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## Message from the Committee...

Greetings Neighbors,

Our committee has had an active summer – planning educational events, installing an EV Charger at Town Hall, working on a Community GHG Inventory report and applying for grants for geothermal at the North Salem Community Center.

### Upcoming Events



#### **Ride and Drive Expo September 30th**

The Climate Smart Community Leadership Committee will be co-sponsoring a [Ride and Drive Expo](#) with Bedford 2030 on September 30, 2023 at John Jay Homestead from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event will feature today's latest EV car models including the all-electric Hummer and the Rivian pick-up truck. There will be a fully electric Bee-Line transit bus, electric bikes from a local shop, and local EV owners.

#### **Clean Heating & Cooling Workshop November 2nd**

The Climate Smart Community Leadership Committee will be holding a panel discussion on November 2, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the new Community Center at 3 Owens Road. Come join us for light hors d'oeuvres and to learn about solar, heat pumps, geothermal and the benefits of insulation. More details to come...

### Recent Events



On August 23, Chairwoman Daniels and Supervisor Lucas attended an event in Ossining where NY State Senator Peter Harckham announced that North Salem and other towns in his District will each receive \$100,000 in funding for electrification projects under the Community Resilience, Economic Sustainability and Technology Grant ("CREST"). Click [here](#) for more information. The Town of North Salem plans to use the grant toward the cost of installing a geothermal heating and cooling system at the new Community Center at 3 Owens Road.

### **Westchester County Passes "Upon Request" Law Aimed at Reducing Foodware Waste**

Beginning September 2, 2023, no food service establishment within Westchester County may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to dine-in or take-away customers *unless requested*. This pertains to items such as forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets.

This law upholds existing safety protocols for utensil storage within food service establishments and maintains standards of cleanliness upheld by the Department of Health. Food service establishments are required to display a sign provided by the County informing customers that plastic utensils, condiments, and straws are available only upon request. This law aims to address the billions of single-use plastic items that are thrown away in Westchester each year.



**- Program Coordinator Katherine Daniels & CSC Members**

## Trip to Materials Recovery Facility

Committee Members took a repeat visit to the Win Waste Materials Recovery Facility in Stamford, Connecticut, and learned a lot about recycling...

The Committee had three critical takeaways:

- 1** NO plastic bags can go into recycling - not with paper - not with bottles and cans - plastic bags must be removed from the recycling stream by hand which is costly and slows down the process.
- 2** Glass/plastic bottles and paper cartons should be clean and put into recycling without lids.
- 3** Don't put metal objects or concrete into the recycling - it damages costly sorting machines.



### We can't do this without you! Please join us:

- Join [Community Solar](#), a clean energy program where you will see substantial savings.
- Join the [Clean Heating and Cooling Energy Efficiency](#) Campaign.
- E-subscribe to our news at [www.northsalemny.org](http://www.northsalemny.org)
- Visit our [webpage](#) to learn more about energy saving initiatives, waste reduction ideas, healthy gardens, etc.



## POLLINATOR PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Pollinator Pathways are public and private pesticide-free corridors of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds. Even the smallest green spaces, like flower boxes and curb strips, can be part of a pathway.

### North Salem Pathway

The North Salem Pollinator Pathway is an initiative taken by North Salem Open Land Foundation (NSOLF) and its partners in hopes of engaging and educating the North Salem community about the relationship between native plants and pollinators. The goal is to maintain a pollinator-friendly environment by creating a corridor of interconnected properties – both private and public – that encourages the use of native plants and supports and promotes biodiversity.

[Click here to join or to learn more.](#)

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