

MEDIA ALERT

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Palo Alto Solar Rebates Soon Heading Off into the Sunset



Photo caption: 500th Solar System installation at Palo Alto home of local architect Dennis Kobza. This new system was replacing Mr. Kobza's aging 20 year-old solar system, which by cool coincidence was the first system to ever through the PV Partners solar rebate program.

Palo Alto Utilities' remaining residential solar PV system rebate funds aren't expected to last much longer---perhaps only a few months---and when they are gone, that's all folks!

So local residents who are considering making the move to clean, green solar power are encouraged to do so soon while they still can get paid to do it. We realize many people aren't sure if a solar PV system makes sense on their particular home and even if it does, they feel hesitant about the process.

Therefore we are offering a free workshop to make it easy for folks to get the answers they need. Here are the details:

Free Solar Power 101 Workshop

This workshop will review how solar electric PV(photovoltaic) systems work, the environmental benefits of solar, the financial alternatives, and how to pursue a project for your own home. Learn about the City's PV Partners rebate program and how to take advantage of Federal solar tax credits. To maximize workshop benefits, participants are encouraged to check their own electric energy use (average monthly kilowatt-hours and cost) prior to the workshop.

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2014 **Time:** 9:30 am to Noon **Location:** Lucie Stern Community Room

Instructor: Doug McKenzie, SunWork Renewable Energy Projects

Fee: None, but reservations are required because space is limited. [Register online](#) or call (650) 329-2241 to reserve a spot.

There also is more information about using solar energy at www.cityofpaloalto.org/solar For questions contact Lindsay Joye, our solar engineer and specialist in all aspects of using energy from the sun, at (650)-329-2680 or lindsay.joye@cityofpaloalto.org)

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