



TOWN OF WELLESLEY MASSACHUSETTS

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Free Electric Vehicle (EV) Test Drive and Owner Showcase on Thursday, May 11, 4 to 7 p.m.

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

April 18, 2023 (Wellesley, MA) – Are you thinking about buying an electric vehicle (EV)? [Register now](#) for a free event where you can test drive a dealer EV, and get answers to your EV and plug-in hybrid questions from local car owners.

The event takes place on Thursday, May 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot at MassBay Community College at 50 Oakland Street in Wellesley. The rain date is Wednesday May 17.

Test drives in dealer vehicles are available to people who live or work in Wellesley based on order of [registration](#). A valid driver's license is required. The Town of Wellesley's Municipal Light Plant, Climate Action Committee, and Sustainable Wellesley are hosting the event.

“We recently picked up the Volkswagen ID.4 we ordered after attending Wellesley’s October EV event,” said Jan Jurgelon, a Board Member at the Wellesley Food Pantry. “We are delighted with our new car, and eager to take ownership of the Toyota RAV4 Prime plug-in hybrid we ordered, too!”

As of April 13, the following makes and models are expected to be available for test drive:

- Audi e-tron sedan
- Audi e-tron Q4 SUV
- Audi Q5 SUV (plug-in hybrid)
- BMW iX SUV
- BMW i4 sedan

- Ford Mustang Mach-E sedan
- Ford F150 Lightning pickup
- Ford E-Transit delivery van
- Jaguar I-Pace
- Kia EV6 compact SUV
- Kia Niro EV
- Kia Sorento EX SUV (plug-in hybrid, 7 seats)
- Lucid Air sedan
- Mercedes EQ
- Subaru Solterra SUV
- Tesla Model 3 sedan
- Tesla Model Y compact SUV
- Tesla Model X SUV (seats 7)
- Toyota bZ4X SUV
- Toyota RAV4 Prime SUV (plug-in hybrid)
- Volkswagen ID4 SUV
- Volvo C40 recharge, XC40 recharge SUV
- Volvo XC60 SUV (plug-in hybrid)
- Some pre-owned electric vehicles are expected as well

It costs less to fuel an EV when compared to a gas-powered car, and EV buyers can save up to \$8,000 in maintenance costs over the life of their car, because EVs don't require the regular oil changes and as frequent servicing.

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 [Wellesley Drives Electric](#).

Vehicle exhaust accounts for nearly 40% 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 take personal action to reduce the emissions that lead to climate change, because EVs do not produce tailpipe emissions.

Test drives are limited and will be available on order of pre-registration, so sign-up now.

About Climate Action in Wellesley

Wellesley's [Climate Action Committee](#) works with municipal departments, residents, businesses, institutions, and civic organizations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability. Wellesley's goal is to reduce town-wide greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. Wellesley's [Climate Action Plan](#) provides a roadmap for meeting these goals.

[Wellesley Drives Electric](#), offered by the [Municipal Light Plant](#), offers information about the savings and benefits of driving an electric car and one-on-one EV advice to residents.

[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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