



## Letter: Solar provider teams up with Charlestown, with info meeting on June 27

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On Tuesday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross' Mills Library, 4417 Old Post Road, Charlestown, the Solarize Charlestown team will host an informational meeting titled "Solar 101."

Solarize Charlestown is a partnership of the State of Rhode Island and the people of Charlestown. This program brings residents together as a group to obtain the lowest cost and easiest deal possible on solar panels for your roof or yard. The sign-up period began on June 7 and ends on Sept. 8. This limited time period allows a bulk purchase of solar panels, so that the more people who sign up the less expensive it will be for each household.

This program is for homeowners and small businesses to produce some or all of the electricity they use through net metering. It is not intended for commercial production of electricity. The program is for both year-round and seasonal residents as long as the house or business is located in Charlestown.

On June 7, Sol Power was named the solar installation provider for the Solarize Charlestown campaign. That selection was the culmination of a competitive request for proposal process that began with a large group of qualified providers, and finally with a very small group of highly qualified companies. Besides being one of the most highly qualified, Sol Power also offered the most affordable price. That price becomes even more affordable as more people sign up!

There are thousands of acres of rooftops in Rhode Island that could provide the most ecologically sound place to produce electricity. The Solarize Charlestown team is making this process as easy as possible. Why not see if your roof is good for solar?

Please join us at Solar 101 to meet representatives of Sol Power and learn more about the state incentives, federal tax credits, and group purchasing power that make this an affordable time to add solar panels to your roof. Visit [charlestowncitizens.org/solarize-charlestown/](http://charlestowncitizens.org/solarize-charlestown/) to learn more.

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