

# NEWSLETTER

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## ENERGY CONSERVATION

SCRCOG hosted two SolSmart training sessions in February: (1) Best Practices on Solar P&Z and (2) Best Practices on Solar Permitting & Inspection. Municipalities that attended both trainings received 2 out of 3 total credits needed for SolSmart's Bronze Designation. Hamden and Branford have already received Solar designation which also qualified them for 20 Sustainable CT points. Municipalities may apply for SolSmart Designation by [clicking here](#).

Live Green has started their 2021 Municipal EV Readiness Toolkit Program in February with an informational session and an orientation/ kick-off. The program spans from March to November with meetings each Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 2 pm focused on different municipal functions and operations. [Click here](#) for details.

CT Green Bank is beginning their next round of funding for municipal solar projects. Municipalities should contact Pam Roach at [pdriccicroach@gmail.com](mailto:pdriccicroach@gmail.com) with any town or school buildings they would like considered. This will be the last round that utility incentives are being offered.

## CYBERSECURITY

A meeting of the Information Technology Working Group was held on Feb 4. The purpose of this meeting was to outline the apportionment of 2000 licenses and discuss the implementation plan for the cyber awareness municipal employee training program. IT Directors were asked to complete [this questionnaire](#) to begin the onboarding process for the program.

### KEY DATES: MARCH 2021

#### Housing Working Group Meeting

Tues. Mar 9 | 1:30 pm to 3 pm | [Click Here to Join](#)

#### Solid Waste & Recycling Working Group Meeting

Wed. Mar 10 | 1 pm to 3 pm | [Register Here](#)

#### Municipal Procurement Training Series

##### Session 5: Contracts

Thurs. Mar 11 | 10 am to 11:15 am | [Register Here](#)

#### Live Green's Municipal EV Readiness Program Meetings March 2021 Modules

Every Tues. & Thurs. | 1 pm to 2 pm | [Click Here for Details](#)

## SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING (SW&R)

SCRCOG is collaborating with CT DEEP and the region's municipalities to determine appropriate waste reduction solutions such as Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) and organics diversion. SW&R Consultant Pam Roach is compiling tonnages and costs for town specific analyses which will show the unique benefits of a UBP program in each SCRCOG city/town.

The final report from [CT's Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management \(CCSMM\)](#), makes evident that tipping fees will continue to increase due to the MIRA facility nearing closure and the other incinerators in CT nearing the end of their lives (30+ years old). Additional costs result from shipping waste to out-of-state landfills.

Residents of SCRCOG municipalities may purchase backyard composting units, rain barrels, and other accessories online and on sale. [Click here](#) to access the sale webpage.

## PURCHASING

The fourth session of the Municipal Procurement Training Series titled "Request for Qualifications & Proposals (RFQs & RFPs)" was held on Feb 11. In this session, Purchasing Consultant Wilma Petro discussed the components of a successful proposal, when to use a RFP, and when one should go from a RFQ to a RFP. The training also featured sample scoring sheets, interview questions, and debriefing tips. [Click here](#) to access the recording of this training session. [Click here](#) to view the schedule of the entire training series.

## HOUSING

The Housing Working Group met on Feb 9 to discuss the way in which municipalities can foster mutually beneficial relationship with developers. SCRCOG Housing Consultant, David Fink, emphasized that successful housing options can be created when cities/towns understand developers, provide them assistance, and commit to working closely with them. Three developers were featured at this month's session: Bill Ferrigno of Sunlight Construction, Tim Lee of TML Builders, and Carol Martin of Westport & Fairfield Housing Authorities. Speaking from their own professional experiences, each presenter offered tips on how to nurture positive and cooperative relationships with developers. [Click here](#) to access a recording of this meeting. Contact Eugene Livshits for more information.



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