

December 2018 GOAT Noat

"I'm dreaming of a green New Year" (sung to the tune of "White Christmas")

If you would like to make New Year resolutions to reduce your carbon footprint, increase the percentage of clean and renewable energy used in your home and community, and/or work for environmental justice in 2019, Homewood's Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT) would like to help you learn how to achieve these goals. GOAT will be conducting a survey to identify areas of strong interest for workshops, demonstrations, and discussions that will serve as spring boards for personal, family, and community change in 2019. The survey, which will be available in paper (recycled, of course) and online formats will be unveiled at the Homewood holiday pot luck dinner on Friday, December 14th. GOAT hopes that everyone who considers themselves part of the Homewood community will participate in taking survey which will be available from December 14th, 2018 to January 6th, 2019.

One Goat can Make a Huge Difference in a Family's Life

During December, GOAT will be collecting monetary donations to **Heifer International** toward the purchase of one (or more) goat(s). One goat donated to an agrarian family in Africa can substantially improve the nutritional and economic health of the family as well as increase agricultural output. In the words of Heifer International, "giving an animal to a family is like giving a small business. Animal donations are a way of giving a family a hand up and increased access to medical care, education, and a sustainable livelihood." Sponsorship for a goat is \$130. We will pool our contributions to purchase one or more goats. However, individuals donating via check will receive a charitable donation document from Heifer International.