

WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE



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IMAGE: FALL LEAVES

FROM THE WCT COORDINATOR

SUSAN GAEDDERT, 1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

While the October issue of the WCT newsletter is lighter than usual, that is probably a reflection of how much is going on for all of us.

My heart is heavy thinking about the magnitude of human suffering in western North Carolina following the destruction of Hurricane Helene. It is also the one-year anniversary of the start of the war in the Middle East, for which the human cost is almost too staggering to contemplate.

Finally, we are but one month away from the 2024 Presidential Election, which will be hugely consequential. To say I'm anxious about it how it will all go is an understatement. Early voting in Wisconsin begins soon. Learn more about how and where to vote by visiting <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

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WISCONSIN CLIMATE TABLE FALL MEETING

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: [Nature at the Confluence](#) 306 Dickop St., South Beloit IL 61080

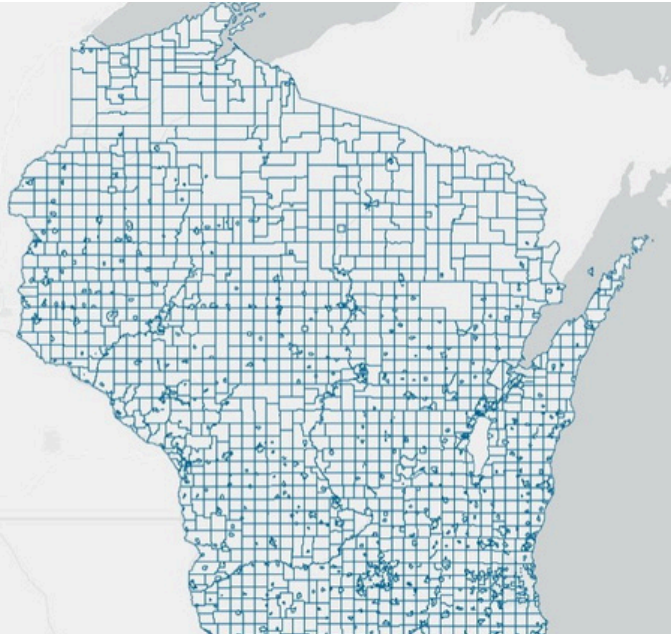
Register here: <https://forms.gle/6RYXKU5nhn2ivRXm6>

Mark your calendars for the WCT Fall Meeting on Friday, October 25! We will convene at [Nature at the Confluence](#) in South Beloit to share with each other, form a strategy for the year ahead, and hear about clean air initiatives in southern Wisconsin. Travel support is available. A detailed agenda will be shared closer to the meeting date.



Image: Rock River in downtown Beloit

The Wisconsin Climate Table is a network of more than 30 diverse member organizations from across Wisconsin working together for equitable solutions to the climate crisis. We share the common goal to equitably eliminate greenhouse gas emissions in Wisconsin by the year 2050.



Check out the WCT website! <https://wisconsinclimatetable.org>

RE-AMP NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING IN DULUTH, MN

The RE-AMP Network Annual Meeting was held in Duluth, MN in mid-September.

Right: Over three days, members participated in presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and strategic breakout sessions at the Graysolon ballroom in downtown Duluth.

Bottom left: the Wisconsin contingent

Bottom right : Wednesday afternoon was a field trip to Enger Park and American Indian Community Housing Organization ([AICHO](#)).



UPDATE FROM PROJECT COORDINATOR KEVIEA GUIDEN

Project Coordinator Keviea Guiden has been pounding the pavement to pass out fliers and encourage Milwaukee residents to oppose another rate hike from We Energies. She is quoted in at least two local news stories:

[Fox6 Milwaukee](#)

[WUWM 98.7](#)

We were asking for 6%, but with this new increase that We Energies is asking for, hell, we should just close the disparity gap and cap it at no more than 2%.

-Keviea Guiden



Keviea and a companion on a late night lit drop

WCT MEMBER UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW BUTTS FOR MAKING THE GRIST LIST!

Andrew Butts of the Green Neighbor Challenge was selected for the 2024 Grist 50 list! The Grist 50 highlights 50 people across the U.S. who are tackling some of the most pressing problems of today in innovative and exciting ways.

[Read more about Andrew in The Grist!](#)



WISCONSIN ACADEMY



Registration is open for [Climate Fast Forward!](#) This is the only statewide climate change action conference in Wisconsin that covers a wide range of climate change impacts and solutions. Building on the successful 2019 and 2022 conferences, the [Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters](#) and presenting sponsor, [American Family Insurance Institute for Corporate and Social Impact](#) will host the third Climate Fast Forward conference in 2024.

Now a two-day conference, attendees will be able to attend skills-based workshops, participate in collaborative spaces, and hear from engaging plenary speakers.

Held in Rothschild, Wisconsin, **Climate Fast Forward 2024** will bring together changemakers, including seasoned professionals, new voices, and diverse audiences representative of the Wisconsin people who are and will continue to be most impacted by the effects of climate change. [Learn more about the conference by viewing the agenda and purchase a ticket at this link.](#)

During this two-day conference attendees will be able to: attend skills-based workshops, participate in collaborative spaces, hear from engaging plenary speakers, engage with interactive art displays.

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COUILLARD SOLAR FOUNDATION

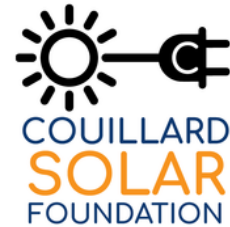
[Coulliard Solar Foundation's 2024 Solar Series](#)

October: How Solar Supports Emergency Preparedness Date &

Date: Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024

Time: 3:30-5pm

Location: MREA Campus in Custer, WI



This unique event will cover a variety of topics on emergency preparedness and how solar can support community resilience. We will hear from the Portage County Emergency Preparedness Director, Bob Weinert and Jackie Harrison-Jewell will talk briefly about the use of solar in community resilience centers. As a special addition to the agenda, Al Buss, from the Vernon County Energy District will talk about how to create an energy district in your area. This event will be held in the Stevens Point area. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested to help us gauge attendance. Please email Director@CouillardSolarFoundation.org to register for this event.

1000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN

Join 1000 Friends of Wisconsin and the Kenosha Transportation Academy for a webinar!

Topic: What does parking have to do with anything?

When: Wednesday, October 9

Time: 4-5pm CT

Who: Daniel Herriges from Parking Reform Network

Where: Zoom (registration required)

[Click here to register.](#)



[1000 Friends is hiring!](#) Long-time staff member and current Executive Director, Deb Nemeth, will step down from her position at the end of this year.

Our next Executive Director (ED) will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for 1000 Friends of Wisconsin's programs and execution of its mission.

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Good work finds the way
between pride and despair.
It graces with health. It heals
with grace.
It preserves the given so that it
remains a gift.
By it, we lose loneliness:
we clasp the hands of those who
go before us, and the hands of
those who come after us;
we enter the little circle of each
other's arms,
and the larger circle of lovers
whose hands are joined in a
dance,
and the larger circle of all
creatures, passing in and out of
life, who move also in a dance,
to a music so subtle and vast
that no ear hears it except in
fragments.

-Wendell Berry



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Items for the next WCT
newsletter should be submitted
by **November 1, 2024**.

Submit a write-up of **no more
than 200 words** plus an image
and any links to share. I am
also looking for seasonal photos
from around Wisconsin to
feature on the cover page each
month.

Use [this form](#) or email all
information to:
susan@1kfriends.org

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