



EVENT DETAILS

Thursday, August 11th, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 pm

New Hampshire Estates Neighborhood Park

8825 Piney Branch Road (corner of University Blvd E. & Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring)

PROGRAM

6:00- 6:30 pm **Welcome and Overview Presentations from Resource Booths**

Welcome- Delegate Lorig Charkoudian (District 20)

6:30- 8:00 **Visit resource booths to sign up for energy assistance, weatherization, efficiency upgrades, and community solar programs. There will also be free food, giveaways, and activities for children.**

Resource Booth Organizations:

- **Solar United Neighbors**

- Programs available to: Maryland residents with a utility bill

Community solar makes it possible for anyone with an electric bill to access local solar energy, even if you can't put panels on your rooftop. You subscribe to a "share" in a local and offsite community solar project. Prices associated with these programs are lower than regulated utility rates.

- **PEPCO**

- Programs available to: Pepco account holders

Through the EmPOWER Maryland programs, Pepco account holders have a variety of energy efficiency programs available to reduce your home energy use, save money, and make your living spaces more comfortable. Many programs are available at no additional cost. They will be highlighting their energy efficiency programs and electric vehicle programs. They will also provide information about the solar interconnection process and sign-ups for free home energy audits.

- **Montgomery County Dept. of Environment, Montgomery County Energy Connection**

- Programs available to: All Montgomery County residents

Montgomery County Energy Connection is a program of the County Government and community partners. It was created to provide customized education on the benefits of energy efficiency, availability of programs, and opportunities for assistance unique to our region. They will be providing home weatherization kits.

- **Maryland Dept. of Housing & Community Development-**

- Programs available to: Income qualifying residents

DHCD helps limited income households make improvement to make their homes safer and to lower home energy usage. Their programs may cover installation of energy efficiency materials (insulation and air sealing) and equipment (hot water systems, furnace installation and cleaning, refrigerator and lighting retrofits) at no charge, depending on existing conditions.

- **Public Service Commission**

- Information applicable to: All Maryland residents

The Maryland Public Service Commission ensures that rates, terms, and conditions established for public service companies are just, reasonable, and transparent. They also create standards and policies that protect the safety of the public. They will provide contact information for their Consumer Affairs Division in case of unresolved issues with your utility company such as billing discrepancies, meter issues, customer service issues, delays in repairs, and service quality issues.

- **Green and Healthy Homes Initiative**

- Information applicable to: Income qualifying individuals

GHHI is a national program dedicated to creating healthy, safe, and energy efficiency homes. They use funding from private and public sources to support low-income residents to create healthier environments free of home health hazards.

- **Office of People's Counsel**

- Information applicable to: All Maryland residents

This independent state agency is here to help you with your complex home energy utility issues. They represent Maryland residential customers before the Public Service Commission and can provide help navigating complaints against utilities or third-party energy suppliers.

- **Office of Home Energy Programs, MD Energy Assistance**

- Programs available to: Income qualifying residents

OHEP provides utility bill assistance grants to eligible households. These grants make home energy costs more affordable and prevent the loss of home energy service. Applicants do not need a utility turn-off notice to apply for energy assistance grants. Energy assistance will not reduce the amount of any other public assistance benefits you receive, such as TCA, SNAP, or Social Security benefits.

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Information on LIHWAP program- **WATER BILL ASSISTANCE**
- Rent-based Utility Bill Assistance

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

facepainting
crafts
games with prizes
playground on site

ACCESS

By car: Parking at Clifton Park Baptist Church, 8818 Piney Branch Rd. (cross Piney Branch & follow path into the park)

By Metro Bus: #14, 15, 16, 20

Rain Location: Clifton Park Baptist Church Gymnasium
Restroom access also located inside Clifton Park Baptist Church.

For more information about this event or support accessing energy assistance programs, please contact:

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