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## Green Expo Offers Money-Saving Tips for Sustainable Living

Plant guidance, live animals and expert tips on sustainable practices are among the attractions at this year's **Green Expo on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center**, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna, Va. Dozens of local exhibitors will be on hand with information on sustainable practices including energy efficiency, green landscaping and zero waste.

New for 2023 are "Ask Me Anything" sessions featuring local experts who will make brief presentations and then take questions from attendees regarding sustainable practices. Speakers include:

- Town of Vienna Urban Arborist Scott Diffenderfer who will explain how to plant a tree properly, which is critical to its survival and ensuring a return on investment.
- Financial expert Joanne Burke of Birch Street Financial Advisors, and Meredith Haines, of Citizens' Climate Lobby who will discuss tax credits and rebates available to homeowners who make solar and energy-efficient home improvements.
- Mala Persaud, owner of Trace: The Zero Waste Store, and Charlie Forbes from Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to discuss "how to recycle right."

Family favorites returning this year will be wildlife experts from the nonprofit volunteer group Secret Garden Birds & Bees to show live birds of prey, such as owls and hawks. Children's activities will also keep the kids entertained while adults get money-saving tips on green practices, and everyone is eligible for a chance at walking away with a giveaway, including a home energy audit, a composter, a rain barrel and reusable shopping bags.

The Green Expo is sponsored by the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission. For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/GreenExpo](http://www.viennava.gov/GreenExpo).

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