

# This land is your land, this land is my land

Happy July 4th!

This year we're celebrating in one of the most patriotic ways we know: enjoying Natick's trails and outdoor spaces.

[Pegan Hill](#), the property featured above, was recently celebrated as our community's newest conservation property, and, at 410 feet, it is the highest point in Natick. For more than 100 years, Pegan Hill was home to the Pegan Indians, a group of "Praying Indians" first led by the Reverend John Eliot beginning in 1651. They cleared the hill for cropland and pasture, but by the 1760s, the Pegan Indians had perished, and settlers had taken over farming. Today you can find this peaceful haven with partial views of Great Blue Hill by following a one-mile walking trail. Plan your visit to Pegan Hill [here](#).

You might also find us [composting](#) leftover hot dogs, playing on the [lawn](#) and basking in the [sun](#) this weekend. Keep reading to learn more!



## Keep Calm and Compost On

Natick's [curbside composting pilot](#) is officially up and running. This week marks the program's fourth week, and, so far, pilot members have diverted 6.4 tons of food waste. That's an average of 7.5 lbs per household (the equivalent of 20 bananas!)

If you're participating in the pilot, please remember to [take our first survey](#) to share your experience. **The DPW would also like to remind members to place their compost bin at least three feet away from their recycling tote for collection.** The recycling truck's automated arm needs the extra space.



## TRACK OUR PROGRESS

END OF WEEK 7 / 13 WEEKS TO GO!

ONLY 4 WEEKS LEFT TO REQUEST A SITE VISIT

130  ACTIVE LEADS

40  SOLARIZE HOMES

5  BEST TIER ACHIEVED!



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### Last Call!:

#### The Sun Sets on Solarize Mass Natick August 1

It's hard to believe [Solarize Mass Natick](#) launched less than two months ago because the program has been moving like crazy! It has already [achieved Tier 5 pricing](#) (the lowest pricing available), and 40 people have signed contracts to participate.

The program, which is funded by the [Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](#) and supported by a combination of local volunteers and Town representatives, is designed to make going solar simple and affordable for Natick residents. **But the program has a deadline! Interested residents must [sign up for a solar site visit](#) by August 1 to be eligible for Natick's discounted pricing.**

We hope you'll consider [having your roof's solar potential assessed](#) as part of this great program. Register to learn more at one of our upcoming Solar 101 meetings: **Stop and Smell the Roses**

Natick's focus on organic land care is getting noticed! The Town received congratulatory citations from the Massachusetts' House of Representatives and State Senate for its efforts during a [Toxics Use Reduction Institute](#) awards ceremony at the Statehouse on June 8.

As part of the program, the Town's Land Facilities and Natural Resources, Health, and Sustainability Departments, along with the Bacon Free Library, collaborated on an [organic turf care pilot and public education program](#). The three-year pilot began in Fall 2015 on the grounds of the Bacon Free Library, John J. Lane Park, and the Memorial Elementary soccer field, and residents recently received information about best practices in organic lawn care through an insert from the Board of Health with their water bills. The Bacon Free Library's biannual garden tour also featured organic properties.

**Thank you to the many departments that collaborated on this great program. We're hopeful it expands to additional properties Town-wide.**



Will we see you at Natick's many [July 4th festivities](#)? We hope so!

**Happy 4th!**

