

***Solar Now* Fact Sheet**

The Village of Silverton is organizing three open zoom meetings in the first quarter of 2022 for anyone to spend an hour or so learning about **solar for their home or business**. This voluntary initiative is known as *Solar Now*. While Silverton is organizing *Solar Now* for the benefit of Silverton residents, anyone is eligible to participate because the goal is to get as many people as possible to reduce their carbon footprint. **Residents from any jurisdiction in the region are welcome!**

These zoom meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on January 4, January 13th, and February 1st. You only need to attend one but are welcome to attend all if you wish. The links to the zoom meetings are as follows:

January 4 at 7 p.m.	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86461003765
January 13 th at 7 p.m.	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83217423228
February 1 st at 7 p.m.	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82267458576

Union electricians and solar installers from Paff Electric and PRO Lighting & Solar will give an overview of the costs and benefits to solar in our region and answer questions. The Village has selected these contractors because they are trusted, local installers who have done solar installations successfully in Silverton. They only use the highest quality American solar panels and provide a living wage to their employees. The Village has no business relationship with Paff Electric or Pro Lighting & Solar, nor does the Village of Silverton receive any financial benefit from *Solar Now*. Again, the goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to install solar if they want.

At the end of each *Solar Now* meeting, interested participants can send two pieces of information to either contractor: the address of the property they are considering installing solar on and a recent utility bill for that address showing 12 months of electricity usage. This allows the contractor to provide an initial estimate of how much solar capacity could be installed at the property, how much electricity solar panels would generate, and how much installation would cost. This estimate is provided at no cost and does not obligate the property owner to do anything more.

If the property owner wants a firm quote after the initial estimate is provided, the property owner needs to request it. A site visit will then take place to examine the roof and electricity service to the house or business. Again, there is no obligation to purchase solar after this refined quote.

At the end of March, all the participants who have entered into contracts with the *Solar Now* contractors will have their solar panels ordered. By pooling buying power, *Solar Now* participants will get the best price for solar panels for residents and businesses. For more information about Solar Now, email Silverton Village Manager Tom Carroll at T.Carroll@Silvertonohio.us



A 2021 Silverton Solar Now home is now net neutral