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Solar co-op launching in Boone County

Nonprofit group Solar United Neighbors is launching a Boone County Solar Co-Op available to homeowners and small businesses in the county.

A free [virtual event to launch the solar co-op](#) will take place on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. The event is aimed for homeowners and businesses in Boone and Hamilton Counties. It will include a solar home tour of a residence in Zionsville and a presentation about solar technology and economics.

The solar co-op is cost- and commitment-free. Together, co-op members will learn about solar energy and leverage bulk purchasing to ensure competitive pricing and quality solar installations.

After a competitive bidding process facilitated by Solar United Neighbors, co-op members will select a single solar company to complete the installations. Joining a co-op does not obligate members to purchase solar. Instead, members will have the option to individually purchase panels and electric vehicle chargers based on the installer's group rate.

"The co-ops will enable more residents of Boone and Hamilton Counties to take control of their energy production and save money by harnessing solar power," said Zach Schalk, Indiana Program Director for Solar United Neighbors. "There's a growing movement in Indiana to transform our electricity system into one that is cleaner, fairer, and benefits local communities."

"We are excited to partner with Solar United Neighbors to empower residents to move forward with clean, renewable energy," said Mayor Styron. "Investing in solar can help homeowners and businesses save money on electric bills, while also helping us meet our substantiality goals. If you have ever thought about installing solar, this is a great way to learn more and get started."

Solar United Neighbors has hosted three solar co-ops in Indiana since April 2019. According to the group's estimates, the 38 homes and businesses that now have solar panels because of co-ops represent: 395.4 kW of solar power, \$1.2 million in local solar spending, and more than 14.5 million lbs. of lifetime carbon offsets.

Interested individuals can sign up for the [virtual launch event](#) or join the [Boone County Solar Co-op](#).

Event Details

Boone & Hamilton Counties: Co-op Launch and Solar 101

Thursday, April 23, 2020

6:30 – 8 p.m.

Free online meeting, open to the public

[Register Here](#)

Co-op Partners

The Town of Zionsville, Boone County Voices for Change, Earth Charter Indiana, Citizens Action Coalition, Hoosier EVA, Hoosier Environmental Council, Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light and Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter

About Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in Indiana and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters. Solar co-ops are part of the organization's mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.

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