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Carol Stream joins energy-saving initiative

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Carol Stream, IL — Officials are heralding a recent energy saving partnership between Carol Stream residents and the Citizens Utility Board as a “win, win, win situation.”

“It’s good for the planet, good for the pocketbook and good for the

If you go

WHAT Utility Bill Checkup
WHEN 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13

WHERE Carol Stream Public Library, 616 Hiawatha Drive
COST Free

DETAILS Carol Stream residents will learn how they potentially could save hundreds of dollars on their telephone and energy bills





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Village President Frank Saverino, speaks at a press conference Thursday Nov. 18 in the board room at Village Hall. He was announcing the launch of a campaign to slash residential utility bills. The campaign will allow the village to win up to 10,000 CFL bulbs, offer residents the chance to win contest prizes of a month of free electricity, and feature a free online service that has been showing families how to cut costs by an average of \$200 a year.



economy,” said CUB spokesman Jim Chilsen during a news conference in the village Nov. 19.

The CUB Energy Saver program helps consumers create personalized plans to cut their power bills. Residents who create a free account with CUB Energy Saver at www.cubenergysaver.com can link up to their Commonwealth Edison account. Each month, CUB Energy Saver will create a money-saving plan tailored to each household.

“With household incomes taxed by the continued slugging economy,” Mayor Frank Saverino said the program can help homeowners save on average about \$200 a year.

“With winter right around the corner, this opportunity for homeowners to save money on their electricity bills couldn’t come at a better time,” he said. “I’m confident Carol Stream homeowners will embrace this program in their efforts to realize household savings by undertaking targeted efforts to reduce their electricity use.

Carol Stream residents who sign up for CUB Energy Saver will receive a free energy-efficient light bulb and be entered into energy-saving competitions to win up to 50 bulbs and a month of free electricity.

In January, CUB officials will host a free workshop in Carol Stream to help residents find more ways to lower electric, gas and phone bills.

Carol Stream resident Lily Peletis is excited about the program. She already has implemented a few eco-friendly measures in her household which have saved money, including purchasing an energy-efficient refrigerator and switching to energy efficient outlet strips.

“We’ve seen our bill go down,” she said.

Carol Stream officials already have taken several steps to save energy in the village, including installing LED lights on Spring Valley Drive and switching to energy efficient lighting in the Village Hall.

Community Consolidated School District 93 officials also have undertaken several eco-friendly measures to save energy, including the installing energy-efficient lighting and adjusting temperature controls during times when buildings are unoccupied.

Carol Stream resident and environmental advocate Jan Smith said the village’s taxing bodies and businesses are taking steps to be environmental stewards.

“It’s a continuing process and we are on the right path,” she said.

“This (program) is another step forward for our village to reach out to

our residents, especially in this time of economic challenges, conserve energy in our homes.”

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