

Wednesday June 10 from 5-7PM

(Thursday June 11th Rain Date)

The “ENVIRONMENT IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS” Rally

Community Rally on the South lawn of our Rhode Island Statehouse

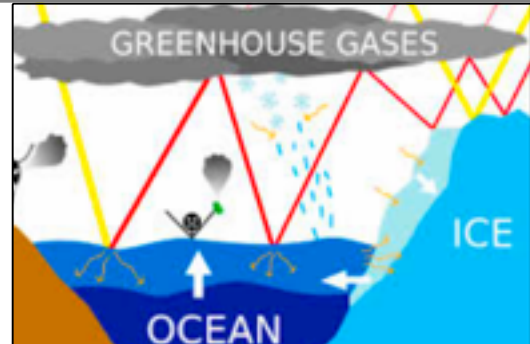
What will happen?

Speakers will build unity sharing insights and stories about the environment as our common interest. We need to protect and invest in the environment to have a safe, clean and secure community. They are the voices of working people who are building a sustainable future now, frontline people who are dealing with the mounting problems and people in our most vulnerable communities.

Without a clean, natural environment, there is no political, business, domestic or educational environment. In the final analysis, the environment is the place where we all live and work.

*Featured
SPEAKER*

Dr. Michael K. Dorsey was the Director of the Sierra Club Board



and is a world recognized policy advisor on global energy, environment, finance and sustainability matters. Dorsey has advised the UN, US Presidents, the EPA and is presently serving as interim Director of the energy and environment program at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Dorsey was bestowed Rotary International’s highest honor, *The Paul Harris Medal for Distinguished Service to Humanity*. He is also an activist.

Michael will be joined by folks from local clean energy companies, the building trades unions, educators, small businesses, and other community groups. People like **Justin Kelley** (Building Trades Union), **Malchus Mills** (Direct Action for Rights and Equality), **Larry Purtill** (National Educators Association), **Tom Cute** (Amalgamated Transit Union), **Lisa Reels** (Native American), **Greg Gerritt** (Prosperity For RI), **Asher Schofield** (Frog and Toad), **Ron Bennett** (GotSun - GoSolar), **Rev. Dr. J. Deacon** (Unitarian Universalists) and more.

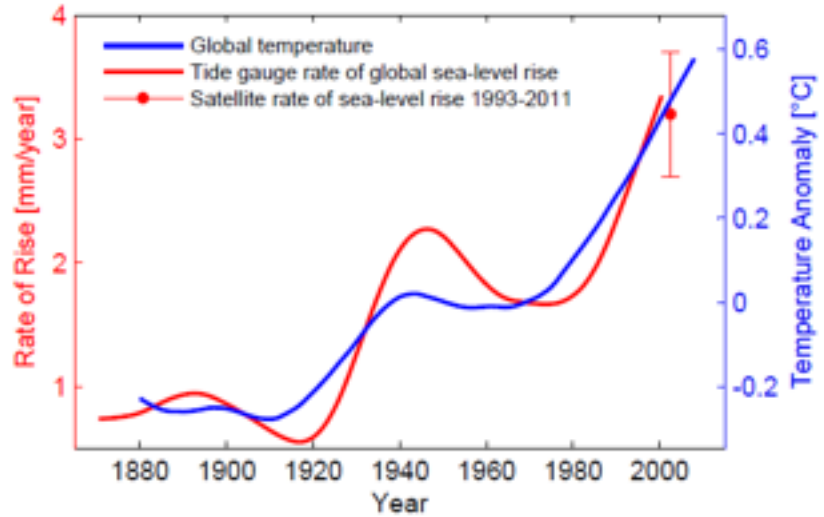
The Eastern Medicine Singers open, closing with an epic photo op as we crowd onto the Statehouse.



Why now?

We have a climate crisis unfolding and we cannot afford to let this get worse by continuing "BUSINESS AS USUAL." We are simply running out of time.

- We have passed 400ppm CO2 in the atmosphere for the first time since humans have lived on the planet.
- With our 400 miles of coastline, RI is very vulnerable. Changes in the Climate are already effecting everyone.
- We have already started building an identity as "The Ecology State" - most Rhode Islanders VALUE and CHERISH our natural resources.
- We are leading in Energy Conservation and in the Off-Shore Wind Technology, this will bring us the jobs of the future especially if we continue to lead with innovation with Solar and other renewables.
- We have RIPTA, an Eco-Friendly Statewide Transportation System.
- We have a thriving "Sustainable Business" and agriculture community already with many expandable programs.
- This climate crisis is a moral crisis which provides the opportunity for us to reset our priorities in a way that will create more just society with more shared prosperity living in harmony with nature.



The facts are in, the only question is whether we will face the challenges head on or continue to play "catchup." We need to marshall all of our resources as a community in a socially responsible way- not by cutting support systems where the most vulnerable are left unprovided for OR allowing the fossil fuel companies to dictate the terms of the transformation to a renewable future we need. Since 1930 the temperature in Narragansett Bay has increased 2.5 degrees F and acidification is threatening shellfish and sea life-an alarming rate.



When the going get's tough, the tough get going.
BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

**The science says we need to be
 Fossil Free by 2030, this is natures
 law and we need to make it happen.
 WE NEED ALL IN.**

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