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Nashoba Valley Rotary's Repair Cafe in Bolton Set For Saturday, January 20

Purpose is to offer free household-goods repair to the public

Needed parts will be charged at cost

January 2, 2018 - Bolton, MA - The [Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley](#), with help from [Bolton Local](#), will hold the next Bolton Repair Café on Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Florence Sawyer School, located at [100 Mechanic St. in Bolton](#). The school is located behind the Emerson School, which is on the same driveway/street. Residents of Bolton and surrounding towns are invited to come and find out what a Repair Café is all about.

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At the Repair Café, everything centers on making repairs. Knowledgeable volunteers help repair items such as clean mendable clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers and other electronics, bikes, and toys. They can also sharpen knives, scissors, and garden tools. We cannot work on outdoor power equipment in the winter. You pay only for needed parts. If you know which parts are needed, please get them ahead of time and bring them to the Repair Café, to save time.

Volunteers at the Repair Café will look at all items brought in, and try to repair

them. When the volunteers cannot repair something, they will offer suggestions about where you can go for repairs.



Unlike a "fix-it" shop, where people drop off items to be repaired and continue about their day, the Repair Café is meant to get people involved with the repair process and create connections with others in the community. When you bring in items for repair, we ask you to stay while your items are being fixed. You can just watch, help with the repair, fix the item yourself with help from volunteers, or just have a snack and visit with neighbors.

We will continue our activity for kids during this event. Bring either your children or your grandchildren so they can work on taking something apart at the supervised take-apart table, to see how it works. Putting things back together and fixing things are not expected.

Promoting repairs will help reduce mountains of waste. According to organizer Ray Pfau, "We throw away lots of things that often have almost nothing wrong with them -things that could easily be used again after a simple repair. Unfortunately, many people have forgotten that they can fix things. The Repair Café wants to change all that."



The Repair Café is also meant to put neighbors in touch with each other in a new way. Neighbors may discover that a lot of know-how and practical skills can be found close to home. Pfau adds, "If you repair a bike, a CD player, or a pair of trousers with previously unfamiliar neighbors, you look at them in a different light the next time you see them. Jointly making repairs can lead to connections

in the community. Making repairs can also save money and resources."

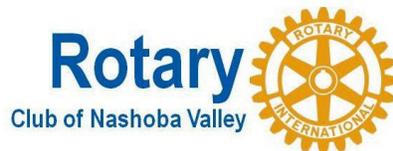
The Bolton Repair Café is sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Rotary with support from Bolton Local, and the [Repair Cafe Foundation](#), which has been organizing Repair Cafés in the Netherlands since 2010 and has provided support since January 2011 to local groups in and outside the Netherlands wanting to start their own Repair Cafés. Bolton has been holding Repair Cafés since the fall of 2013.

Repair Cafés are springing up in the Central Massachusetts and Metrowest. The Northboro Junior Women's Club will hold a Repair Café on Saturday, March 3, and the Rotary Club of Littleton will hold a Repair Café on Saturday, March 10. Closer

to Boston, a Fixit Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Jamaica Plain branch of the Boston Public Library. For a calendar of upcoming repair events in Massachusetts, visit www.boltonlocal.org/initiatives/repair-cafe.

For more information on the Bolton Repair Cafe, contact Ray Pfau at [978-779-5545](tel:978-779-5545) or ray.pfau@alum.mit.edu, or visit www.nashobarotary.org.

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The mission of the [Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley](#) is "service above self." The club belongs to [District 7910](#) of [Zone 32](#) of [Rotary International](#), whose 1.2 million members in more than 34,000 clubs globally come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Nashoba Valley Rotary, which serves the communities of Bolton, Lancaster and Stow, meets the first, third, and fifth Thursdays at 7:15 a.m. at Emma's Cafe, located at [117 Great Rd.](#) in Stow, and the second and fourth Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at Nancy's Air Field Cafe, located at [302 Boxboro Rd.](#) in Stow. For more information on Nashoba Valley Rotary, contact President Mary Garcia at [978-337-3571](tel:978-337-3571) or leapforward@aol.com.

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