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Green Expo Shows How It Can Be Done What's Next for a Greener, Sustainable Newburyport

The City of Newburyport is supporting the Greater Newburyport Green Expo on Thursday, April 11 from 4-8 PM, at the Rupert A Nock Middle School, 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA. Admission is free.

The purpose is to engage citizens, parents, students, elected officials, businesses and non-profit groups in a dialogue on how our community can come together to address today's important issues on jobs, training, energy use, waste, and resiliency as we confront climate change.

The event introduces attendees to local and state initiatives and offers solutions to concerns. Mayor Holaday will give the keynote address. Speaking on "Net Zero Newburyport: Putting the City on a Path Toward Zero Waste and Carbon Neutrality," she says, "The Green Expo is an opportunity for us to come together with a common purpose and concern as people who are interested in finding solutions to climate change and protecting our environment."

Exhibitions, speakers, and school presentations will provide a kaleidoscope of activities that present opportunities and an engaging dialogue. The important take away, according to event chair Bill Clary is that each person attending will have an opportunity to learn how to think globally, work locally and act personally.

Massachusetts State Senator Diane DiZoglio and Representative Kelcourse will make opening remarks. Senator DiZoglio said, "Occasions that bring community stakeholders together to collaborate on protecting the environment and encouraging sustainable practices are essential as we work toward a sustainable future, here in Massachusetts and beyond."

Attendees will be able to see, hear, feel, smell and taste the future green economy through the exhibits, speakers, and presentations that cover topics ranging from local food production, recycling, waste-to-energy, composting, sustainable and renewable packaging, consumer goods repair, green energy production, home and building energy efficiency, renewable energy, non-fossil fuel transportation, resilient infrastructure, and mass transit.

Thoughts on some important issues will be offered in 15-minute 'QuickTalks.' Here you'll learn what Newburyport's action plans and goals are for its energy, energy efficiency, resiliency, and waste concerns. You'll also hear how to start and run a net zero business and how to reduce your carbon footprint. To round things out, you'll learn all about carbon free home energy systems, community solar, green roofs, heat pumps, bike lanes & sidewalks, and offshore wind. Signature sponsors are solar installation company Revision Energy, N.E.T.R. Inc. Heating & Cooling Systems, and National Grid.

Exhibition highlights include a display of electric cars and The Repair Café, staffed by more than 20 experienced Repairers. Visitors may bring a small, clean item in need of a free repair. Food is provided by For The Love of Food and Drink, in Wells, Maine, who specializes in scratch recipes, seasonal ingredients, gluten- free, vegan and vegetarian food.

This dynamic event brings together exhibitors and sponsors from today's vibrant industries of solar installation, home energy performance, weatherization, local farming, energy efficient windows, green roofs, green architecture, and composting services. Other sponsors include Amesbury Industrial Supplies, Andrew Sidford Architects, Apex Green Roofs, Beach Plum Flowers, Castagna Construction Eastern Insurance, Energy Source, Graf Architects, Green Cocoon, GZA Geo Environmental Inc., Hall & Moskow, Home Works Energy, INroof Solar, Lombardi Oil & Gas, Mark Richey, Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, Woodworking, North Shore Home Energy, RevolouSun, Serv Pro, Sun Bug Solar, Swasy & Alexander, Wheelabator, and Window Woman.

Our present and future come to life through non-profit exhibits, where visitors will learn about clean water, natural resource conservation, preventing environmental degradation, resiliency, organic and local food production, transportation, waste reduction options, renewable energy production, reducing energy use in buildings and homes, and quality of life. Non-profit exhibitors include the C-10 Research and Education, Essex County Greenbelt, Gulf of Maine Institute (G.O.M.I), Ipswich River Watershed Association, Mass Audubon – Joppa Flats Education Center, Mass Bikes, Merrohawke Nature School, Newburyport Environmental Club, Newburyport Livable Streets, Newburyport Stormwater Management Public Education, Nourishing the North Shore, Our Neighbor's Table, Parker River Clean Water Association, Storm Surge, TinkerHaus, Transition Newburyport, and Women In Action Huddle.

Media sponsors are Mechanica, Newburyport.com, and The Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce. Exhibitor contact is David Chatfield at dchats21@gmail.com or 978-289-2112. A complete list of speakers, exhibitors, and events can be found at on the website www.GreaterNewburyportGreenExpo.com. Like us on Facebook, Greater-Newburyport-Green-Expo.

About the Greater Newburyport Green Expo: Come join us at the Greater Newburyport Green Expo on April 11, from 4-8 PM at the Rupert A. Nock Middle School. It's a fun and free event to bring our community together to discuss climate change solutions, learn about the City of Newburyport's energy, recycling, waste and sustainability programs, plans and goals, and determine the actions we can personally take to contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable, healthier world for everyone. For more information: www.GreaterNewburyportGreenExpo.com

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