

Fair Speakers & Performers Descriptions and Schedule

(in Chronological Order)

10-10:25 am, [Dr. Brian Helmuth, PhD](#) (Blue Room): “Bring It Home: Marblehead and the Rising Oceans” - Climate change is a global phenomenon, but its impact will be felt locally. Brian will discuss how climate change is likely to impact coastal communities like Marblehead, and how we can prepare for, and hopefully prevent, the worst effects. Brian will also discuss how to communicate the severity of the coming changes to people who are not yet convinced of the challenge that global warming presents.



A resident of Marblehead, Brian is a Professor in the Department of Marine Biology and Public Policy at Northeastern University's Marine Science Center in Nahant. His [research and teaching](#) focus on predicting the likely ecological impacts of climate change on coastal ecosystems. Brian has authored or co-authored over 85 peer-reviewed journal articles in the areas of climate change and marine ecology, and has also published or been featured in numerous popular magazine articles, most recently in [The New York Times](#). He proudly serves as a Board Member of Sustainable Marblehead.

10:30–10:55 am, [John Livermore](#) (Blue Room): “Zero Out Your Home’s Carbon Footprint” - Have you ever wondered how your house affects the planet? Do you wish you could dramatically reduce your carbon footprint? Come hear how one North Shore family eliminated their home’s carbon footprint, improved their quality of life, and became the first renovated home in Massachusetts to produce more energy than they use!



John Livermore is an energy consultant with more than 25 years of experience in the clean energy industry. An ardent eco-activist, he is known for pushing the envelope to redefine what can be achieved. John co-founded Sustainable Marblehead in 2017, and currently serves as the Northeast Director at the Center for Sustainable Energy.

11:00-11:25 am, [Jackson Gillman](#) (Blue Room): “Nature in Action, Story & Song” - A celebration of nature through participatory music and movement, with an eye to where we fit in, and how we can help sustain our world.



Jackson Gillman has many different nature-oriented programs in his repertoire, all informed by his background in Ecology. Since graduating from the College of the Atlantic in 1978, he's been entertaining and educating people of all ages through his many talents as a Songwriter, Comic, Mime, and Storyteller. He has performed for the North American Alliance for Environmental Education, and appeared at many other Conferences and Festivals. Sparkling with energy, wit, and whimsy, Jackson Gillman is so adept at transforming into a wide array of colorful characters and animals, that he is known as the "Stand-Up Chameleon."

11:30-11:55 am, Representative [Lori Ehrlich](#) (Blue Room): “The Massachusetts Legislature and Sustainable Initiatives”



Lori Ehrlich has been the State Representative for the 8th Essex District since 2008. She is the Chairwoman of the House Joint Committee on Export Development, and is the co-chair of the Sexual Assault Working Group. Previously, she served as the Vice Chair of Health Care Financing, and on the Labor and Workforce Committees. During her decade of Public

Service, Rep. Ehrlich has become a recognized leader on environmental issues, and has founded two grassroots Public Health nonprofits as well.

12:00-12:25 pm, EARTH DAY POSTER AWARDS CEREMONY (Community Room):

Marblehead High School Choirs: The combined High School Choirs will perform several inspirational pieces, under the direction of **Andrew Scoglio.**



Alex the Jester: This internationally-renowned artist will leave you howling with laughter, just as he has done with audiences across America, China, France, and Mexico, as well as on America's Got Talent.



Young Alex Feldman's love of comedy & circus, music & magic, all leavened with more than a touch of mischief, gave birth to the impish rascal that audiences Worldwide now know and love as Alex the Jester.

Awards for the best Earth Day Posters will be presented by Rep. Lori Ehrlich.

12:30-12:55 pm, Amanda Maffei (Blue Room): "Songs and Stories for Sustainable People" - Amanda will play and perform excerpts from her "Each Song A Story" series of six Radio Plays combined with Songs. Each one touches on themes that sustain our humanity.



Amanda Maffei grew up right here in Marblehead. Though she moved away long ago, Marblehead remains her home in spirit. A long-time Professional Singer and Musician, in 2015 she was Artist-in-Residence at the Margret & H.A. Rey Center, where she wrote a musical version of “Tatterhood”. Her recently-released CD, ‘Both Sides Now’, is receiving rave reviews. Her latest project, a cycle of six Radio Play/Song combos is available through [audible.com](https://www.audible.com).

1:00-2:00 pm, Town Panel (Blue Room): “Marblehead Initiatives for Sustainable Living” - Find out what sustainability initiatives Marblehead has already undertaken, and plans to take in the future. This is your chance to ask questions, and let these hard-working Public Servants know your concerns and hopes. How will our Town be acting and adapting to deal with the climate crisis?



The panel members are:

- [Andrew Petty](#), Director of Public Health, Health Department – Residential Trash and Recycling
- [Joseph Kowalik](#), General Manager, Light Department – Purchasing Sustainably-Sourced Electricity & Residential Conservation Initiatives
- [Amy McHugh](#), Superintendent, Water & Sewer Departments – Storm Water Disposal Initiatives.