

Welcome to *Green Marlborough's* Newsletter

Green Marlborough's newest venture

With the start of an exciting new year, and kicking off Green Marlborough's third year, it seemed the perfect time to branch out into something new. Green Marlborough will now publish a quarterly newsletter to support local businesses and residences, and share ideas for saving energy.

Many people are to be thanked who have helped – whether directly or indirectly with large or small contributions – to achieving successful community environmental efforts. As founder of "Green Marlborough", a business owner and conference director, I now focus on the need for community service and environmental leadership.

This newsletter provides a guide to reducing waste, saving energy, or just enjoying the local green spaces in our community. Whether you are the manager of a condominium or a small business, a parent with school children, or someone living and working in town, there are plenty of great resources in our community to share with you.

I look forward to continuing to work with talented individuals who assist in educating and guiding others interested in greener living.

Please join us for our monthly meetings at 7 PM at the Marlborough Public Library every second Thursday of the month.

Jen Boudrie, Green Marlborough founder.



Home Weatherization – *Local Warming*

The cold winter weather provides a great opportunity to examine each room in your home, insulate against cold leaks and close off unused rooms to eliminate any drafts. This yields immediate results in energy and costs savings.

Featured Business – *Monnick Supply*

Monnick Supply
Paul Montalbano, Owner
222 Boston Post Road Plaza, Route 20

Monnick Supply, a local hardware store, has many products for weatherizing the home.

Q: "What are some home weatherization tips?"

A: "The best thing you can do is take care of your doors and windows. If you were to pick

one thing, put plastic over windows. You'll save a lot if you seal the windows; especially in the older homes we have around here. Also seal the air leaks around doors, attic hatches in the ceilings, seal cracks and insulate pipes. Gas and utility companies will do a free energy audit to locate where your heat loss is." ❖

♣ *Did you know* you could drop off your old household batteries at Monnick Supply?

Featured Resident – *Green Retraining*

Alan Winn has been a biotech lab support technician at Serono and at Evergreen Solar. Currently, he's a student in a Residential Weatherization retraining program at Quinsigamond Community College.

Q: "How did you hear about the weatherization retraining program?"

A: "I'm interested in the green industry and heard about green collar jobs. My neighbor mentioned an upcoming class, *Weatherization & Home Energy Auditing*, taught at Quinsigamond Community College. I attended a meeting to learn about this federally funded course and signed up. I will have a residential weatherization certificate this Spring." ❖



Free Energy Assessment Save Money This Winter!



National Grid and NStar Home Energy Audits

Marlborough residents and business owners can schedule a free home or business energy audit from National Grid and

NStar. A professional will provide recommendations after touring your place and analyzing the energy use. There are some free energy saving devices available and some installation products with a rebate of up to 70%! For Homes call: 866-527-7283. Small Businesses call: 800-332-3333 or visit: www.MassSave.org.

Low-income homeowners or renters can apply for FREE fuel assistance and FREE insulation, weather-stripping, doors, windows, and weatherization – up to \$10,000. The federal government has awarded SMOC \$5,000,000 and hired energy auditors and contractors to weatherize homes. Since 2009, this stimulus-funded program has weatherized five homes in Marlborough. Call Jamie O., SMOC Energy Services at: 866-397-8478, or visit: www.smoc.org.

Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET)

Recently, Green Marlborough organized a home weatherization project and the homeowner now enjoys a warmer, less drafty house with a 28% reduction in air infiltration. Photos at: www.GreenMarlborough.org. Would you like to join a team and learn to weatherize a home? Want your home weatherized? Call Jen Boudrie at 508-481-0569 or email: Jen@GreenMarlborough.org.

Some local stores with weatherization products: Home Depot, www.efi.org, & ProInsulators.com

Be an Energy Detective!

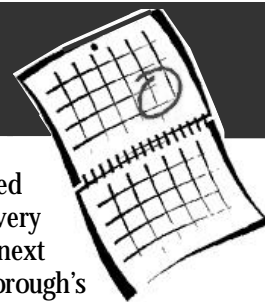
Want to know how much electricity you use? Be an energy detective with Kill-A-Watt! It's small gadget that measures the electricity usage of electronics and appliances. The Marlborough Public Library has two meters ready to loan to residents!



To reduce electricity cost by as much as 30%:

- Turn off unused lights
- Unplug unused electronics
- Dry clothes on clothes lines, racks or hangers

Upcoming Events



– Feb. 6, Sat. 9 a.m., Take a guided walk with Green Marlborough, every first Saturday of the month. The next walk will be at *The Desert*, Marlborough's largest conservation land. Visit www.GreenMarlborough.org

– Feb. 11, Thurs. 4:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m., Community Storm Water Solutions, Keeping Your Streams Alive. Doyle Conservation Center, 464 Abbott Ave., Leominster, MA. www.Commonwaters.org

– Apr. 6, Tues., 8 a.m.-4 p.m., MassRecycle, & MA Dept. of Environmental Protection, will host the Organics Recycling Summit, Double Tree Hotel, Westborough, MA. For more info visit: www.MassRecycle.org



– May 1, Sat., 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Marlborough Earth Day Fair at Ghiloni Park on Concord Road.

– TBA, Bike Marlborough, Community Gardens, visit www.GreenMarlborough.org for future dates.

RECYCLING IN MARLBOROUGH

Curbside recycling is offered to residents and is picked up every other week on trash collection day:

- ✓ Paper (newspaper, junk mail, office paper. you can recycle every scrap of paper.)
- ✓ Cardboard (Flatten it. Cut large pieces down to 3x3 square feet or less)
- ✓ Commingled items (glass, aluminum, plastic*)

* Plastic containers must have a triangle/number on the bottom. Plastic grocery store food containers are recyclable and plastic bags can be returned to the grocery store for recycling.

If you have one recycle bin, place commingled items on the bottom and paper on top. If you have two bins put paper in one bin and commingled items in the other.

Marlborough businesses, condominiums and apartment complexes can ask their trash removal service for a FREE recycle audit and recycling solutions for their tenants and businesses.

RECYCLING ORGANIZATIONS

For a list of places to donate goods in Massachusetts, visit Household Goods Recycling of MA at: www.hgrm.org/Donate/otherOrgs.html

For a guide to determine the value of tax-deductible items visit: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p561.pdf