

Sustainable Marblehead to host its first fundraiser

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After being founded last year by a group of Marblehead residents, Sustainable Marblehead is hosting its first ever fundraiser on Sunday, June 24 to support its work to address climate change through local action and education.

The fundraiser, called Sip, Sup, and Sustain Us, will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. at the home of Lynn Nadeau at 10 Surf St. The suggested donation is \$50, but all donations are welcome. Parking will be available at the Beach Bluff parking lot across from Preston Beach. Guests are asked not to park on Surf Street. Dress is casual, and there will be food, drink, and some special surprises. Please RSVP to sustainablemarblehead@gmail.com. To donate online, please visit www.sustainablemarblehead.org.

Over the past year, Sustainable Marblehead has brought together more than 350 residents committed to fighting climate change on a local level. The organization has four action groups (conservation, education, energy and public policy, and transportation) that are working to reduce the town's carbon footprint and promote sustainable practices like reducing plastic waste, recycling, composting, and walking and biking instead of driving and no idling. Currently, more than a quarter of the town's carbon emissions come from the exhaust produced by cars.

In May, Sustainable Marblehead was successful in passing two citizen-sponsored warrant articles at Town Meeting. The first set a goal of using 100 percent carbon-free energy in electricity production, building energy use, and transportation, and moving with fiscal responsibility and all deliberate speed to achieve this goal. Marblehead voters also passed the stretch energy code, one of the requirements for the town to become designated as a Green Community and eligible for state grants to support municipal energy efficiency projects.

For more information, please visit www.sustainablemarblehead.org.