

## News and Updates

From **April 25** through **May 9**, Devens will be performing routine **fire hydrant flushing** in order to maintain and improve water quality and the hydrants' condition. Residents may experience low water pressure and discolored tap water. If discoloration occurs, please run your faucet until it clears. If flushing is occurring in your area or your water is discolored, **do not wash laundry** until the water becomes clear. The discolored water poses no health threat, but may have an unpleasant taste. If you have any questions regarding the flushing schedule, please call Jim Moore at 978-784-2931.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs downgraded the Devens region to a [drought advisory](#). While the mandatory water restriction has been lifted, Devens residents should **conserve water wherever possible**. Please limit outdoor watering to one day a week between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to avoid evaporative losses. Contact [Devens Utilities](#) at 978-784-2931 with questions, and find more information [here](#).

Devens is going green this **Earth Day**, thanks to two clean transportation initiatives:

- The new **shuttle service** connecting Devens to the MBTA commuter line and other communities in the region will launch on April 24. The shuttle will provide a low-cost, convenient, and environmentally-friendly transportation for Devens residents and businesses. Learn more about the service [here](#).
- A new electric car charging station at 88 Jackson Road will serve Army personnel and civilians living and working in Devens.

Congratulations to Devens' [Red Tail Golf Club](#) on its recognition on [Golfweek's](#) list of the top ten golf courses in Massachusetts!

## Upcoming Events

In honor of Earth Day, the [Devens Eco-Efficiency Center](#) is promoting the following volunteer opportunities:

- **April 25:** Help plant new peach trees at the Community Harvest Project's farm in Harvard from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All produce is harvested by volunteers and donated to the Worcester Food Bank.
- **April 24 - May 5:** Devens' Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge's visitor facility needs help shoveling and spreading topsoil on a new pollinator garden.
- **April - May:** The Devens Eco-Efficiency Center needs help removing invasive plants from a turtle nesting habitat on the Oxbow Refuge.

For information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Dona Neely at 978-772-8831 x 3304 or [donaneely@ecostardevens.com](mailto:donaneely@ecostardevens.com).

**April 24:** The Devens Committee Meets at 33 Andrews Parkway from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**April 25:** The Evergreen Garden Playschool's spring fundraiser, an online auction, is accessible [here](#) until April 25 at 9:30 p.m. Bid for a chance to win a month of yoga classes, handcrafted items, and more!

**April 26:** MassAudubon's Shaping the Future Program is holding a Low Impact Development (LID) workshop, "Greening Your Community: Cost-effective LID Solutions," from 8-10:30 a.m. at 33 Andrews Parkway in Devens. The event is free, and will allow attendees to learn about how Devens has used LID for sustainable redevelopment efforts by touring a recently completed stream restoration project. For more information and to register, visit the [MassAudubon website](#).

**May 11:** Dragonfly Wellness Center in Devens is holding a presentation from 12 – 1 p.m. on its new corporate wellness program aimed at keeping the local workforce healthy. Call 978-487-7181 to register; light lunch will be served.