

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



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Join Us for a Free Electric Vehicle Test Drive on May 12

EVs Are Fun to Drive, Save on Fuel and Maintenance Costs, and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

April 25, 2022 (Wellesley, MA) – Are you thinking about buying an electric vehicle? As part of *May is Mobility Month*, the Town of Wellesley and Sustainable Wellesley are teaming up to give residents the opportunity to get behind the wheel of an electric vehicle (EV) at a test drive event slated for Thursday, May 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the overflow parking lot at MassBay Community College at 50 Oakland Street in Wellesley. [Pre-registration](#) and a valid driver's license are required.

Several makes and models at a range of price points will be available for test drives. EVs or hybrid vehicles from Audi, BMW, Hyundai, Kia, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo are expected to be available. Wellesley owners of these or similar EVs will be available to answer questions about their experiences owning and driving an EV.

EVs are fun to drive because they accelerate quickly and are quiet. Driving an EV can save you at least \$1,000 every year on fuel costs—significant in the face of rising gas prices. EV owners can expect to save up to \$8,000 in maintenance costs over the life of their car because EVs don't require the regular oil changes and periodic tune-ups of a gas-powered, internal combustion engine car. And the initial purchase cost of an EV can be comparable to a gas-powered car for those vehicles that are eligible for the [\\$7,500 federal tax credit](#) and [\\$2,500 Massachusetts state rebate](#). The Town of Wellesley offers additional information on its [Wellesley Drives Electric](#) website page.

Vehicle exhaust accounts for more than 30 percent of Wellesley's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). The Town of Wellesley, our state, and our country have set ambitious GHG emissions reduction goals. Driving an EV is one way you can help our community reach these goals.

Test drives are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so [sign-up](#) now.

About Climate Action in Wellesley

In April 2021, the [Town of Wellesley](#) approved a goal to reduce the town's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net-zero by 2050, in concert with the state of Massachusetts and the

nation's carbon neutrality goals. *May is Mobility Month* is a town-wide campaign to promote sustainable mobility options, including a shift to electric vehicles.

[Wellesley Drives Electric](#) is a program offered by the [Municipal Light Plant](#) to inform Wellesley residents about the benefits of driving an electric car and the electric utility bill savings available by charging an EV at home overnight.

[Sustainable Wellesley](#) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that engages residents, businesses, and the Town of Wellesley to take sustainable actions to protect our climate; reduce pollution of air, land and water; preserve biodiversity; minimize waste; and ensure environmental justice.

About MassBay Community College

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor's degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves.

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