



Go Solar TKPK! Event Agenda

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Location: Auditorium, Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912)

Overview: In line with the City of Takoma Park’s climate goals, the city supports the transition to clean energy, especially solar. This info session will build on past similar events, and will educate residents about the upcoming solar co-op campaign with Solar United Neighbors, offer information on community solar, and clean energy options overall. The expected audience for this event are residents of the City and surrounding area, consisting of both owners and renters.

Community Partners: The City has invited the following community partners to participate in this event:

- Del. Lorig Charkoudian
- Capital Area Solar Switch
- Solar United Neighbors
- Neighborhood Sun
- Energy Sage
- Montgomery County DEP/Montgomery Energy Connection

VIPs: Maryland State Delegate from District 20, Lorig Charkoudian, may speak on the topic of the new Community Choice Energy (CCE) from the bill passed in 2021. City staff will also invite Takoma Park Mayor Talisha Searcy, as well as all City Council members to attend.

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6:45 PM- 7:00 PM	Volunteers- Event check-in (2 tables)
7:00 PM-7:05 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dory Estrada -Welcome Remarks • Introduction of speakers
7:05 PM-7:20 PM	Remarks from Del. Lorig Charkoudian on Community Choice Energy (CCE) and upcoming pilot in Montgomery County; 10 minutes of Q&A
7:20 PM-7:55 PM	Presentation from Scott Anis from iChoosr/Solar United Neighbors (Solar co-op)- Covering process, technology, financing, options for battery storage, and EV charging. Q&A included.
7:55 PM- 8:15 PM	Presentation from Janani Ravi from Neighborhood Sun on Community Solar.
8:15 PM-8:35 PM	Presentation from Larissa Johnson of Montgomery Energy Connection + potential rep. from Energy Sage - how to make sure you’re getting renewable energy at any stage in your electrification journey.
8:40 PM- 9:00 PM	Panel Spotlight- Local residents share their experience with rooftop solar & community solar touching on the following topics (approx. 5 minutes each). Facilitated by Dory Estrada . -Randy Gibson - RECS and personal experience with rooftop solar -Walter Mulbry - Home electrification and rooftop solar -Joel Rosenberg - Subscribing to community solar
9:00 PM- 9:05 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks • Plug for upcoming events- April 6th Green & Healthy Homes Fair in DC, Earth Day Event on April 20th



COMMON FAQs for PRESENTERS TO ADDRESS:

- What's the difference between a solar Co-op and Community Solar?
- Do I need to have a brand new roof before I can get solar?
- Where can I find a reputable solar installer?
- My roof can't support solar—how can I still get clean energy?
- Can I remove trees on my property in order to install solar panels on my roof?

- What is the amount of tax credits I can get by going solar? Is it only if I install rooftop solar?
- Is it better to own the system myself or have a 3rd party operate it?
- How will my electricity bill look if I get solar?
- Is the \$1,000 Maryland solar rebate ending in July?
- What's the average payback period for a single family home?

- What are RECs and how do they work?
- How do I know if I'm on the DC feeder line to benefit with RECs?
- What happens to my solar system and RECs when I sell my home?

- How do I know I'm getting a fair deal in Community Solar?
- How can I switch to clean electricity? How do I know I'm getting a fair deal?
- Are more community solar farms coming to Montgomery County?
- What's the timeline for the Community Choice Pilot in the County?

Slides and Presentation Logistics:

This event will be live-streamed on Takoma Park City TV. Please send slides to dorothee@takomaparkmd.gov by Friday, March 8th so that our AV staff have time to compile them ahead of the event on March 12th.

Presenters are requested to join in-person at the Takoma Park Community Center unless otherwise arranged. A podium, projector, and mic will all be provided.

For presenters joining online, please register for the virtual meeting at [this link](#). A panelist invitation will also be forthcoming to you via email.



Parking:

Due to the ongoing construction of the new Takoma Park Library, parking at the Community Center (7500 Maple Ave) is limited. Some spaces are available in the back of the Community Center adjacent to Grant Avenue, and some spaces in front of the police station. Additional spaces are available in the adjacent Piney Branch Elementary School lot, or street parking on Maple Ave.



Takoma Park Maryland Library Construction Parking Plan

