



## Solar Panels Installed at Town Hall

In accordance with our Town’s pledge to be carbon neutral by 2050 or earlier, the Town has recently installed 33 photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of the Town Hall. This installation will almost completely offset the electricity usage of the Town Hall and its garage, used by the maintenance crew. The project is the culmination of an initial recommendation by the Environment Committee, the determined efforts of the Town Council, and a tremendous amount of coordination by our Town Manager **Matt Trollinger**.



Town Manager Matt Trollinger stands with the newly installed solar panels at Town Hall. Photo by Barton Rubenstein.

Installing solar panels at the Town Hall is only the beginning of the story, as the Town Council is also now considering solar panels for the swimming pool building. As you might imagine, heating our pool is the largest electrical expenditure of the Town, so this would be an important step forward towards sustainability.

It is the hope of the Environment Committee and the Town that installing these solar panels will inspire residents to do the same for their homes, as becoming carbon neutral should be a goal for everyone. For those homes that are covered by canopy trees (like my home), please consider a third-party renewable energy provider (through Pepco),

or Neighborhood Sun, (<https://bit.ly/3sLK2kE>), which allows a home owner to buy into a nearby solar farm and guarantees that your electrical rates will always be the same or less than Pepco’s.

Please let us know if you have any questions or sustainable ideas for the Town at [tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com).

### PHOTOS FROM AROUND TOWN

## Upgrading the Town Entrance at Greystone Street and River Road

Have you noticed the improvements at the Town entrance at Greystone Street and River Road? If not, check out these photos! (Photos by **Linda Williams**, Town Administrator).

