

## Solar co-op launches for Dallas and DeSoto residents to go solar

Dallas, TX— Dallas area residents looking to install solar panels for the best rate can now sign up for free for the Dallas and DeSoto Solar Co-op. There are spots available for 43 more residents or business owners to join.

The co-op, run by the nonprofit Solar United Neighbors (SUN) and other local organizations, is free to join and open to homeowners and business owners in DeSoto and Dallas. Together, co-op members will learn about solar energy and leverage bulk purchasing to ensure competitive pricing and quality solar installations. Depending on interest and the installer the group selects, members may have the option to install batteries and electric vehicle chargers along with solar.

This opportunity comes shortly after Congress passed COVID-19 relief legislation that extends the federal solar Investment Tax Credit. It was previously set to decrease from 26% in 2020 to 22% in 2021 and to end at the end of this year. However, with the new legislation, the tax credit will remain at 26%, which could help residents save a few hundred dollars more, making this the opportune time to go solar.

“Now is the time to go solar. The co-op will enable Dallas and DeSoto homeowners and business owners to join the growing community of people taking control of their long-term energy costs by harnessing solar power,” said Hanna Mitchell, Solar United Neighbors Texas Program Director. “Together, we’re building a movement to transform our electricity system into one that is fairer while spurring investment in local, clean energy jobs.”

SUN is hosting an online webinar about solar energy and how the solar co-op works. This webinar is free and open to the public and will take place on Monday, January 11 at 12:00pm. “I hope more people can learn about the benefits of solar through this initiative and see if it makes sense for them,” said DeSoto resident and local solar champion, Twunna Collins. “I’ve been talking to my neighbors about solar and I look forward to seeing them on the first webinar.”

After a competitive bidding process facilitated by SUN, co-op members will select a single solar company to complete the individual installations for each member.

Joining the co-op does not obligate members to purchase solar. Instead, members will have the option to individually purchase panels and electric vehicle chargers based on the installer’s group rate.

Partnering on the co-op are En-

vironment Texas, TexPIRG, Citizen’s Climate Lobby DFW, and Movement Mentality.

“We are enthusiastic about partnering with SUN for another solar co-op in Texas,” said Luke Metzger, executive director of Environment Texas. “People who learn about solar and join the co-op are participating in an important step to support clean air, clean water, and a clean energy future for everyone—one rooftop at a time.”

“As a grassroots network of local activists, we stand for local solutions to address climate change,” said Ram Ramisetty with Citizens Climate Lobby, DFW. “Whether or not you go solar, this is a great opportunity to learn more since the co-op and information sessions are free to join and can help spark more conversations and collaborative change down the road.”

“We hope people will tune in to see how they can take control of their energy bills for years to come,” said Bay Scoggin, director of TexPIRG. “Participating in co-ops is a great way for consumers to get extra value out of going solar. When it comes to playing in the sun, the more the merrier!”

“We are only able to reach people where they are, when we ourselves are willing to serve,” said Gabrielle Dawn Chè with Movement Mentality. “When you serve others, you are acknowledging that all are worthy of every good thing. And we hope every good thing includes better access to solar for everyone.”

SUN has hosted seven solar co-ops in Texas since December 2018. According to the group’s estimates, the homes and businesses that now have solar panels because of co-ops represent: 395 kW of solar power, over \$1 million in local solar spending, and more than 12 million lbs. of lifetime carbon offsets.

Individuals interested in going solar can sign up for the co-op or one of the upcoming information sessions at the co-op web page: <http://solarunitedneighbors.org/dallasdesoto>

*About Solar United Neighbors*  
Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in Texas and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters.

*Solar co-ops are part of the organization’s mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.*

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## City of Glenn Heights



### Notice of City of Glenn Heights Special Election – February 2, 2021

### Aviso de Elección Especial de la Ciudad de Glenn Heights -2 de Febrero de 2021

**To the registered voters of the County of Dallas, Texas and County of Ellis, Texas:**

*A los votantes registrados del Condado de Dallas, Texas y Condado de Ellis, Texas:*

**The City of Glenn Heights Special Election to fill a vacancy for the purpose of electing At-Large Council Member Place 3, Unexpired Term.** *La Ciudad de Glenn Heights elección especial para llenar una vacante con el propósito de elegir miembro del consejo del lugar 3, duración restante del cargo.*

**Notice is hereby given of state law for acceptable credentials for voting in person. A voter will be required to show one of the seven approved forms of photo identification or voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID will be able to execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and provide a supporting form of identification.**

*Aviso-por este medio se da aviso de la ley del Estado para las credenciales aceptables para votar en persona. Un votante tendrá que mostrar una de las siete formas aprobadas de identificación con foto o los votantes que no poseen y que razonablemente no pueden obtener una de las siete formas de identificación con fotografía aprobada podrán ejecutar una Declaración de Impedimento Razonable y proporcionar un formulario de respaldo de identificación.*

**All eligible registered voters may vote at the below listed Early Voting Vote Center. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:**

*Todos los votantes registrados elegibles registrados pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes locales de votación anticipada. La votación adelantada en persona tendrá lugar en:*

**Main Location: Lugar principal:**

**Dallas County: el Condado de Dallas, Texas:**

**Glenn Heights Senior Center (Craft Room) 1932 S Hampton Rd Glenn Heights, TX 75154**

**Ellis County: el Condado de Ellis, Texas:**

**Glenn Heights Senior Center (Classroom) 1932 S Hampton Rd Glenn Heights, TX 75154**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021 through Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Monday, January 25, 2021 through Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Thursday, January 28, 2021 and Friday, January 29, 2021**

**7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

*miércoles, 20 de enero de 2021 hasta sábado, 23 de enero de 2021*

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

*domingo, 24 de enero de 2021*

**1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

*lunes, 25 de enero de 2021 hasta miércoles, 27 de enero de 2021*

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

*jueves, 28 de enero de 2021 y viernes, 29 de enero de 2021*

**7:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

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