

PowerMI Drive

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EVs: The Power of Change

Welcome to our e-Newsletter, where we keep you updated on all the latest electric vehicle (EV) news, trends and breakthroughs while celebrating you – our EV partners and drivers!

In this issue, we highlight some local coffee shops with EV charging nearby, take a fun EV road trip along Michigan’s Sunset Coast, and meet another Consumers Energy EV Specialist who has been driving an EV for years. Plus, learn how you can charge your non-Tesla EV at a Tesla charging station with the right adapter.



But First, Coffee

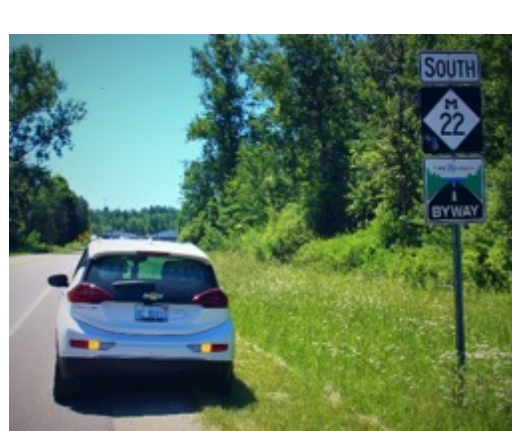
Cooler weather is here to stay for a while. For many of us, that means more indoor activities or at least more breaks from outdoor activities to help us warm up. Learn where to find local Michigan coffee shops with EV chargers nearby to help you stay charged up, caffeinated and warm this winter season.

[Coffee & Charging](#)

EV Road Trip | Michigan’s West Coast

Gone are the days when EVs were range limited leaving them as only commuter cars and grocery getters. With a median range above 200 miles, a growing charging infrastructure and gas prices at an all-time high, it’s a great time for an EV road trip.

In the September issue, we explored the Sunrise Coast. Follow along as we meander the Sunset Coast from Grand Rapids to Saugatuck, Muskegon, Manistee and up M22 to Frankfort.



[Snag the Itinerary](#)



Sidebar: Tesla Adapters

You’ve seen those Tesla Destination charging stations at hotels and restaurants, and you think, my non-Tesla can’t use them. Or can it? With the right adapter, it’s possible. And bonus, some locations are free!

[Learn More](#)

EV Driver Profile | Justin Stowe

Go Green! Justin studies Fisheries and Wildlife Management at, you guessed it, Michigan State University. But he’s also passionate about the environment and electric vehicles. His passion for driving electric is so compelling that he now spends his time outside the classroom as one of our EV Specialists who helps guide Michiganders through their own EV journey.

Learn more about where Justin takes advantage of free charging and why he’s so convinced that EVs just make sense.



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#ElectrifyYourSnowRemoval

Yep, it’s that time of year. If it hasn’t snowed yet in Michigan, it will soon.

Forget buying gas and taking the time to tune up your old gas snowblower; consider going electric. This [Popular Mechanics review of electric snowblowers](#) finds that going electric eliminates issues you often encounter with gas-powered machines, like toxic fumes and concerns about storing flammable materials. For the average homeowner, a good electric snowblower should handle a typical job just fine.



Our clean energy transformation ensures you can take an active role in becoming a force of change for Michigan. Want to do even more?

Consider participating in one of our [Peak Power Savers® programs](#) or visit [MICleanEnergy.com](#) to learn about more ways you can help leave the planet a better place than you found it.

Share the EV Love!

Since most charging takes place at home, the Consumers Energy PowerMI Drive program offers EV drivers [\\$500 in rebates](#) for installing eligible electric vehicle chargers at their home. It also comes with [electric rates](#) that encourage EV drivers to charge their vehicle between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. to get the most savings on their electric bill, maximize the benefits of EV ownership and optimize demand on the energy grid.

Getting more electric vehicles on the road promotes reduced carbon emissions – which we all can feel good about.

Know someone who is interested in EVs?

We’re here to help. We have a new and improved website at [ConsumersEnergy.com/ev](#) to help them get started and connect them with an EV Specialist, like Justin, if they have questions.

Or consider sharing our e-Newsletter with a friend (or two or three).

Have an EV question, story or want to be featured as our next EV driver or station host?

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