

City of Beacon, New York Office of the Mayor Lee Kyriacou, Mayor

BEACON REPAIR CAFÉ RETURNS IN 2025

Beacon, NY— The first Repair Café of 2025 will take place at the Beacon Recreation Center on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The free event is a resource for community members to breathe new life into broken or worn-out items.

Those interested in attending the June 2025 Repair Cafe can receive assistance with repairs to electronics, textiles/clothing, furniture, lamps, jewelry, bicycles, watches and clocks, appliances, and more. Bring blades that need sharpening and items that need welding.

The upcoming event builds on the success of two Repair Cafes in Beacon in 2024, which were held with support from the City of Beacon's Community Investment Program. During those events, over a dozen volunteer "fixers" – residents with repair skills – restored items from community members, ultimately keeping 189 items in use, instead of adding them to the waste stream. Waste prevention is an important strategy within New York State's <u>plan to meet its</u> <u>climate targets.</u>

The Beacon Repair Cafes are organized by a group of Beacon and Fishkill residents, business owners, and community groups. They are supported by the City of Beacon, the Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee, Mutual Aid Beacon, the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management, the Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Rombout Middle School volunteers and students.

The events are part of the international repair café movement, and Sustainable Hudson Valley's program Repair Cafe Hudson Valley – a consortium of over 50 repair cafes.

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