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Sustainability Fair and EV EXPO promotes Clean & Green Living!

Save the date for the annual Sustainability Fair and EV EXPO **Saturday, September 21, 2024**, from **8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** in the South Railroad Parking Lot, Chatham Borough. The rain date will be Saturday, September 28.

This popular annual community event organized by the Environmental Commissions of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township will showcase local businesses and organizations focused on living a clean and green life in the Chathams. This year's theme "Clean & Green" is the initiative to encourage a move towards clean energy use.

Visitors to the Fair can learn about converting their home to run on solar power, and which New Jersey Clean Energy programs are designed to make your home energy-efficient and cheaper to run. You may sign up for a home energy audit to show where leaky windows or inefficient appliances are costing you money. There will be information available on household battery and polystyrene #6 recycling, check out refillable household cleaners, and browse gifts made from upcycled materials.

Gardeners can sample a display of battery- and electric-operated garden care equipment, together with demonstrators on hand grow an eco-friendly garden, how to choose and nurture native plants and support wildlife, birds, butterflies and pollinators.

There will be many local groups in attendance, including the Sierra Club, Quiet Communities, and Climate Action Lobby will showcase their activities. The Great Swamp Water Association will distribute hiking maps, area walks, and nature guides to local areas of natural beauty. Several representatives from the wonderful Morris County Park system will inspire you to get out and enjoy our local parks, forests and lakes.

There will be live exhibits from the Chatham Beekeeping Club, Morris County Mosquito division, and the Dept of Wildlife mobile unit. A performance by local musicians is also planned.

The Fair, which will again run in tandem with the Farmers' Market, will also feature two areas devoted to electric vehicles. In one area, local dealerships will take part in an "EV EXPO" to show off exciting new models of fully electric cars and bicycles. Attendees are expected to include Audi, Honda, Lucid, Mini, Polestar, Porsche, Toyota, VW, Volvo, and more. Rutgers University Racing Team will be on hand to showcase their amazing solar race car.

Drivers with questions on driving electric may talk candidly to current owners showing off their own vehicles at the "National Drive Electric Week" stand. Come and see the fully electric Rivian, Tesla, Kia, Lucid, Mustang Mach-E and Ioniq, among others. Find out about battery range and the nation's charging networks from those who know from the NJEVA. Residents with their own plug-in cars are encouraged to bring their vehicles and join the show.

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