

New Solar Co-op Plans Second Meeting

Neighbors in Rockbridge County are forming a solar co-op to save money and make going solar easier, while building a network of solar supporters. The co-op, to be called the Rockbridge Area Solar Co-op, is partnering with VA SUN, a non-profit organization that helps Virginia communities adopt solar energy. VA SUN has successful programs underway throughout the state, including Augusta County.

An informational meeting about the new co-op will be held Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the old county courthouse in Lexington.

The co-op is being established with the help of Bob Biersack and Chris Wise, with the support of the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council. Main Street Lexington, the Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund and the local chamber of commerce have also signed on as co-sponsors. An initial meeting about the new co-op was held Sept. 9, with about 80 people expressing interest so far.

"We're forming this co-op to make saving money with solar energy as simple as possible," explained Biersack. "Working with the group helps members learn about

the technology so they feel confident in their decision to go solar."

The concept of a local solar co-op is fairly simple, the organizers state. Interested home and business owners form a co-op for the purpose of achieving cost reductions saving money from through bulk purchasing and reduced business soft costs. Co-ops also provide solar education and support. The local co-op will be called the Rockbridge Area Solar Co-op, although people in Allegheny, Bath and Highland Counties may also be able to participate. The co-op

will use a competitive bidding process to select a single company that will install systems on all of the participating homes and businesses. Each participant signs his or her own contract with the installer, but everyone gets the bulk discount. Throughout the process, VA SUN will help develop and manage the co-op and provide education and technical assistance.

For more information, visit the RACC website at <http://rockbridgeconservation.org/> or go to the Rockbridge Area Co-op's page at vasun.org.

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This beautiful, serene acreage includes a 4 acre spring fed lake, a cabin w/attached shelter and surrounded by mature hardwood timber. The 180 acres are described in Botetourt County real estate records as Tax Map 51 – 50. This historic property, formerly owned by the Va. Skyline Girl Scout Council, offers panoramic views, walk in cave, good roads, electricity on the property, excellent hunting and is close to James River High School, town of Buchanan and James River access points.

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Relationship Violence Prevention Workshop Slated At DSLCC

A workshop aimed at helping to end relationship violence will be held at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Moomaw Center on the main campus in Clifton Forge and the DSLCC Rockbridge Regional Center in Buena Vista.

The "Escalation Workshop" is sponsored by the One Love Foundation, created in 2010

in memory of Yeadley Love, who was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend only weeks before her graduation from the University of Virginia.

One in three women and one in four men in the U.S. will be in a violent relationship in his or her lifetime and young women and men ages 16-24 are at a three times greater risk. The goal of the workshop is to end relationship violence by

educating, empowering and activating young people in a movement for social change. Participants will learn how to recognize an abusive relationship and how to intervene, for themselves or a friend.

The workshop includes the screening of a film, "Escalation," and a guided discussion. Training for on-campus facilitators will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 509

on the DSLCC Clifton Forge Campus. Designed primarily for students, faculty and staff may also attend, and registration for the training will occur at the workshop. Lunch will be served for all workshop participants at 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact

DSLCC Student Services at (540) 863-2828 or cboteler@dslcc.edu.

Fuel Assistance Available Through Social Services

Now through Friday, Nov. 13, fuel assistance applications through the Virginia Department of Social Services' Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are being accepted at all local departments of social services and online.

The Energy Assistance Program assists eligible households with the costs of home energy sources, including electricity, natural and liquid propane gas, oil, kerosene, coal and wood. The program is funded by the

LIHEAP block grant, which provides funds to states to assist low-income households in meeting their home energy needs.

"LIHEAP households are among the most vulnerable in the country," said Margaret Schultze, Virginia Department of Social Services Commissioner. "Without the ability to heat their homes, many seniors and low-income families could face months of unbearable temperatures."

To qualify for fuel assistance, the maximum gross

monthly income for a one-person household cannot exceed \$1,276. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income is \$2,628. Last year, nearly 128,000 households received assistance.

Families and individuals can apply through their local department of social services office. To apply online or to check eligibility for services, visit the CommonHelp website at <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>.

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Rockbridge County Tax Delinquent Real Estate.... AT AUCTION!!

Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 11:00 A.M.
Special Commissioner's Public Sale of Real Estate!

Circuit Court Room of the Rockbridge County Courthouse
 20 South Randolph Street, 3rd Floor, Lexington, Virginia 22405
"25 Properties To Be Sold! Small lots to 4+/- Acres"

At the request of the Special Commissioner, & by Order of The Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, the following described real estate will be offered to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION...**

Parcel 1 (Preston Carter et al.): Tax Map No 0260A00A0000040 Vacant Land on Brownsburg Turnpike; Walkers Creek District, near Brownsburg

Parcel 2 (Jarvis Jenkins): Tax Map No 0090000A00000330 .75 ac +/- on Little River Road, Walkers Creek District; near Goshen

Parcel 3 (Mary A. Price, et al.): Tax Map No 1170A0040000020 1.92 ac +/- near Colen Hollow Road, Natural Bridge District; in Arnold's Valley

Parcel 4 (Annie Hershberger Thomas, et al.): Tax Map No 1170A00600000040 4.179 ac +/- near Colen Hollow Road, Natural Bridge District; in Arnold's Valley

Parcel 5 (Paul Smothers, et al.): Tax Man No 012A500401500090 Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Block 15 on Maury River Road; Walkers Creek District in the Town of Goshen

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The Greens

Desirable one level living custom home in the Greens subdivision. Home is situated on the 18th fairway with easy access to the Lexington Golf & Country Club. Living room with gas fireplace & cathedral ceilings, dining room, eat-in kitchen, office, bonus room & master suite. Wood floors throughout, high ceilings & upgraded kitchen. \$449,000

Castlewood Farm

Country estate with amazing 3000+ SF home on over 49 acres with breathtaking panoramic mtn views enjoyed from 10' wide wrap around porch! Peaceful location situated well off the main road provides privacy in an idyllic & serene setting. Picturesque waterfall, cave & koi pond on property. Large horse barn & separate outbuilding. \$585,000

Deerfield Valley - 106 Acres

106 ac of recreational property, nestled in the rolling landscape of western Augusta near Deerfield. 3 separate living quarters with full home amenity package. Secluded, yet accessible via intricate trail network perfect for hunting, hiking, or ATVs. Stocked trout pond. \$324,900

3435 Forge Road

One level living in this custom built 3 BR, 2 BA. Many great features include custom hickory cabinets with granite counters, hickory hardwood floors, open floor plan w/ handicap assessable doors, showers & outdoor space. Mature perennial gardens. \$284,500

1730 Stuartsburg Road

Only 2 mi. from City of Lexington on 2.68 ac. LR w/gas fireplace, cathedral ceiling, spacious kit & master suite. Gorgeous wood floors! Recently finished bonus rm w/full bath. Covered porches, expansive back deck. Lg. fully fenced yard! \$348,700

30 Fox Run Trail

Peacefully situated on 4.9 private ac this home offers country living mins. from downtown Lexington. Great room w/ cathedral ceiling, cozy loft, open kit with new appliances & wood floors throughout. Screened in porch, deck & in ground pool. \$189,000

2435 Birch Avenue

Beautifully maintained 4BR/2BA Cape Cod on a well landscaped lot. Large kitchen with hardwood floors & stainless steel appliances. Large deck off kitchen. Full unfinished basement has great potential. Separate area for workshop and storage. \$194,000

2525 Racey Drive

Home in beautiful Racey Acres offers 4BR/2BA on .90 ac with private back patio surrounded by woods. Gallery style kitchen with tile floor, DR, & spacious LR. FR & laundry room on lower level. 2 car garage w/workshop. Many recent upgrades. \$165,000

FARMS & LAND

Garden Mountain - 12 Acres

12 acres of maturely forested parcel with long frontage on Garden Mountain Road in beautiful Northern Botetourt County. \$27,900

Twin Oaks - 2.60 Acres

Own a piece of the country to build your dream home but be only minutes from Lexington! Mtn views & underground utilities. Protective covenants apply. Add'l land available! \$50,000

Turnpike Road - 19 Acres

Adjacent to the Lake Robertson Rec Area. Walking distance to all of Lake Robertson's amenities, including fishing, canoeing, tennis, swimming pool, volleyball, and hiking trails! \$144,000

Woodland Ave - 1.13 Acres

Private, wooded lot located in the Saverlake Subdivision in Buena Vista. Level building lot offers 1.13 ac of mature trees. Priced to sell below the assessed value! \$39,500

Walnut Knob Trail - 24 Acres

Private, mature hardwoods with exceptional building site & significant boundary with National Forest. Ideal for building, hunting, & a multitude of recreational opportunities. \$81,840

Turnpike Road - 20 Acres

Great hilltop building site with mtn views. Peaceful & private atop this 20.83 ac parcel. Fronts on Turnpike Rd & Smith Hollow with a seasonal creek flowing along the edge. \$149,000

East Ridge Drive - 2.16 Acres

Nice building lot with a good mix of woods & open land located minutes from Lexington. There is a well already installed but no documentation. Add'l land available. \$40,000

Dogwood Estates - 4.79 Acres

Nice sloping lot with wonderful building site in magnificent, mature hardwoods. Nice seasonal views of House Mountain. Great location in Dogwood Estates. \$89,000

Farmhouse Road - 20 Acres

20 acres on the crystal clear waters of Taylor Branch, an ever-flowing mtn spring branch. Fine rolling fields & woods w/ elevated building sites commanding great mtn views. \$152,900

Wildlife Country - 29 Acres

29 acres of wildlife country with nice mature woods, trails, mountain views and long road frontage. Great hunting area. \$45,000

Dogwood Estates - 4.57 Acres

Gently sloping parcel with mature hardwoods provides exceptional privacy and quiet on Deer Drive. Enjoy peaceful country living just minutes from Lexington. \$115,000

E Midland Trail - 88 Acres

Excellent elevations w/ Blue Ridge Mtn views. Easy access to scattered meadows & mature woods providing a superb wildlife habitat. Old two story farmhouse may be restorable. \$319,000

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