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## **NEK is Buttoning Up: Free Weatherization For All Event**

Brownington, Vermont—On Saturday, October 15th from 10 AM to 12 PM, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village is hosting one of Button Up Vermont's annual campaign events. This year's theme is Weatherization For All: Programs & Resources for Making Efficiency Affordable.

Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA), Energy Committees and Energy Partners from across the NEK have worked together to offer a free, family-friendly, and affordability-focused event to everyone interested in energy efficiency. A panel of representatives from HEAT Squad, NETO, NEKCA, USDA Rural Development, Rural Edge, Efficiency Vermont, VPPSA, and VEC will provide information on incentives, rebates, grants, and programs for homeowners, renters, and landlords, alike. This is the opportunity to ask questions such as "How can I afford to weatherize?", "Is it worth the time and cost?", and "Where do I start?"

"Energy costs are a significant burden to NEK households, and too often compete with other priorities such as food, housing, and healthcare," said Allie Webster from NVDA, which offers energy planning support to towns across the region. "You will not want to miss this free and fun event that will cover affordable ways to cut down on your energy costs and have a more comfortable and healthier home."

Childcare will be offered during the event, and local, seasonal refreshments, door prizes, and raffles will be provided. Guests have the chance to win a free home energy audit from HEAT Squad, gift cards to local hardware stores to encourage DIY weatherization, and more. "The Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village is interested in becoming a place that marries historic preservation and energy efficiency through creative and innovative approaches. This collaborative energy event is a great starting point for us in this effort!" said Molly Veysey, the museum's Executive Director. After the main event, all guests are invited to a complimentary tour of the Old Stone House Museum starting at 12 PM, or can explore the historic village grounds on their own; self-guided tour materials will be available free of charge.

Registration for this event is encouraged and appreciated. To register and to see additional details or find driving directions, please visit <a href="https://buttonupvermont.org/event/nek-weatherization-all">https://buttonupvermont.org/event/nek-weatherization-all</a>.



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