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MELROSE GOES GREEN:

Tips about conserving energy to benefit homeowners, businesses. Communities and the planet are the focus of the fourth annual Melrose Energy fair at memorial hall on Saturday.

The fair includes educational displays, speakers, demonstrations, and information about free energy audits and fuel assistance for low-income residents.

Peter Pruyn, trained by Al Gore and the staff of The Climate Project, presents a talk and slide show on the science of climate change based on "An Inconvenient Truth," Gore's 2006 award-winning film about global warming.

The film earned Gore a Nobel Peace prize.

The presentation begins at 1:15 p.m., and is followed by a question-and-answer session.

Paul Eldrenkamp, a member of the state's Zero Net Energy Buildings Task Force, will present a program on energy efficiency in older and historical homes.

Displays about local projects include new solar panels at Melrose Middle School and the new high-efficiency HVAC system at Memorial Hall.



Peter Pruyn (right) with Al Gore, with whom he trained.

Lynn Reznick Parisi also explains how a solar-powered heating system was installed in her Melrose home. Cub Scout Pack 615 presents a display on energy efficiency.

Melrose businesses and agencies providing information at the fair include the city's recycling program; Healthy Home, Inc.; Hugo's Appliances; Tri-CAP Fuel Assistance; and Knight's Harrison Fuel.

Other exhibitors include National grid, Boston Green

Building, East Coast geothermal, Green Depot, LDA Architects, and Velux.

The fair is organized by the Melrose Energy Commission, a volunteer group that works to help the city and its residents save energy.

The fair, which is sponsored by National Grid, is open to the public and is free. It runs from 1 to 5 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 590 Main St., Melrose.