MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL CELEBRATION

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THURSDAY, JUNE 12
CHARLES RIVER MUSEUM
OF INDUSTRY & INNOVATION

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#### **AGENDA**

#### OPENING REMARKS

AWARDS CEREMONY

John O'Connor Grassroots Leadership Award

Barbara Espinosa Barrera

John O'Connor Award for Canvassing
Sarah Etling

Environmental Justice Leadership Award María Belén Power

Youth Leadership Award

Noha Ahmed, Delina Yohannes, Melinna Enamorado, and Olivia Yang

Clean Water Champion Award

Mujeres Victoriosas and Community Economic Development Center

CLOSING REMARKS

MUSIC, POETRY, And Chants

Song: This Joy
Revival Resistance Chorus

**Labor Movement Chant** 

Thank you to Darlene Lombos, President, Greater Boston Labor Council, for leading us

Chant: The Fun is in the Fight!

Attributed to John O'Connor

Poem: Notes from Nikki Giovanni's reading at Harvard 8 months before her death

Read by Eben Bein – Poet and Youth Climate Leader

Movement chants in Swahili

Omesa Mokaya — Kenyan Model of Solidarity — Ubuntu

Song: The Tide is Rising

Rabbi Shoshana Miera Friedman Thank you to Karl Claire Müller, Movement Building Director Unitarian Universalist Mass Action Network, for leading us

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#### **MEET OUR TEAM!**

#### CLEAN WATER STAFF ARE HARD AT WORK PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES' HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT EVERY DAY

Amber Schmidt – Zero Waste Outreach Specialist
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#### TAKE ACTION TODAY!

#### Demand clean air for every zip code!

What if every breath your family took put their health at risk? In Massachusetts, this isn't hypothetical. It's a reality for thousands of families who live in Environmental Justice communities. That means that certain zip codes in Massachusetts are breathing dangerous levels of toxic air pollution which fuels asthma attacks and other health impacts.

Last session, the Massachusetts Legislature had a chance to act, but didn't pass the package of bills to address air pollution threats that impact the most vulnerable communities. Now, our Air Quality bills are back, and our communities can't wait any longer. Tell our legislators to fight for clean air for ALL of us.

cleanwater.org/actions/ma-clean-air

#### Time to ban toxic PFAS in Massachusetts!

**The problem:** PFAS are a class of chemicals widely used in consumer products that are toxic at even low levels. These chemicals are already in the blood of 98% of Americans, and they are contaminating Massachusetts drinking water, rivers, lakes, and soil.

**The solution:** Massachusetts should join our neighboring states and pass a comprehensive ban on PFAS! An Act to Protect Massachusetts Public Health from PFAS (S1504/H2450) bans PFAS in food packaging, carpets and rugs, car seats, children's products, cookware, personal care products, textiles in clothing and furniture, cookware, and fabric sprays and requires manufacturers to disclose PFAS that are intentionally added to their products. It also allows the MA Department of Public Health to ban PFAS in additional products over time.

**Send a message** to your legislators telling them to support An Act to Protect Massachusetts Public Health from PFAS!

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Host a "Friend-raising" house party:

Contact bostoncwa@cleanwater.org for more information

**Connect us** with an establishment (restaurant, school, food pantry, event venue... and more!) in your community that may want to switch from single use plastics to reusables via our ReThink Disposable program at <a href="https://cleanwater.org/join-rethink-disposable-movement-new-england">https://cleanwater.org/join-rethink-disposable-movement-new-england</a>



#### **Climate Jobs Massachusetts Action**

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#### Clean Water's Annual Celebration

Climate Jobs Massachusetts Action is committed to the environment by creating green jobs, uplifting union workers, and reducing emissions and inequality.

CJMA believes wholeheartedly in Clean Water's goals and is thrilled to sponsor their 2024 Fall Celebration.

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hoto by Judy Danielson

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The MA AFL-CIO is proud to partner with Clean Water Action to ensure that efforts to maintain a livable planet also grow and diversify the middle class - so that we are making jobs safer at the same time as making our communities cleaner, and fighting climate change and income inequality together.

#### **FOLLOW US**





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OR VISIT: https://tinyurl.com/4d5emu7k



Congratulations to Clean Water Action for another year of taking action for: clean water, healthy communities and protecting the environment!

> With All Good Wishes, Gail And Ed Bucher

Supporting
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in memory of
Philip Saunders Jr.
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men who lived their lives
making things better
for us all.

Dave & Emily Hutcheson



Pure Strategies is proud to support Clean Water Action's commendable work to ensure that Massachusetts' air and water are cleaner and safer for our communities.

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1992-2025

Clean Water Fund Fellow (2018), Clean Water Action Board member (2022–2024), Clean Water Action Massachusetts Advisory Board member (2022–2025)

Environmental Justice leader, friend, colleague, scholar, world changer.

To read a blog post by Sarah, "Latine Voices in Environmentalism," visit https://cleanwater.org/2022/10/14/latine-voices-environmentalism



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