

Growing Tully Green

A Community Forum Important for Our Future

On October 4th, 2007, our community received an informative presentation of data regarding *Climate Change In Our Backyard*. In that presentation, Tully resident and Channel 9 meteorologist Dave Eichorn shared the scientific research linking current changes in climate to human activity, and brought it home, by sharing his own research on changes to local weather patterns. Just a week later, on October 12th, Former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for their work to raise awareness about global warming. During its announcement, the Nobel committee cited the winners "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change."

Immediately after that presentation last fall, we began to receive requests for a follow-up presentation—this time providing insight into what is happening in Central New York as well as here in our own Tully community to counteract climate change. During the months since Dave Eichorn's presentation a number of people in our community have been working toward that sequel in the form of a Community Forum.

Growing Tully Green, The Next Steps to Protecting Our Environment is a community forum to be held Wednesday evening, April 23 in the Tully Junior-Senior High School Auditorium. This forum will bring together panelists from industry, government, education, local construction, non-profit organizations and community youth to share insights on how organizations and individuals are tackling this climate change issue. This forum is designed to increase local awareness and inspire action toward an improved environment for the generations of the future.

Displays will be available to inform and educate the community at 6:00 pm that evening. During this time, the community will be able to interact with students as well as local organizations and businesses committed to greener work practices and lifestyles. The panel will begin in the auditorium at 7:00 pm. Admission to what promises to be an educational and informative event is free and is open to all. In addition to displays and presentations, there will be an opportunity for questions from those in attendance at this important event.

Mark your calendars now to join us on Wednesday evening, April 23 to learn what is happening in your own community to protect the environment in which we live. See the informative displays beginning at 6 pm in the Junior Senior High School and participate in the Community Forum at 7 pm in the auditorium for *Growing Tully Green, The Next Steps to Protecting Our Environment*.