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Free Electric Vehicle (EV) Test Drive and Owner Showcase on Sunday October 16

Make Your Next Car an EV, Save on Annual Fuel and Maintenance Costs, and Take Advantage of Federal Tax Credits and State Rebates

September 27, 2022 (Wellesley, MA) – Are you thinking about buying an electric vehicle (EV)? The Town of Wellesley’s Municipal Light Plant and Sustainable Wellesley announce a free event where you can test drive an EV and get answers to your EV or plug-in hybrid questions from local car owners.

Vehicle exhaust accounts for more than 34 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.

The EV Showcase takes place on Sunday, October 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of MassBay Community College at 50 Oakland Street in Wellesley. Rain date is Sunday October 23, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Test drives are available based on the order of [pre-registration](#). A valid driver’s license is required to test drive an EV.

As of September 27, these EVs will be available for test drive:

- BMW i4
- BMW iX
- Chevy Bolt EUV
- Ford Mustang Mach-E
- Ford F-150 Lightning
- Tesla Model 3
- Tesla Model Y
- Volkswagen ID.4 Pro S AWD SUV

Wellesley residents who own these EVs and plug-in hybrid vehicles will be showcasing their cars and ready to answer your questions:

- Audi e-tron
- BMW i3
- Chrysler Pacifica PHEV
- Ford Mustang Mach-e
- Mini Cooper Hybrid Countryman
- Kia Niro
- Nissan Leaf
- Tesla Model 3
- Tesla Model Y
- Toyota RAV4 Prime PHEV
- Volkswagen ID4

Driving an EV can save you as much as \$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. In addition, the initial purchase cost for eligible EVs and hybrid vehicles can be offset by a [\\$7,500 federal tax credit](#) and [\\$2,500 Massachusetts state rebate](#).

The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant offers a [\\$96 annual electric bill credit](#) for EV owners who charge their vehicles during off-peak hours. To learn more, visit the [Wellesley Drives Electric](#) webpage.

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. [Wellesley Drives Electric](#), offered by the [Municipal Light Plant](#), offers information about the savings and benefits of driving an electric car.

[Sustainable Wellesley](#), is a nonprofit organization that engages Wellesley 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. To learn more about MassBay, visit [www.massbay.edu](#).

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