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We wish solar enthusiasts all the best of the season! What a crazy year for our planet – makes us realize that global warming is starting to get away on us and we must get off fossil fuel quickly. Solar panel costs have dropped such that it's quickly becoming an affordable form of clean energy and even better – highly distributed. Battery storage is also quickly improving so change is on the horizon but can we make the transition quickly enough?

We applaud School District 46 for getting solar panels on school roofs. Currently Pender Harbour and Langdale schools have solar panels with more schools in the works. Good on SD46 for demonstrating leadership and foresight!

Harnessing Solar Energy Elder College Course

Gerry Pageau is once again running the popular Elder College course: “Harnessing Solar Energy” on Mondays in March 2018 (10:00 am to 12:00) to be held at the Capilano University campus in Sechelt. This informative course will look at various solar energy systems and provide you with take-home tools for site analysis and spreadsheet for payback estimation. For more information follow this link: [ElderCollege section](#).

Also please note that Gerry and his wife Deborah are teaching another Elder College course, 'Plant Based Nutrition', one section of which examines the positive impact adopting such a diet has with respect to mitigating climate change.

Solar at the Tuesday Talk Series

On November 28, Board member Jim Pawley gave a talk about the Sunshine Coast Community Solar Association at the Sechelt library. He emphasized that the association

Membership

We're on a membership drive! Why not support the solar association by taking out a \$20 annual membership fee? (students/those unable to afford that amount can pay \$10). In addition to supporting your local solar association, membership allows you to vote at our AGM and stand for a director position. We are planning further advantages and will keep our mailing list informed. Please go to [our website](#) for details on how to become a member.

UBC Student Project

Four keen UBC students are hard at work analyzing potential community array sites, being overseen by Matt McLean. If you are interested in hearing about their work or joining our team, please email glnelson8@gmail.com for a preliminary copy of their report or to join us in meeting up with them in early January.

Community Solar Array Survey Deadline is Dec 22

There's still time! If you haven't yet

grew out of concerns about global warming and the need for energy alternatives. Dr. Pawley facilitated a discussion about feasibility of solar panels and the role of BC Hydro as part of the 'Tuesday Talk' series.

tried our short survey please do so now at:

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