



## 11,000 HEPAs ?!

**There are now 11,000 new HEPA filters in Montana Schools thanks to DPHHS's Asthma Control Program**



Over the past year, the DPHHS Asthma Control Program has been able to provide over 11,000 air filters to schools. These filters provide for spaces in our school where air is clean, especially for students and staff with respiratory difficulties, during wildfire smoke seasons. They cannot purify entire schools but they are of great benefit. THANK YOU, DPHHS!

## Billings Gazette

Monday, September 25, 2023

WHERE YOUR STORY LIVES



LARRY MAYER, BILLINGS GAZETTE

### TRANSPORTATION TRENDS SHIFTING

Riders in Sunday's 10 and 20 mile Ride for Their Lives bike ride begin the route at ZooMontana. The ride is sponsored by Montana Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate.

# RIDE FOR THEIR LIVES - Billings 9/24/23

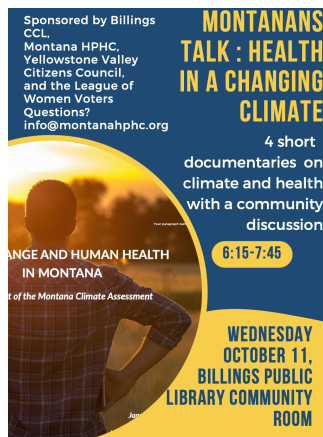
Over 60 riders *rode for our kids' lives* last Sunday, supporting the connection between climate change and child health. Front page news and [KULR8 coverage](#) as well! See more [here!](#)

October 28

## MtHPHC co-sponsored Mental Health event



**MISSOULA Oct 28: Wrestling with the Psychological Impacts of the Climate Crisis: Strategies to Promote Client and Community Resilience, UM Psychology Center, with Dr Jennifer Robohm and Kate Weiss. full day, CE credit available. More info [here](#)**



October 11

## MtHPHC co-sponsored documentary event

**BILLINGS Oct 11: Public library community showing of short C2H2 videos with food and community discussion. 6:15-6:45 Free food, open to the public. Cosponsored by LWV and YVCC and CCL**

# First Ever MT Youth Climate Summit

Livingston. October 12-13. We are co-sponsors

!

## THE DETAILS

THE PARK HIGH GREEN INITIATIVE IS WELCOMING 50 STUDENTS, IN GRADES 9 - 12, FROM AROUND THE STATE TO ATTEND THE 2023 MONTANA YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

### LOCATION

The summit will take place in the heart of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem - Livingston, MT.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

During the summit, students will hear from world-renowned climate scientists and develop their own climate superpowers through participation in breakout sessions led by experts from around the state — learning about everything from the art of storytelling, to aquaponics to living with wildfire, and much more.

### WHAT IS THE COST

The summit is \$50/student with a limited number of scholarships available.

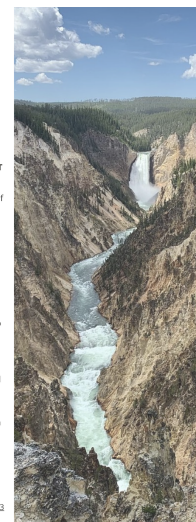
### LODGING

A block of rooms has been set aside with a discounted rate at the Livingston Econo Lodge under the name: "Montana Youth Climate Summit" (406) 222-0555

### REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

<https://bceec.safalabs.org/youthclimatesummit2023>

FINAL DETAILS PROVIDED AFTER REGISTRATION





Register [here!](#)

There are still a few openings!

## Montana-Mongolia and Public Health

Absaalooka PhD student JoRee LaFrance and C2H2 authors Cathy Whitlock, Sue Higgins, Rob and Lori Byron, conducted a Climate Change and Public Health field course in Mongolia this summer with the [ACMS](#). Details [here](#)



### \*\*\*Help Protect Montanans' Future\*\*\*

**Testify or comment before 12/1**

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), or “the people’s law,” is a critical component of environmental permitting and public participation in Montana. Supported by the decision in *Held v. Montana*, the state has the ability and, indeed, the obligation to deny Oil and Gas permits.

Dates and talking points [here](#)



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

## Can I afford Solar?

Montanans can get \$0 down/3.5% interest loans in MT to finance solar on homes. It takes on average 8 years to pay off, then significant energy savings are in store. And our

actions encourage our neighbors! Ask for **more specifics:**  
[info@montanarenewables.org](mailto:info@montanarenewables.org)



If we want climate action in MT, we need to support it! We can make a difference. Every donation helps.

Healthcare is among the most trusted professions in the US and we are some of the BEST climate messengers. To expand our work in the challenging climate of Montana, we need your help. Members already donate over 2500 hours a year but we need a staffer's time too! Please support our work if you can!

HELP SUPPORT US IF YOU CAN

Climate Conversations with patients in Montana are happening!



3 pediatric care providers in MT - John Cole MD, Allison Young MD and Lynne Ross PNP - are participating in a research project on incorporating climate conversations into Reach out and Read (giving books to children) at Well Child Visits.

## Meaningful Action



Arrange a community film viewing

The beautiful [short videos on C2H2](#) are free to use along with discussion guides.



Send comments to the PSC

by October 6 about how the huge increases in utility bills for NW customers are harmful for our patients and bad for our climate! [Info](#)



Email our Senators

Ask Senators Tester and Daines to support clean air and EPA's MATS rule, [here](#).



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23.09.26 Lori Byron "A Conversation Between AAP (Pediatric) Chapters: State Level Climate Action" Webinar

23.09.26 MSCCH Newsletter featured the MT Ride for Our Lives

23.09.25 Rob and Lori Byron presented to the Absaalooke Energy Justice Project, Crow Agency, MT

23.09.25 Billings Gazette (front page) re: Ride for Their Lives

23.09.24 KULR8 TV, Billings re: Ride for their Lives

23.09.22 Daily Montanan re: Ride for their Lives

23.09.20 ecoAmerica national Climate for Health seminar, Dr. Lori Byron - advocacy vignette

23.09.12 Drs. Byron teach climate and health to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year WWAMI medical students. Bozeman

23.09.09 Drs Byrons on the CCL national monthly televised zoom call. 30:55

23.09.05 Drs. Byron teach climate and health to the WWAMI medical students. Bozeman

23.08.28 Robohm, J. (2023, August 28). *Personal Resiliency in the Face of Climate Change*. Workshop provided for a leadership retreat for sustainability professionals in the Providence healthcare system, Missoula, MT.

3.08.28 Montana Free Press What to know about smoke, heat and health, BJ Biskupiac and Sarah Coefield are quoted

23.08.23 Dr Maruan Kummer LTE in Livingston Enterprise:

23.08.17 BJ Biskupiac, Lori Byron, panel discussion at the Regional Tribal Environmental Health Summit, Billings MT

23.08.15 AAP News. Dr Lori Byron featured <https://publications.aap.org/aapnews/news/25403/Pediatricians-lending-voice-expertise-to-climate>

23.08.12 tabling at the Billings Clean Energy Fair - Karen Stears, Kris Spanjian, Rob and Lori Byron

23.08.10 OpEd Missoula Current Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young

23.08.08 Dr. Beth Schenk "Healthcare Sustainability" lecture to the Climate and Health course fo the Johns' Hopkins 'Energy Policy and Climate' Masters' of Science Program.

23.08.10 OpEd Bitterroot Star Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young

23.08.10 OpEd Helena Air Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young. <https://helenair.com/opinion/column/wildfires-and-health-in-a->

23.08.10 OpEd Havre Daily. - Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young.

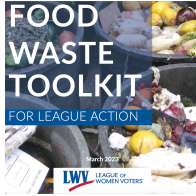
23.08.08 [OpEd MT Standard](#) Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young.

23.08.08 [Missoulian OpEd](#) Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young.

23.08.06 [OpEd Billings Gazette](#), Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young.

23/08/05 [OpEd Ravelli Republic](#) Hillery Daily, Colleen Kirchhoff and Allison Young

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Learning Corner

## Food Waste Toolkit

Check out this Toolkit from our [League of Women Voters](#) colleagues

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