

Climate Week installations celebrate green living

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Photo by Ignacio Laguarda

A number of installations were created for Brookline Climate Week this year. Pictured here are three of them, including "Tree Hugger" in the foreground, and "Solar Arbor" and "Bubble Head" in the distance.



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Brookline — Brookline Climate Week hasn't started quite yet, but residents can already see some of the public installations sprouting up.

The Public Health Building lawn is covered with three installations, all visible from Harvard Street, that each address climate change in a separate way.

"Tree Hugger," a collection of three banners depicting people hugging or caressing a tree that hang from a large tree at the corner of Harvard and Pierce streets, was designed by Mary Dewart, a member of the Climate Action Brookline, and Susan Israel.

The installation features photos by Lynn Osborn and a brief description of the project states that trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, giving back oxygen.

"We want people to understand that it's a good thing to be a tree hugger," said Dewart.

Next to "Tree Hugger" is "Solar Arbor," an installation that was yet to be completed on Tuesday, Jan. 14, but which will include a solar array that powers a light display. The project was donated by solar company RevoluSun.

"Bubble Head," will tell the story of greenhouse gases by using recycled plastic inside a crown-shaped wooden structure. Artist Maria Ritz designed the project.

Dewart said she wants the installations to get people thinking about the climate. Climate Action Brookline has a goal of reducing the town's carbon footprint by 25 percent in 2020.

"We're trying to demonstrate how important our climate is," she said.

And Brookline, which had the first tree-planting community in the country, seems to be the perfect place to do it, said Dewart.

Other installations around town include a window display at the Korean Church entitled "Can't See The Forest for the TREES," by artist Sally Fredkin.

Another project, "Rising Tides Rising Challenges" by Susan Israel, is displayed next to the Brookline Booksmith, and shows what the water level would have been if 2012's Hurricane Sandy had hit Boston at high tide.

Climate Week will take place Jan. 20-26. For more information, visit brooklineclimateweek.org.