



We're so excited about BTF '16 we couldn't resist making it the headline image!

April 2016 Newsletter

Okay, just kidding with that subject line.

The sunset date for LEED v2009 is actually another fun holiday this fall - Halloween! Boo!

However, it really isn't that scary - we're here to help you stay up to date and ready for the transition.

But I digress! There is a lot of other stuff going on.

The Chapter is now providing WELL instruction and we have become the local partner for the Living Building Challenge. We just love good green buildings.

We are connecting the innovation economy to the real estate sector: The [Building Tech Forum](#) on 4/21/16 - I really want to see you there. Thank you to **Boston Properties** for being our Gold Sponsor of the event. **The Green Engineer, Fraunhofer, Ogletree Deakins** and **NECEC** have also stepped up to sponsor, along with a great group of displaying sponsors (check them out on the link). See you there!

We'll hear from **Ben Myers** of Boston Properties thinks are trends that real estate developers are tracking to ensure building projects are optimized, and we'll hear from **Kurt Roth** of Fraunhofer about cutting-edge research they are pursuing in building science. You will learn a lot! [Sign up here.](#)

Whether you need general education or credential maintenance, or have an urge to advocate for green building policy or just need to do some serious networking: we are here for you.

Come hang with us and we'll rock the boat together!

Thank you,
Grey, Celis, Anthony, Ryan and Wenbin

See more at usgbcma.org

Our [blog](#), our [twitter feed](#) and [Facebook](#) pages are full of funny stories and goofy things to keep you smiling.

And really good news, insight, and helpful links to ensure you are **not** a joker!

ALMOST HERE: Building Tech Forum - April 21st, 2016



On April 21st, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, in conjunction with [Boston Properties](#), [The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](#) (MassCEC), [Fraunhofer USA](#), [Northeast Clean Energy Council](#) (NECEC), and [Greentown Labs](#), the world's largest tech incubator, we will be hosting our 2nd annual Building Tech Forum. This event will bring innovators, users and providers together who are delivering the next solutions to the challenges of building design and facility management.

Recent additions to our 2016 vendor line-up include [Saint Gobain](#), the world's largest building materials company and a leader in sustainable habitat, [Moen](#); the innovative and sustainable-minded #1 faucet brand in North America; and [Budderfly](#), a provider of cloud-based energy conservation software that provides flexible, scalable, and cost effective tools to every level of enterprise.

For more info on the event, [see our website](#). For info on displaying your technologies, check out our page [here](#), and if you have any further inquiries, concerns or requests please [send us an email](#).

A USGBC MA Special: Social Equity in the Built Environment

On April 4th, we will be holding a special event focusing on the connections between green building, sustainability, and social equity.

Social Equity is typically conceptualized as the third--and least significant--component of the triple bottom line. While LEED has equilibrated environmental concerns with economic ones, we are just at the beginning of developing tools that allow us to measure and examine social equity results in a similar fashion.

Don't miss out, [Read more about the event and register now!](#)



Policy Podium: Auto-Populating the MLS with Energy Efficiency and Solar PV Content

April 14th, 8:30-10AM

We will be hosting a session with Senior Manager of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) High-Performance Building Team Carolyn Goldthwaite and sustainable real estate consultant Craig Foley.



Carolyn will present information about the Home Energy Labelling Information

eXchange (HELIX). The project's ultimate goal is to make energy use transparent, as well as to expedite the creation of large-scale home energy labeling policies and programs that support the market valuation of energy efficiency in homes.

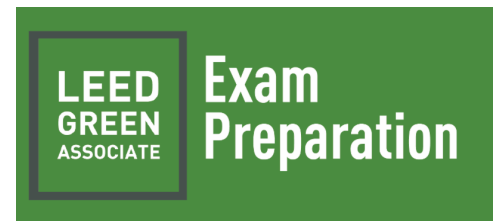
Craig will present information, about Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's (LBNL) work to create a road map for multiple listing services to auto-populate high-quality data about solar PV systems into the MLS.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this event and register!

Get Accredited: LEED Exam Prep

April 13th, 8:30AM - 5PM

Want to learn more about the green building industry and make your knowledge and expertise official? Then come to our exam prep!



The LEED Exam Prep Course is a comprehensive course which will prepare attendees for the Green Associate and other specialty exams. The day-long curriculum is designed to cover the segments of the Green Associate Exam and to lightly cover the AP specialty exams. If you have specific questions regarding a specialty exam, feel free to bring these questions to class and have the instructor(s) cover these identified areas.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this event and register!

Vanguard Series: The Anthropocene and our Built Environment

April 26th, 8:30-11:30AM

Many scientists have posited that we are entering the "Anthropocene," a geological period of the world where humanity exerts as much or more power over the world's bio-geochemical processes as natural phenomena. Given the enormity of our planetary impact, the decisions we make are critical to our current and future well-being,

as well as our planet's.

In the wake of COP21, what are good enforcement mechanisms to ensure a transition to a greener built environment? Join us for this special presentation on how policies can positively influence building efficiency, the increasing prominence of green building, and how USGBC--at an international, national and state level--is spearheading important movements within the green building industry.



[Click here](#) to learn more about this event and register!

Building Blueprint: WELL Building Standard

April 19th, 8:30 - 10:30AM

Back by popular demand!

We are bringing together leaders and practitioners in our region for a concise but meaningful introduction to the WELL building standard, followed by a roundtable discussion. We are excited to welcome professionals from all sectors of the building industry-- owners, engineers, builders, and occupants interest in the new standard.



We will be airing a segment from the USGBC's Education platform to bring all in the room up to speed on WELL and then having a moderated discussion on the future impact and evolution of the standard. [Click here for more info on WELL and the event.](#)

Service Project: Help Clean up the Charles!

April 30th, 9AM - 12PM

It's time to get together and lend a hand for our environment - directly - and with mud!

Join our Emerging Professionals, welcoming all members and their friends of any level or age, as we get together to help the Charles River Watershed Association with their annual clean-up day.

We will meet from 9-12 on Saturday morning, along the Esplanade. Sign up to get the details. We will enjoy a BBQ following the work session.



[Click here for more info on the event](#)

Presinars This Month:

(in-person webinar screenings)

- 4/20, 4:30pm - 6pm, [Introduction to the SITES Program](#) (In-person webinar, Location: 50 Milk Street, 17th Floor, Hercules Conference Room, **Boston**, MA 02109)
 - 4/21, 6pm - 7pm, [Green Pursuit of Net Zero Energy: The Walgreens Experience](#) (In-person webinar, Location: Sustainability Hub, 912 South Main Street, **Worcester**, MA 01610)
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Retrospective of a Busy March

- 3/14, [Policy Podium with Senator Downing](#): USGBC MA hosted the "Policy Podium: Panel Discussion on Energy with Legislators and Industry Pros" on March 14th, 2016. Members of various USGBC committees were in attendance, along with newcomers including architects, realtors, engineers, solar advocates and more. Our panel included Senator Benjamin B. Downing, Betsy Glynn of Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council, Steve Cowell of E4TheFuture, and Peter Shattuck of Acadia Center.
- 3/24, [Green Building Tour: 450 Kendall St](#): Led by [Arrowstreet](#), [AHA Consulting Engineers](#), and [BioMed Realty](#), we toured a new building at 450 Kendall Street in Cambridge that houses offices as well as a laboratory. The tour focused on the LEED certification process as well as the building's sustainable features and innovative technology.
- 3/29, [COP21 Paris Climate Talks Unconference](#): The unconference was a

huge success! The big question of the day was "what can USGBCMA do to catalyze change in Massachusetts going forward?" The first half of the event, a group discussion, focused on public policy, building energy use disclosures, and energy efficiency solutions for low-income and under-represented communities. Then, Paris Panelists John Sterman, Michael Green, and Christopher Mackey discussed their experiences at COP21, lessons learned, and their insights on moving forward with change. All in all, attendees got the valuable opportunity to learn about how our work ties in with bigger events and movements in the world like COP21.

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