



Zero Waste Waukesha

Saturday February 2nd, 7 to 8:30 pm

Lake Country UU Social Hall

W299N5595 Grace Dr.

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The LCUUC Ministry for Earth in cooperation with the Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL), will be offering a program on WEAL's "Zero Waste Waukesha" initiative. The program will include a video "**Racing to Zero**" documenting San Francisco's program to eliminate all waste sent to the landfill by 2020 by treating garbage as a RESOURCE rather than just something to get rid of. Many communities across the US have committing to work on the Zero Waste initiative. The video will be followed by a discussion led by WEAL members Laurie Longtine and Charlene LeMoine.

Laurie and Charlene will also be sharing details of the global "*Skip the Straw*" movement during the discussion following the video. Plastic straws may seem harmless but can contribute to the more than 150 metric tons of plastics in the world's oceans. They do not biodegrade but photodegrade into microplastics, which can be ingested by fish, birds and other wildlife and ultimately enter our food chain. Plastic straw bans are being enacted around the globe, including a number of cities in the United States. The state of California recently enacted legislation requiring dine-in restaurants to only give straws when requested, and statewide bans are being considered in Hawaii, New Jersey, and New York. Please join us to discuss how Waukesha County can work toward sustainability.

Refreshments will be served in recyclable or washable containers and utensils, and NO STRAWS will be provided