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Missoula organizations rally around solar energy

MISSOULA, MT – Climate Smart Missoula and community partners are hosting a rally to show support for solar energy on Wednesday December 21st at 5pm at the plaza on Higgins and Bank St. Held on the winter solstice, the event will celebrate the days getting brighter – along with the future of solar energy.

A [recent survey and report](#) from the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication indicates that support for renewable energy nationwide is high; over 80 percent of registered voters think the U.S. should use more renewable energy and are in favor of tax rebates for people who purchase solar panels. Here in Montana, a late [September 2016 poll](#) found 90 percent of respondents favored increasing the use of solar energy!

The event aims to be a visible and bright sign of this widespread support for solar energy. Additionally, there will be information about how Missoulians can expand access to rooftop solar – from learning about the home installation process, to opportunities in the upcoming Montana state legislative session around net metering and PACE legislation.

This short, festive rally is free and open to all. The gathering will begin at 5pm, with brief speakers at 5:10 and a group photo at 5:20. The event is organized by Climate Smart Missoula with the support of 350 Missoula, AERO, Hellgate S.A.V.E., Missoula Community Foundation, Montana Conservation Voters Ed Fund, Montana Renewable Energy Association, and the Sierra Club.

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