

## Sustainability Scavenger Hunt Program

**SCAVENGER HUNT INSTRUCTIONS:** You have multiple chances to win!

- Visit all the vendors in the Hubbard Room at Russell Library and get entered into a free raffle for gift certificates for Middletown restaurants participating in the City's Feed the Earth Program!
- Visit six locations out and about in Middletown, and hand in your stamped passport at the Russell Library by 3pm and get a chance to win fun prizes!
- Visit Forest City Farms and enter their raffle for a \$50 gift card.
- Wesleyan stops will have their own dedicated raffle as well!
- Drawings will be held at 3pm at Russell Library. You do not need to be present, but you should write your name and either a phone number or email address on the back of your passport.

### Russell Library: 123 Broad Street, Hubbard Room

- Eversource – find out about energy efficiency options and clean energy incentives for residential customers.
- Posigen/Solar for All – solar contractor who can answer questions about solar installation, Home Energy Solutions, and Home Energy Solutions Income Eligible.
- Urban Forestry Commission – learn what this commission works on.
- Energize CT Heat Pump Specialist – learn how heat pumps work and how to explore heat pump options.
- Bill Agli (Mr. Fix This) – learn how you can get items repaired instead of throwing them out and buying new ones!
- Clean Energy Task Force – come check out what Middletown is doing to reduce our fossil fuel footprint!
- HeatSmart Round 2 - Find out about the City's HeatSmart Round 2 program!
- Manual and Battery-Powered Yard Tools – who needs stinky, polluting, noisy gas-powered yard tools?? Come check out some options for your lawn and garden.
- Food Scrap to Clean Energy Co-Collection Program – waste reduction experts will be available to explain the City's new pilot program to collect food scraps curbside in the Sanitation District.
- Resource Recycling Advisory Commission – do you have questions about recycling? Learn what's in and what's out in the City's recycling program and bring used corks and eyeglasses for our recycling drive.
- Wesleyan Sustainability - learn about the sustainability initiatives of students on Wesleyan's campus.
- Jonah Center - learn about the Jonah Center's campaigns and water chestnut eradication efforts!
- Complete Streets table - ask about how they've helped extend Middletown's bike trails and make the city better for safe cycling!
- Everyone Outside - Vernal Pool Creature Exportation!
- Kids activity: Children's Department, Russell Library, Storytime and Craft (must pre-register on the Russell Library website)
- **Recycle this: Bring your packaging peanuts, eyeglasses and corks for recycling!**

## Out and About Middletown

### *Main Street Area*

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce: 393 Main Street

Artis Energy – local contractor approved by Energize CT, who will discuss Small Business Energy Advantage, a no-cost, no-obligation energy assessment (audit) of your small business’s facility and then manages the installation of the energy-saving improvements they recommend.

- CT Green Bank - will review incentives for small businesses interested in energy retrofits, solar, financing, and energy storage solutions.
- **Kids activity: learn how to make flowers from recycled egg cartons!**

Union Green, Old Church Street

- Electric School Bus – come check out Middletown’s electric school bus! No diesel exhaust for your kids to inhale!
- Electric Vehicles – curious about electric vehicles? Come talk to real owners of EVs and ask as many questions as you want. Organized by the EV Club of CT.

King Pong: 90 Court Street, Suite 200

- **Enjoy free play at King Pong** and check out a real working heat pump at this small business in Middletown!

Pedal Power: 359 Main Street

- Talk to Pedal Power about their bicycling programs.
- **Kids activity: recycling toss!**

Perk On Main: 396 Main Street

- Hungry from all that scavenging? Pop into Perk On Main for a **free cookie** and check out their food and waste composting process.

Cinder + Salt, 195 Main Street

- Local zero waste retail shop that sells sustainable products and accepts various items for recycling, including shipping pouches, plastic bottle caps, food wrappers, gift cards and more! Come see the set up!
  - **Kids Activity: Sidewalk chalking! Make some beautiful pictures in front of the store!**

### **Wesleyan University:**

- *Wild WES: West College Courtyard (290 Church Street)*
  - Grow gardens, not lawns! WILDWes is an entirely student-run acre-large permaculture site that focuses on rethinking what landscaping could look like. It features native fruiting trees, bushes, herbs, and flowers, and is officially part of the Middletown Pollinator Pathway!
  - **Kids activity: flower and leaf pressings!**
- *Science Center Construction Site: Church Street (look for the crane!) (across from 200 Church Street)*

- Learn about how Wesleyan is making their new buildings more sustainable! From the heating and cooling mechanisms, to the hot water system and landscaping, hear about the practices Wesleyan is using to ensure that it is constructing buildings that are as energy efficient as possible. This stop will also include information about solar panels and other solar projects on Wesleyan's campus.
- *Long Lane Farm: 243 Long Lane*
  - Come explore Wesleyan's student run farm where students grow produce for Wesleyan University and the Middletown community. Learn about their organic growing practices and other farming techniques
  - **Kids activity: rock painting!**
- *Wes Thrift: 284 High Street*
  - Visit Wesleyan's free student run thrift store, open to Middletown residents for the first time! **Browse** second hand clothes, shoes and accessories in the basement of the College of the Environment.
  - Located in the basement, enter through the back following the signs on the north side of the building.

## ***River Road Area***

### Reboot Eco: 131 River Road

- Visit our local zero waste store and learn about refilling and reusing products to reduce waste!
  - **Fill up and take home a free hand sanitizer container.**

### Middletown Compost Bin Garden: 131 River Road

- Visit with a UConn Master Composter and learn about backyard composting and worm composting.
  - Take a turn at turning the compost and **visit with the worms!**

### Forest City Farms: 1100 River Road

- Learn about organic farming right here in Middletown!
  - **Visit the farm and receive a free strawberry or herb plant!**

### Estuary Transit

Need a ride to get around the Wesleyan/Main Street area? The Xtramile RideShare bus is available for rides. Download the app and hop on for the ride! <https://estuarytransit.org/xtramile/>. \*charges apply.

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