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Green Expo Provides Money-Saving Tips for Sustainable Living

The whole family will enjoy engaging activities and sustainability demonstrations at this year's **Green Expo on Thursday, April 24 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center**, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna, Va. More than three dozen local exhibitors will be on hand to offer resources and information on everything from sustainable landscaping, composting, recycling, and water conservation to raising chickens, bee keeping, and more.

Favorites returning include an outdoor exhibit of sheep and lambs sponsored by Lamb Mowers, and wildlife experts from the nonprofit volunteer group Secret Garden Birds & Bees who will show live birds of prey, such as owls and hawks. The popular "Ask Me Anything" sessions are back again this year, featuring local experts who will make brief presentations and then take questions from attendees regarding sustainable practices.

- Mala Persaud, owner of Trace, Vienna's "zero-waste store," and Garrett Jones, founder of a commercial composting company, Monster Organics, will discuss the difference between commercial composting and at-home composting, how commercial composting works, and options for curbside pickup and drop off.
- Environmentalist Susan Stillman will share insights about her experience designing, building, and moving into her new solar-powered and highly energy-efficient home, which received its Phius ZERO design certification from the Passive House Institute U.S. (Phius).

Children are invited to take part in activities and visit each exhibit as they collect stickers for their Green Expo "passport," while adults get money-saving tips on green practices. Adding to the excitement is a chance for attendees to walk away with a giveaway, including a home energy audit worth \$595, a composter, and a rain barrel.

The Green Expo is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov/GreenExpo.

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