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**2017 Solar Home Tour Starts at Chelsea District Library**

**September 18, 2017 | Chelsea, MI** | Chelsea District Library (CDL) is pleased to announce their participation in the 2017 Solar Home Tour on Saturday, October 7. This event, sponsored by Transition Town Chelsea, is a partnership that includes CDL, the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, and Jet's Pizza. This nation-wide event is designed to spread knowledge about using sustainable technologies to reduce monthly utility bills, help protect our environment, become self-reliant, and rely on energy that is continually renewed from the sun's output. More than 160,000 participants will visit some 5,500 buildings in 3,200 communities across the United States.

The local Chelsea tour is free and includes approximately ten local homes and businesses that will be opening their doors to the public to showcase alternative energy technology such as wind, passive solar technology, and solar hot water. Highlights include the Trumpeys' off-grid straw bale home (featured as 2015 Homesteaders of the Year by Mother Earth News), the Ann Arbor Electrical Training Center located in Chelsea with a large solar panel array and vertical-axis wind turbines, and a residential site with car charging stations featured in a Ford electric car commercial.

Interested participants can begin their tour at Chelsea District Library, located at 221 S. Main Street at any time between 10am and 4pm. A detailed tour guide with map and name tag/ticket will be provided for participants who can choose which sites hold the most interest for them and create their own self-paced itinerary. This format is ideal for those interested in learning about how renewable energy works through real-world examples.

Interested participants can direct their questions to Keegan Sulecki at Chelsea District Library 734-475-8732 [ksulecki@chelseadistrictlibrary.org](mailto:ksulecki@chelseadistrictlibrary.org) or to one of the event organizers: Cary Church, 734-433-0654, [cshurch@comcast.net](mailto:cshurch@comcast.net) or Patrick Zieske, 734-389-8880, [patrickzieske@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickzieske@yahoo.com)

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district, which includes the City of Chelsea and the Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan townships. Approximately 16,000 individuals visit the library each month. For more information visit [chelseadistrictlibrary.org](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org).

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