



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester

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SEN. SHELLEY MAYER LEADS COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS ON NEW LEGISLATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y., October 1, 2019 – Legislation to reduce greenhouse gases and the region’s carbon footprint, passed by the New York State Assembly in June, will be the subject of a community gathering to which the public is invited to meet key players, ask questions, and take advantage of programs that are available right now to reduce their energy costs.

“New York State’s Energy Goals and You,” a community event co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester (UUFNW) and Bedford 2020, will take place on Sunday, October 6, from 12 noon to 2PM at the UUFNW, 236 South Bedford Rd., in Mount Kisco. The event, which includes a complimentary lunch, is free and open to the public.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer will talk about the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, the groundbreaking legislation enacted this summer that positions New York State as a leader in combating climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Participants will learn how they can take advantage of programs available right now that can help them reduce home energy usage, including some that are offered free or at reduced cost to participants who qualify.

Also speaking at the event will be Danielle Salisbury, Environment and Energy Resource Educator at Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension, who will outline strategies and best practices to reduce energy loss in a home or apartment.

Representatives from Con Edison, NYSEERDA, NYSEG, HeatSmart, and Sustainable Westchester will moderate breakout sessions. Information tables will provide practical information about energy-efficient tools and practices, including smart meters, community solar projects, and heat pumps, as well as state-sponsored programs and incentives designed to help citizens save money and energy.

“This event is a perfect fit for the mission of the UUFNW Energy Justice Committee. We want to give everyone, regardless of income, a chance to take advantage of ways to save energy,” said Carolyn Sears, committee chair. “The goal is to provide practical, actionable strategies that reduce energy loss and save money. Combating climate change reflects the core values of our congregation and our denomination.”

About the UUFNW

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester, founded in 1957, is a congregation of around 120 members currently led by Reverend Michael Tino. It is a religious community where questions are welcomed and answers are diverse. We ground our faith in love, justice, freedom, and responsibility. We invite all to worship, learn, and celebrate with us, regardless of the many things that divide us in our world. Worship is held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM, and all are welcome to join. Learn more at <http://www.uufellowship.org/>.

About Bedford 2020

Bedford 2020 was created in Bedford, N.Y., in 2010 with a focus on community engagement, education, and the creation of grassroots support for climate change projects. Through programs in five action areas – Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy, Food & Agriculture, Transportation, Waste & Recycling, and Water & Land Use – Bedford 2020 works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make a difference in the community. Learn more at <http://bedford2020.org/>.