



Hole In Your Shirt? Computer On The Fritz? Dull knife?

Wobbly Toy Truck? Torn Teddy Bear? Blinky Lamp? Toss 'em? No way!

Bring your broken item to Orange County's very first Repair Café

Sat., November 19, 10 AM-3 PM, at The Warwick Valley Community Center,

11 Hamilton Ave, lower level, in the Village of Warwick, NY

Repair Coaches, guys and gals with superior technical skills, will be available for computer trouble shooting, sewing repairs, knife and tool sharpening, wooden and mechanical toy, non-upholstered furniture, small appliance, and lamp repairs.

You carry your items, two per person, in and out, and the volunteer coaches, some of whom are professional fixers, will work with you to fix it! If they don't think that the repair can be made that day, they'll tell you why. For example, if your jammed coat zipper can't be freed, your sewing coach will tell you what type of zipper to purchase and bring with you to the next monthly Repair Café.

Volunteer coaches bring their own tools and offer repairs at no cost to you, but we must charge you for lamp parts at our cost. Donations cheerfully accepted to help us purchase additional supplies and advertise.

While we can't guarantee that your item will be repaired, a lot of beloved, broken things do get fixed for free. Everybody has fun and often, an interesting story to tell. A lot of stuff goes home with happy people rather than tossed and trucked to a landfill.

The Repair Café idea was born in Amsterdam in 2009. Repair Café New Paltz was one of the first in the United States, and others followed in the Hudson Valley in Poughkeepsie, Gardiner, Rhinebeck, Kingston, Beacon, and Rosendale. Sustainable Warwick is sponsoring a Repair Café locally in order to support reuse and recycling. For more information about the Repair Café concept, visit <http://www.repaircafehv.org/#welcome1> or

www.sustainablewarwick.org. If you'd like to volunteer your repair skills, contact Elizabeth Knight@ 845-544-1056; eknight@teawithfriends.com.

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