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New Milford Mayor Encouraging Residents to Sign Up for Energy-Saving Program

Mayor participates in “Home Energy SolutionsSM”

NEW MILFORD, Conn. – July 25, 2017 – New Milford Mayor David Gronbach recently participated in [Home Energy Solutions](#), an Energize ConnecticutSM in-home energy improvement service provided by Eversource.

"I was amazed by the simple and effective upgrades that the contractor made on the spot. They knocked multiple items off my own to-do list of home improvement projects," said Mayor Gronbach. "From installing door sweeps to insulating and taping cracks, we noticed the difference right away, and we will see energy and costs savings throughout the year. I'm very pleased with the service and recommend it to all homeowners and renters in New Milford."

During the Mayor's Home Energy Solutions visit, representatives from the Eversource-authorized contractor, The Energy Store, performed the following services:

- Sealed around doors, windows, floor joists, and any other areas where air can escape (this service alone costs an average of \$600)
- Installed energy-saving LED light bulbs
- Performed health and safety tests on heating equipment
- Installed water-saving showerheads, faucet aerators, and hot water pipe wrap
- Offered information on available financing
- Provided a report detailing the home's performance before and after the service, which included educational tips on how to further reduce home energy costs

Homeowners and renters who participate save an average of \$200 per year, but can reduce their energy costs even further if they take advantage of additional opportunities. Rebates for insulation, wi-fi thermostats, heating and cooling equipment, and ENERGY STAR® appliances are also provided as part of the service.

New Milford residents can sign up for Home Energy Solutions this weekend at the New Milford Village Fair. On Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, energy experts from Energize Connecticut will be on-hand at the Energize Connecticut booth to answer questions and provide information on the service.

"Home Energy Solutions goes beyond the money- and energy-saving benefits. It's a comprehensive service that helps people understand how their homes use energy," said Eversource Energy Efficiency Spokesman Enoch Lenge. "Mayor Gronbach's visit continues the town's ongoing Home Energy Solutions campaign and all New Milford residents are encouraged to participate. For every resident that completes the service, contractors Wesson Energy and The Energy Store will donate \$25 to the New Milford River Trail."

Customers pay \$124 for the service which costs an average of \$1,000. The difference is covered through Energize Connecticut. Beginning September 1, the cost for the service will increase to \$149. The fee is waived for income-eligible residents.

In 2013, New Milford joined [Clean Energy Communities](#), the nationally-recognized Energize Connecticut program that helps Connecticut cities and town reach their energy goals and reduce municipal building energy consumption by 20 percent by 2018.

Through Clean Energy Communities, New Milford residents that participate in Energize Connecticut programs – such as Home Energy Solutions – help the town earn points toward a grant. These “Bright Idea Grants” fund community-selected energy saving projects such as an LED light bulb swap, or the installation of new LED lighting at town hall or a school.

Residents looking to sign up for Home Energy Solutions should visit [EnergizeCT.com](#) or call 877-WISE-USE (947-3873).



PHOTO CAPTION: The Energy Store representative Peter Carlson visited Mayor Gronbach’s home for the energy assessment, providing on-the-spot upgrades and further energy and money-saving options.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](#).

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