



Town of Somers
Energy and Environment
Committee
February 2026 Newsletter

Repair Café is Coming to Somers!

The Repair Cafe is a welcoming neighborhood movement that began in the Netherlands in 2009 as an initiative of the then-journalist Martine Postma who thought it was a shame that we throw away so many things that could still be repaired. Martine wanted to offer an alternative: a welcoming place in the neighborhood where your broken item together with a skilled volunteer could be repaired. This became [Repair Café](#).

The Town of Somers Energy and Environment Committee is catching up to other Westchester County towns by offering a first time Repair Cafe, during Earth Week, on Sunday, April 19th at the Somers Library. Further details as to time and how to make an appointment will be email blasted by the Town.

In addition, a calendar of events happening in Town during Earth Week will be email blasted by the Town.

Did You Know That

In 2025, the Somers Building Department issued 8 permits for EV Chargers, 25 for Heat Pumps and for 16 Solar Panels.

For additional information on how to make your home more sustainable, go to [MyEnergy.ny.gov](https://myenergy.ny.gov).

A cleaner, more comfortable home starts here.



Home Shows + Energy Improvements = A Winning Combo

If you're planning to make upgrades this year, home shows are a great place to find renovation advice, inspiration, deals, demos, contractors and more!

Visit the NYSERDA booth to:

- **Discover ways your home could be wasting valuable energy**
- **Learn how to improve your home's comfort**
- **Understand the benefits of weatherization, heat pumps, induction cooktops, electric vehicles, and other clean energy technologies**
- **Enter for a chance to win an induction cooktop. One winner will be randomly selected and notified via email at the close of each home show.**

On March 13th and 14th, there will be a home show at Orange County Community College in Middletown, NY.

[Orange County Home Show | Good Living Expositions](#)

Sustainable Westchester's Community Solar

Sustainable Westchester has a new Community Solar opportunity for NYSEG customers, but spots are filling quickly — so we encourage you to enroll as soon as possible! By joining a Community Solar project, you can save up to 5% on your monthly electricity bill — no solar panels required. You'll support clean energy, lower your costs, and you can cancel at any time with no fees.

To enroll, visit www.SustainableWestchester.org/communitysolar, click Sign Up, and select the a NYSEG project. Remember there are no fees to join or cancel.

Questions? Contact solar@sustainablewestchester.org or 914-242-4725 ext. 112

Join the Somers Energy and Environment Committee

Volunteers are needed to make our Town more energy efficient and sustainable in the 21st Century. If you have a particular interest in energy efficiency at home or work, efficient transportation, use of renewable energy technology, recycling and waste management, sustainable food, composting, green building and land use please join us and help us assess as well as communicate these important quality of life issues for our Town, families and most of all children! The Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the Committee Secretary Denise Schirmer at dschirmer@somersny.gov for further information.

Don't Forget That

The Town of Somers has a Food Recycling Program at the Somers Highway Department seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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