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Up front Solar Funding in Berkeley, CA

"To meet the challenge of 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 the Berkeley City Council formed the Sustainable Energy Financing District.

It will provide home and business owners with up front funding for solar electric and solar water heating systems which will be repaid over 20 years through assessments on their tax bills." –Solar Today Jan/Feb 2008

If it can be done in Massachusetts...

"Wisdom Way Solar Village," a community of 20 homes being built in MA will require 71% less source energy to operate. Read more at <http://www.carb-swa.com/PDF%20files/CNNovember07.PDF>

Bellingham's Environmental Learning Center goes solar



Bellingham's Environmental Learning Center goes solar with support from Puget Sound Energy and the community's Green Power purchases
See [<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/Bell-hamELC.pdf>]

Need for wind turbine certification

Industry and government stakeholders have identified the need for small wind turbines to be certified for safety, reliability, and sound, and are moving toward the creation of a Small Wind Certification Council to do just that. See [<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/Turbine.pdf>]

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council supports advocates

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council supports clean energy advocates in the legislative arenas of interconnection and net metering. To date IREC's activities have mostly precluded Washington State, but this may soon change... See [<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/IREC.pdf>]

Google or Blackle?

Blackle actually is Google, except the background is black to save energy used by your monitor while viewing their web page. Try it at <http://www.blackle.com> For more information, checkout <http://www.blackle.com/about/>

Google has announced investments of millions of dollars in renewable energy.

Go to: http://www.google.com/intl/en/press/pressrel/20071127_green.html

Coming up:

January 17th – Seraphim Solar & Wind Seminar in Walla Walla, WA
www.seraphimenergy.com.

January 23rd - Join us at Citizen's Lobby Day in Olympia. Call about carpooling. 206-706-1931

February 2 – Solar Home Design Class – in Seattle with Chris Herman 206-525-3969

April 12 & 13 – Green Festival Seattle at the WA State Convention & Trade Center. Please let us know if you can help staff our booth.

We're Solar Washington

Solar Washington is a chapter of the American Solar Energy Society, a not-for-profit association for people and organizations interested in solar power, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

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Next meeting: TBA...

Please go to our website for more information.

Quileute use solar for tribal elders



In a harsh climate at the end of long transmission lines, the Quileute use solar energy to provide safety and security to tribal elders.

See

[<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/Quileute.pdf>]

Our President's column

NW Solar Summit, Solar Tour, and general trends

Solar Washington's president, Pam Burton reports on this year's Northwest Solar Summit, the Solar Tour, and the general trend in installations and awareness since first installing her own solar hot water system five years ago.

See [<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/Prez.pdf>]

CF Fresh goes greener with solar

CF Fresh announced the addition of a 25 kW PV system to their company headquarters in Sedro Woolley after finding it "...actually makes good financial sense."

See

[<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/CF-Fresh.pdf>]



Tour Challenges & Saving energy on the web

Webmaster George Meyer tells about some Solar Tour challenges behind the scene and about saving some watts on your computer. See

[<http://www.solarwashington.org/newsletters/0709/Webmaster.pdf>]

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