



## **2009 National Weatherization Day Events**

Communities across the nation are celebrating National Weatherization Day and our progress toward a green economic recovery.

Blue Green Alliance partners will highlight the environmental and economic benefits of investing in energy efficiency. Labor, business and community partners are working to create good, green jobs that help save households money on their energy bills and curb global warming pollution. There is an urgent need to retrofit America's homes and buildings for the 21<sup>st</sup> century with continued investment in low-income weatherization assistance and innovative new programs that make home energy makeovers affordable for everyone.

### **Please join us:**

#### **Las Vegas, Nevada**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**, the Blue Green Alliance, Sierra Club and LIUNA will celebrate National Weatherization day with the announcement of Laborers' International Local 872's second graduating class of Weatherization Workers. The celebration will include an energy audit of Opportunity Village's Oakey Campus by alumni of the training program along with remarks by Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, County Commissioners Rory Reid and Chris Giunchigliani. The Blue Green Coalition partners of Las Vegas will announce their intent to bid for the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

#### **Denver, Colorado**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**, the Sierra Club will join the Laborers International Union of North America to celebrate the union's first weatherization training graduation in Denver to prepare out of work, economically disadvantaged members of the community for the jobs of the future. Attendees will tour the Laborers training facility and speak with recently graduated workers about their vision for energy efficiency and weatherization work as a pathway to prosperity.

(continued...)

### **Brooklyn, New York**

On **October 30 at 10:30am**, Laborers' Local 10 and the Community Environmental Center will showcase their work to provide residents with pathways to careers in residential weatherization with a press conference, home weatherization tour and information session at Cypress Hills Senior Center. CEC is the state's largest Weatherization Assistance Program contractor. Laborers' Local 10 will introduce several union green collar workers including Tahlia Williams and Rubi Carrasquillo. With family-sustaining wages, health benefits, opportunities for advancement and extensive training, Tahlia and Rubi represent the best of New York State's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The event will highlight CEC's affiliated green jobs training program for young people, Green City Force.

### **Charlotte, North Carolina**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm**, community members, with the local homeowners association, Gaston Community Action and Green Efficient Energy will canvass the Villa Heights community, reaching out to low-income and elderly homeowners with information about local weatherization assistance programs. That evening, Charlotte Cool Cities will host a community meeting with a weatherization professional. On the morning of **October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8am**, Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College will showcase weatherization work on a Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair home in Charlotte.

### **Washington, DC**

Sierra Club will join WeatherizeDC, a DC Project program which aims to weatherize 200 homes by March 2010. Three events will promote energy savings for the community and demonstrate high quality work. On **October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm**, a Glover Park house meeting will bring together neighbors and friends to talk about weatherization and next steps. **October 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** will highlight work by WeatherizeDC's local home performance partner to audit and weatherize homes block by block. On **October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10am**, a community canvass event will bring together campus leaders and community members for neighborhood action.

### **Las Vegas, New Mexico**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>**, the New Mexico Sierra Club and a local Episcopal-Lutheran church will lead a house tour of a home weatherized through the Faith & Dry Program. A professional engineer will then lead an energy audit of a local church, highlighting key aspects of an audit for "commercial" building. These tours will be followed by a press conference surrounding the positive opportunities for energy retrofits and the huge gap in providing such services to rural New Mexico.

### **Jackson, Mississippi**

On **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30am**, the Laborers International Union of North America will demonstrate its readiness to help deliver urgent weatherization services to low-income residents of Jackson, Mississippi, as well as to help launch a new weatherization industry. A press conference, graduation ceremony and job placement announcements will be followed by remarks from local officials, community action agency and hiring contractor and a weatherization demo.

(continued...)

### **Seattle, Washington**

On **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:30am**, the Laborers International Union of North America, Got Green and Puget Sound Sage will celebrate the graduation of 20 weatherization trainees at the Seattle Labor Temple.

### **Detroit, Michigan**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>**, **6-8pm**, Sierra Club will join the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization for the annual "Utilities Summit" held at the Wayne County Community College in Detroit. At this event, some 35 different agencies will be offering their services to low-income people in Detroit, where the poverty level is approaching 40% of the city's population. In 2009, Detroit was awarded \$33 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program administered through Detroit Department of Human Services. It is estimated that over 4,000 homes will receive upgrades to lower their utility bills, and it is reported that DDHS has already received over 6,500 applications. A variety of agencies now provide weatherization and auditing training to people in Detroit to match skills with the services demanded by residents. We will highlight the opportunity for greater investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy to help meet the enormous demand in the city and in the region.

### **Kansas City, Kansas**

On **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, the Kansas Sierra Club and J Gordon Community Development Corporation will be holding a Halloween Blast Energy Efficiency Event from 12pm until 4pm. The block party will feature a hydraulic car parade, live music and performances, Halloween treats, as well as energy efficiency resource tables. The event will inform parents in the Quindaro neighborhood about the many benefits of energy efficiency, with useful tips to lower utilities bills and information about green job training.

### **Austin, Texas**

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Club will release a brief report listing the contact information of all weatherization stimulus fund recipients. Interested homeowners and press are encouraged to learn more and apply for available weatherization services. This release will publicize the **November 12<sup>th</sup>** weatherization workshop hosted by Sierra Club and Austin Energy.

### **Long Island, New York**

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>** at 1 p.m. on the steps of City Hall, LI Green, Rock the Earth-NY and the Long Island Sierra Club will be announcing the **LI Green Shores Initiative**, a community program designed to help residents on the South Shore of Long Island become more energy self-reliant. The announcement will highlight a free home energy audit program, solar audits, small business energy audits, community awareness programs, the LI Green loans program and community action by youth.

### **New Orleans, Louisiana**

On **November 8 & 9**, Sierra Club and partners host the first annual Green Rebuilding of New Orleans Conference following the "New Orleans Green Building Assessment" report release.

Events organized by:

# LiUNA!

[www.liunabuildsamerica.org/weatherize](http://www.liunabuildsamerica.org/weatherize)



[www.coolcities.us](http://www.coolcities.us)