

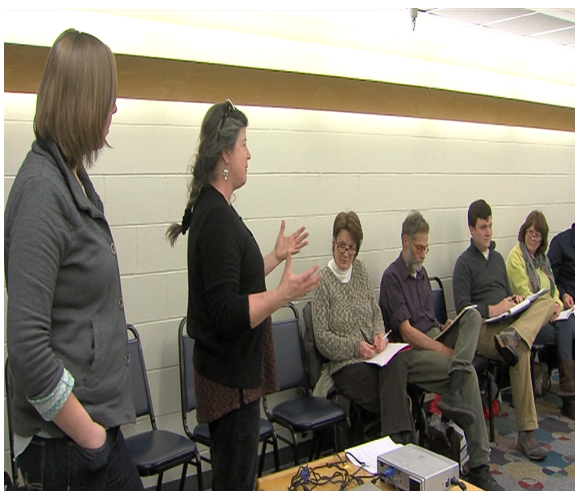
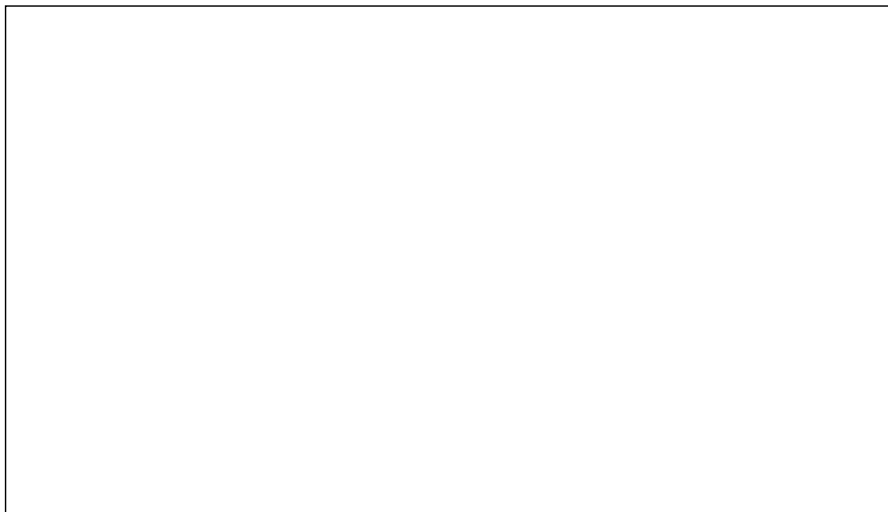


Non-Profit Organization Talks Ways To Lower Utility Bills

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You are sure to see an increase in your next power bill with the very cold temperatures recently. One group in Morgantown discussed ways to lower the utility bills, Thursday night.

Community Power Network is a non-profit organization that manages the WV Sun Program which helps communities go solar. The meeting focused on organizing a group of twenty or more homes to install solar power. If you do it as a group, you can save up to 30% of the cost of what it would be individually.

Organizer Anya Schoolman explained the process of going solar. "You're still connected to the grid just like normal but now you have solar on your roof. Just like someone might want to help their heating bills with a wood stove, solar is the same way. It lowers the electricity you have to pay for, but it's seamless. When you're making electricity on your roof, you're making that first. At night when the sun is down...you use the regular grid," she said.

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The group is urging the Governor to veto House Bill 2201 which WV Sun says will eliminate the benefits of going solar. To learn more, go to www.wvsun.org.

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