#)



Left: Activists on the floor in the bank with signs, reading poems and prayers. Right: Holding signs on a beautiful day.

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## Zap Action: Poetry and Prayer

Divest and Defund organized a zap action at Chase Bank branches to protest their dirty work as the number one funder of fossil fuels. This was a peaceful protest in which activists planned to leave when the police arrived (unlike in a civil disobedience action, in which activists refuse to leave and are arrested).

In the poetry and prayer zap action on Tuesday, April 18, activists visited the East Towne Chase Bank. Five activists plus a photographer entered the bank at noon, sat on the floor, and read prayers and poetry. Outside, 350 Wisconsin folks held signs in front of the bank and walked them around for all to see, even as far as East Washington Avenue.

If you'd like to get involved in our next action, contact [divest.defund@350wisconsin.org](mailto:divest.defund@350wisconsin.org).

Watch the Video



## Advocating for Climate-Safe Pensions in Wisconsin

On March 28, leading members of the [Climate Safe Pensions for Wisconsin](#) organization gathered outside the building where the State of Wisconsin The Climate Safe Pension folks were there for two reasons: (1) to convey to passers-by that members of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), currently working and retired, are calling on the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) to divest their pensions from financially risky and environmentally irresponsible fossil fuel investments, and (2) to personally deliver to the SWIB Board the names of over 600 WRS members who have signed the [Climate Safe Pension for Wisconsin petition](#) asking SWIB to divest from fossil fuel industries. If you are a member of the WRS, please consider signing this petition.

happening 5-9pm  
June 28th

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our smart phone app and  
add "350MADISON" after  
your last name.

## Save the Date: Pizza for the Planet

On Wednesday, June 28th 5-9pm, you can order up some of the best pizza in town while supporting climate action! We're excited to team up again with Ian's Pizza--Garver for this popular fundraiser. Mark your calendar and share the word with friends and family! The more people who participate, the higher the percentage of funds we receive! Ian's is happy to take pre-orders for curbside pickup, or you can enjoy your pie on Garver's lovely terrace with fellow activists. Ian's will also deliver to Madison's east side and Monona. Be sure to mention 350 Wisconsin when you place your order!



## Join the Community Climate Solutions Team Action Participation List!

People on the Community Climate Solutions' Action Participation List (APL) receive calls to action via email when there is an opportunity to make their voices heard on public policies and programs. The APL has influenced our elected officials' decision making; for example, Madison's Sustainability Manager believes that this city's new Building Energy Savings Program was unanimously passed into law thanks in good part to messages from APL members. We make a difference when we raise our voices together! To join this list, fill out the form below and select "YES" to join the APL, and look forward to our next call to action.



Fill Out the Form

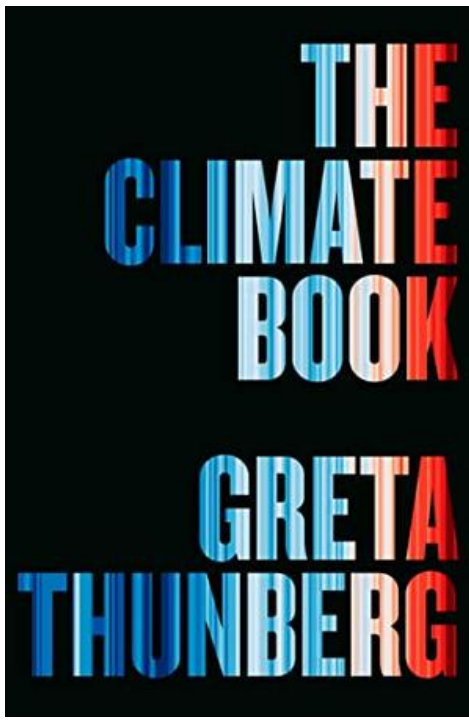


## Local Girl Scout Troops Promote Embodied Carbon Awareness with the GSA

Our youngest low-carbon champions are at it again when they went to the Greenbuild conference this year and caught the eye of none-other than the head of the GSA (General Services Administration) who recognized a natural partnership and tapped the girls to help promote the federal government's commitment to buying low embodied carbon materials with the help of \$2 Billion in IRA funding. See their 2-min video below.

For those new to the term, in the building industry embodied carbon refers to the emissions arising from the manufacturing, transportation, installation, maintenance, and disposal of building materials. In contrast, operational carbon refers to the greenhouse gas emissions due to building energy consumption. Those wanting to learn more about embodied carbon can check out [the Carbon Leadership Forum website](#).

Watch the Video



## The Climate Book

In this book, Greta Thunberg gathered the wisdom of over one hundred experts – geophysicists, oceanographers and meteorologists; engineers, economists and mathematicians; historians, philosophers and indigenous leaders – to equip us all with the knowledge we need to combat climate disaster. While it is not an easy read, it is a MUST READ. Please encourage folks in your network to read it and then consider joining 350 Wisconsin!

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### Upcoming Meetings

**Art Collective:** May 3, 6:30pm | Contact: Russ Bennett [bennett.russ@gmail.com](mailto:bennett.russ@gmail.com) or Dianne Brakarsh [movingfromwithin@gmail.com](mailto:movingfromwithin@gmail.com)

**Climate Justice:** May 8, 7:00–8:30 pm | Contact: Marian Fredal [marian.fredal@350wisconsin.org](mailto:marian.fredal@350wisconsin.org)

**Community Climate Solutions:** May 18, 5-6 pm | Contact: Susan Millar [Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org](mailto:Susan.Millar@350wisconsin.org), Rachel Robillard [RachelEBRobillard@gmail.com](mailto:RachelEBRobillard@gmail.com), or Maddie Loeffler [maddie.loeffler@350wisconsin.org](mailto:maddie.loeffler@350wisconsin.org) (For a complete schedule of various team meetings of CCST, click [here](#).)

**Communication Action:** May 15, 7:00-8:30 pm | Contact: Emily Park [Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org](mailto:Emily.Park@350wisconsin.org)

**Divest & Defund:** May 22, 7-8:30 pm | Contact [divest.defund@350wisconsin.org](mailto:divest.defund@350wisconsin.org)

**Fundraising:** May 17, 7-8 pm | Contact Stephanie Robinson: [Stephanie.Robinson@350wisconsin.org](mailto:Stephanie.Robinson@350wisconsin.org)

**State Policy:** May 18, 5:30-7:00 pm | Contact Gail Nordheim [gail.nordheim@350wisconsin.org](mailto:gail.nordheim@350wisconsin.org)

**Tar Sands:** June 6, 5:30–6:30 pm | Contact: TBA (visit [our website](#) for more info)

**Monthly Meeting:** June 6, 7-8 pm | Contact: Julia Isaacs [Julia.Isaacs@350wisconsin.org](mailto:Julia.Isaacs@350wisconsin.org) or Kelly Kearns [Kelly.Kearns@350wisconsin.org](mailto:Kelly.Kearns@350wisconsin.org)

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