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MAYOR KYRIACOU ANNOUNCES ELECTRIC VEHICLE DAY SEPTEMBER 19TH AT THE ELKS LODGE

BEACON, NY— Mayor Lee Kyriacou announced that the City of Beacon has partnered with Healey Brothers Inc. to make it easier and more affordable for Beacon residents to get behind the wheel of an electric vehicle (EV). A kick-off event celebrating the partnership will take place on September 19th from 10 am to 1 pm at the Elks Lodge at 900 Wolcott Avenue in Beacon where residents will have an opportunity to learn about EVs, take them for a test drive, and raise money to fight climate change.

The event will be hosted by Healey Brothers Inc., Sustainable Hudson Valley, Beacon's Conservation Advisory Committee, the Green Beacon Coalition, Sustainable Putnam, and Climate Smart Philipstown. Healey Brothers Inc. will be offering test drives in their Hyundai Kona, Ford Mach-E, and Chevy Bolt EVs. The event will also feature EV education and group-purchase incentives to local residents and neighboring communities.

Healey Brothers Inc. is offering a \$500 gift card to anyone who purchases an EV through the event. The dealership will also donate \$10 for every test drive to Sustainable Hudson Valley, a local non-profit dedicated to fighting climate change. EV buyers will have access to New York's Drive Clean Rebate, discounts on tolls, and a federal tax credit. Drivers also save about one dollar per gallon equivalent in operating costs. Every EV purchased by Beacon residents also contributes to the City of Beacon being eligible for additional funding which can be used to further local sustainability efforts.

The City of Beacon has been investing in green vehicles and EV charging stations using grant funding. Thanks to grants from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), the City has installed two dual-port EV charging stations on the east end of the City and is in the process of installing two more on the west end. Grant funding has also helped the City recently replace two gas powered vehicles in its municipal vehicle fleet with two EVs.

Mayor Kyriacou noted, "I'm committed to making Beacon the most sustainable city in the Hudson Valley. EV Day at the Elks Lodge on September 19th represents another great step toward fighting climate change right here at home. I'd like to thank all of the organizations responsible for hosting this event, particularly our Conservation Advisory Committee and Healey Brothers."

John Koerner, Executive General Manager of Healey Brothers Inc. said, "Healey Brothers looks forward to working with communities to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles."

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