

## **GOING LOCAL! PREPARING FOR THE ACCELERATING ENERGY CRISIS**

### **Boulder Valley Community Conference and Relocalization Resource Expo**

BOULDER, CO—On January 14, Boulder Valley Relocalization (BVR) will host a major all-day event on the University of Colorado campus to increase community preparedness for the challenges and opportunities of the energy crisis. Through this event, titled “Going Local! Preparing for the Accelerating Energy Crisis,” the group plans to inform citizens about options for preparing for near-term disruptions and to encourage participating in the strategic planning process for achieving long-term community self-reliance in energy, food and economy.

“We’ve secured the largest meeting facility in the area for this event, the UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom,” says Lynette Marie Hanthorn, co-founder of Boulder Valley Relocalization, a group of citizens committed to developing a community response to the energy crisis. “We are hoping to attract as many as 1,000 people to the Community Conference, the Relocalization Resource Expo and the documentary films.” Admission is \$10. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled morning keynote speakers include: Julian Darley, author of *High Noon for Natural Gas: The New Energy Crisis* and founder of Post Carbon Institute and Global Public Media; and Boulder’s own Dr. Albert Bartlett, Professor Emeritus of Physics, University of Colorado.

A major part of the event is a Relocalization Resource Expo which will feature tools, information, products, practitioners, organizations, citizen group, co-ops, companies, city/county government agencies, authors, artists, media producers and publications that can help citizens prepare for the coming energy crisis.

The afternoon will feature panels of local speakers to round out the conference agenda, with discussions covering such topics as local transportation and fuel alternatives, personal “powerdown” options, household and community energy generation, and spiritual/psychological preparation for challenging times.

A highlight of the day will be the premiere of “The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil,” a documentary film still in production. Megan Quinn, the film’s co-producer and Outreach Director of Community Service, Inc. in Yellow Springs, Ohio, will present the film and deliver the final keynote about the importance of community and the relevance of Cuba’s response to a nationwide energy crisis.

On January 13, BVR will host a special documentary film night, featuring such documentary films as: “The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream,” by Gregory Greene; “The Future of Food,” by Deborah Koons Garcia; and “Affluenza: The All-Consuming Epidemic,” by David Wann.

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