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State Representative Lipper-Garabedian Spearheads Third Annual Recycling & Sustainability Event for City of Melrose April 27 with City & State Partners

April 17, 2024 –Saturday, April 27, 2024, State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian will host her 3rd annual Recycling & Sustainability Day for the City of Melrose, partnering with the Melrose Department of Public Works and organizations local to the City and across the Commonwealth. This one-day event is a unique hub that allows Melrose residents to consciously clear clutter while making a difference and learning how to further their sustainability initiatives. The Recycling and Sustainability Day event takes place from 9AM to 12PM, rain or shine, at Melrose Public High School, entrance Melrose Street.

At the event, Melrosians can recycle and receive a rebate for their old dehumidifiers with National Grid; learn about home energy assessments; explore composting with Black Earth Composting; and engage with a variety of local organizations – e.g., participate in a bike swap with the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Committee; get bike tune-ups with the Ride Café; learn about sustainability efforts with the Melrose Energy and Climate; visit with the Friends of the Fells; and Zero Waste Melrose will be offering their Terracycle Plastics Recycling Program at their table. Representative Lipper Garabedian will be collecting food, clothing, and toiletries to deliver to the Malden-based nonprofit, Bread of Life, to support economically struggling and disadvantaged families, individuals, youth, and senior citizens in the North metro Boston area.

With no fee per car, residents can upcycle up to two pieces of gently used furniture (with right to refuse poor quality items) with Habitat for Humanity; recycle outdated electronics with peace of mind for proper data erasing with Green Team Junk Removal; and recycle clothing and housewares. Fees will be charged for TVs (\$20), monitors (\$20), window ACs (\$10), mattresses (\$45), box springs (\$45), and car tires (\$12). Residents also can recycle Styrofoam (\$5 per half a bag & \$10 per full bag). Cash, card, and checks made payable to "Green Team Junk Removal" will be accepted. Questions can be directed to greenteamjunk@gmail.com or (508) 361-0519.

"After a second successful event last year, I am excited to again support and expand civic engagement for climate action individually and collectivity while highlighting climate leadership from the grassroots to the State House," said Representative Lipper-Garabedian, a member of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy and the Zero Waste Caucus. "The hub offers an opportunity to jumpstart our spring cleaning with a sustainability foundation, build on the momentum of Earth Day earlier in the week, and explore ongoing opportunities to address our climate crisis."

Please follow Representative Lipper-Garabedian's social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube at @KateforRep and consult her email newsletters, available at tinyurl.com/KLG-newsletters, for updated information regarding the event.

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