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LEAGUE FORUM HIGHLIGHTS OHIO'S SOLAR ENERGY POTENTIAL

“Solar Energy: Repowering Ohio’s Economy,” is the topic of this First Thursday Forum on the Environment, presented for the public by the League of Women Voters. The event is set for Thursday, March 6, 2008, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Trinity Commons at Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Guest speakers are Athan Barkoukis, Northeast Ohio Program Manager of Green Energy Ohio and Alan R. Frasz, Vice President of Dovetail Solar and Wind. Registration and dessert are \$5. Send check to LWVCuyahoga Area Education Fund, 50 Public Square, #938, Cleveland OH 44113, by March 3. Both presenters will discuss solar energy, its potential applications in Ohio as a clean energy and an emerging green energy economy.

Athan Barkoukis is a graduate of Colgate University. As Northeast Ohio Program Manager of Green Energy Ohio, he concentrates on programs for all public sectors in an effort to drive economic development in the clean energy field. Green Energy Ohio (www.greenenergyohio.org) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. Mr. Barkoukis cautions that “Ohio cannot sit idle and let neighboring states surpass us; rather, Ohio must address the need for cleaner energy and capitalize on the potential. One and one-half million new ‘green collar’ jobs can be created locally in the energy efficiency and renewable energy fields.”

Alan R. Frasz, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, is vice president of Dovetail Solar and Wind, (www.dovetailsolar.com), one of Ohio’s oldest and largest renewable energy system installers. He is actively involved in residential and commercial solar systems. He will speak about available grants, tax credits and other incentives. Mr. Franz states, “It is exciting to see solar and wind energy continue to gain momentum in Northeast Ohio. This echoes the increased demand Dovetail is experiencing across Ohio from residents, commercial businesses and nonprofit organizations as they seek the many advantages of cleaner, more cost-effective sustainable energy.”

This forum is part of a continuing public dialogue series on the Environment presented by the League of Women Voters and is funded by the LWVCuyahoga Area Education Fund, Inc. For more information, please call the LWVCuyahoga office at 216 781-0555 or visit www.lwvCuyahogaArea.org.

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