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GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the GA Solar Energy Association, we sincerely wish everyone a joyous Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year! We thank you for your continued support of GA Solar and our mission to promote the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy through education, advocacy and industry support.



Reflections on Solar and President-Elect Donald Trump

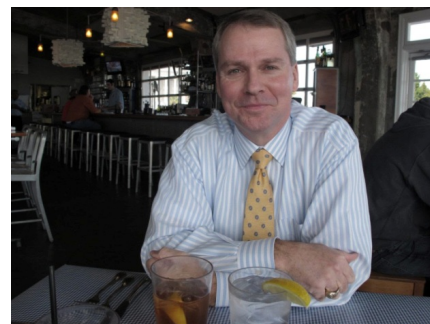


FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

President-elect Donald Trump's victory in the November 8 election was a sobering event for all of us in the solar industry. During the campaign, Trump repeatedly expressed his disdain for renewable energy and solar in particular. He has persistently promised to increase government support for coal and other fossil fuels and eliminate programs that encourage solar adoption.

Like you, I am disappointed in the incoming president's uninformed dismissal of solar's potential. This consciously denigrates the significant solar investments worldwide and the solar industry's 200,000+ American workers, more than all fossil fuel extraction combined. [Read More](#)

Former SC Congressman Keynotes Holiday Luncheon



Former SC Congressman Presents Conservative Case for Solar Growth at GA Solar Holiday Luncheon

Don't miss former U.S. Rep. Gresham Barrett, Keynote Speaker for the GA Solar Holiday Luncheon at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, at Villa Christina, 4000 Summit Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30319. Solar in South Carolina has grown by **303%** in the past year, according to **SEIA**, ranking seventh among the 50 states for solar as a percent of new electric capacity. [Learn More](#)

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City of Atlanta Adopts Solar Express Permitting

New guidelines speed up approvals for solar on Atlanta homes and businesses



GA Solar extends its appreciation to the City of Atlanta for its adoption of a new, streamlined solar permitting process. The new permitting process will facilitate adding solar panels to the rooftops of homes and businesses in the City of Atlanta.

This faster approval process comes at an opportune time for increased solar adoption, with programs like the current **Solarize Decatur-DeKalb** in progress until the end of this month, (December 31, 2016). To learn more, see our story in the **Atlanta Daybook**. Click here to access the **Solar Roof Installation Express Permit Application**.

2016 Solar Advocate Award Finalists are Chosen

The nominations are in and the finalists have been selected. Who will receive the **2016 Solar Advocate Award** from the Georgia Solar Energy Association? The winner will be announced at the December 15th Holiday Luncheon. Purchase your ticket now! [REGISTER](#)



Jeff Pratt and Kerry Sibley, Green Power EMC - Cooperative Solar is the latest effort of GA's Electric Membership Cooperatives (EMCs) to bring affordable,

Shan Arora, Southface Solar Map and Clean Jobs Census - Shan is the creator and administrator of Georgia Energy Data, an interactive map showing the location, size

Rachel Petry, Southern Company, Project Manager for the UGA Solar Research Project - This installation is a state-of-the-art 1.25-megawatt solar research project

reliable solar energy to members across the state.

and other information on most of the solar installations in Georgia.

designed for studying solar panel performance.

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Solarize Decatur-DeKalb *IN THE NEWS*



Solarize Decatur-DeKalb Sign-Up Period Ends Saturday, December 31, 2016

To date, 559 people have signed up which translates into over 400 free solar evaluations so far...

AJC (11/28/16): Decatur's 'solarize' campaign inspired by powerful start in Portland

AJC (11/23/16): Discounts offered to help solarize DeKalb

CBJ (10/3/16): Kennesaw firms lead the way in solar bulk-buying programs

APN (9/21/16): Solarize Decatur-DeKalb Promotes Solar Panels Installations for Homes



Are Utilities Subsidizing Rooftop Solar Users?

Counter to some utility claims that solar owners don't pay their fair share, a new report says solar panels on homes, schools and businesses often provide more benefits than they receive through programs like net energy metering (NEM).

Released by the **Environment American & Research Policy Center**, the report says solar panels provide pollution-free energy that delivers far-reaching benefits to the environment and the electric grid. [Learn More](#)

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Your support helps to advance the solar industry in Georgia. Thank You!



Target Hits Bullseye As Top 2016 US Corporate Solar Installer

Target has hit a solar energy bullseye.

The Minneapolis-based retail giant topped all other American big businesses going solar, according to a [new report from the Solar Energy Industries Association](#) (SEIA).

In the [2016 Solar Means Business Report](#),

Target knocked out former champion Walmart. It was a close race, though, with Target installing 147 MW and Walmart installing 145 MW. [Learn More](#)

Solar in the Southeast

Duke Energy: S.C. Solar Rebate Program 'Exceeding Expectations'

Duke Energy And Nonprofit To Help N.C. Schools Go Solar



Work Begins On Maryland Solar Project Serving Electric Co-op

IKEA Finishes Tennessee's Biggest Rooftop Solar Array

Clemson Study Shows Where To Generate Solar Energy in South Carolina

Bibb County (GA) Moves Towards Getting Solar Panels

Solar Power Ordinances in the Works for Dougherty County (GA)



Solar on the National Stage

[Solar Means Business 2016 Report](#)

[U.S. Solar Soars While Prices Fall: DOE Reports](#)

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