

Eversource Partners with MetroWest Municipalities and Nonprofits to Host Energy Assistance Fairs

Energy Assistance Fairs in Framingham and Natick on January 31 and February 6*

** note: Natick's event was rescheduled to 2/6/23, due to weather (original: 1/23/23)*

Framingham and Natick, Mass. (January 13, 2023) – As part of the Mass Save® Community First Partnership, the City of Framingham and the Town of Natick are partnering with Eversource and area nonprofits to help residents manage energy costs, get help paying bills, and use less energy.

MetroWest residents are invited to attend an upcoming Energy Assistance Fair to learn about available energy and cost saving resources. The Energy Assistance Fairs will provide “one-stop-shopping” to sign up for money saving programs, and representatives from Eversource, the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC), local nonprofits and other groups will be present to help residents learn about their options. Two Energy Assistance Fairs are scheduled in Jan/Feb 2023:

- **On January 31, from 4 - 7 PM at the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, 7 Bishop St in Framingham**
- **On February 6, from 4 - 7 PM at the Morse Institute Library, 14 East Central St in Natick**

All interested MetroWest residents are welcome to attend, even if they do not live in the host communities.

"We work every day to help our customers understand and manage their energy use and costs while working one-on-one to connect them with the best assistance resources for their individual situation, and we encourage anyone in need of assistance to reach out to us," said Eversource Community Relations Specialist Annemarie Walsh. "There are many resources available to customers, even if they've never needed help before, and we appreciate the partnership with the City of Framingham and Town of Natick to help MetroWest residents learn about and enroll in energy assistance programs."

Jillian Wilson Martin, Natick Sustainability Director, continued, “At Energy Assistance Fairs, residents can ‘shop’ for a variety of programs, including fuel assistance, discounted rates and flexible payment plans, no-cost Home Energy Assessments, and more. Many of these programs do not have income-eligibility requirements - they are available to every resident, all you have to do is sign up.”

Framingham Sustainability Coordinator, Shawn Luz, added, “We hope these events can be a resource for all residents to not only learn about their options, but have the direct opportunity to sign up or take the next step in participating in these programs on the spot.”

Representatives will also be available to share information and answer questions about other programs and services available, which may include property tax assistance, food assistance, social services and municipal electricity aggregation.

Residents who are unable to attend the Energy Assistance Fairs are encouraged to visit eversource.com for more information about programs to help manage their energy bills. More information on available local resources can be accessed by calling the Human Services Department in Natick (508-647-6519) or in Framingham, on the City Information Line at the Framingham Public Library (508-532-5411).

The City of Framingham and the Town of Natick are participating in the Mass Save Community First Partnerships, sponsored locally by Eversource, to increase participation in energy efficiency programs.

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