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Give Broken Items a Second Life at the Roxbury Repair Café

ROXBURY, NJ (*September 30, 2025*) — Got a broken lamp, a wobbly chair, or a dull kitchen knife? Don't toss it, fix it for free at the second Roxbury Repair Café, hosted by the Roxbury Public Library, Lake Hopatcong Foundation, and Roxbury Township Recycling on Saturday, October 18, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Roxbury Fire Co. #2, located at 110 Shippenport Road in Landing, NJ.

Following the success of the first-ever Roxbury Repair Café this spring, the October event will bring together more than 20 skilled volunteer fixers ready to tackle a wide variety of household repairs, completely free of charge. Repair stations will include bicycles, sewing projects, electronics, household items, jewelry, knives, lamps, sewing machines, and woodworking. Attendees are asked to bring only items that can be carried without assistance, as volunteers will not be available to help with transport. Each household may bring up to two items, and for knife sharpening, the limit is three knives per person.

"We're encouraging everyone to make appointments in advance, which helps our volunteers prepare for what's coming in," said Sam Fellman, Repair Café team lead at Roxbury Public Library. "Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be given priority." Appointments can be made online at roxburylibrary.org/repair-cafe-16255, and questions about the event can be directed to Sam Fellman at sam.fellman@roxburylibrary.org or by phone at (973) 584-2400.

The first Roxbury Repair Café drew dozens of residents who brought in broken items and left not only with them working again, but also with a stronger sense of community connection. "The enthusiasm and gratitude from participants at the first event were inspiring," said Kellie Ann Keyes of Roxbury Township Recycling. "Our volunteer fixers are the heart of the Repair Café, and their work helps reduce waste while strengthening community ties."

Patrick Krudop, Education and Outreach Director at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, added, “Repair Cafés are about more than fixing broken things. They’re about building a culture of sustainability and collaboration. We’re proud to be part of this effort in Roxbury, and we’re thrilled to see how quickly the community has embraced it.”

Repair Cafés are part of a global movement to cut waste, conserve resources, and share skills in a supportive, hands-on environment. Thanks to community support and volunteer expertise, items that might otherwise end up in the trash can instead be repaired and enjoyed for years to come.

*The **Roxbury Public Library** is a community crossroads for learning and discovery. Each year, Roxbury Public Library serves more than 23,000 residents and neighbors with more than 200,000 check-outs and engagements through offerings of educational and enriching programs, concerts, lending books and audiovisual materials, and offering a wide array of digital content that allows our community members to access a vast array of books, audiobooks, music, and film on their personal devices via their library card. Roxbury Public Library offers expanded digital services, in person and online classes, passport services by appointment, an inventive Library of Things, and an abundance of helpful resources. To learn more, visit roxburylibrary.org.*

*The **Lake Hopatcong Foundation** is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey’s largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org.*

***Roxbury Township Recycling** is dedicated to helping our community reduce waste, protect the environment, and meet our county’s recycling goals in compliance with state laws. We educate residents on what can and cannot be recycled, how to properly sort materials, and why recycling is important. By working together, we can maximize the benefits of recycling, reduce contamination, and ensure that our town contributes to a cleaner, more sustainable future. Roxbury residents are invited to download the free app *Recycle Coach* and sign up for *Smart 911* to receive important notifications. The Township of Roxbury also participates in the statewide *Clean Communities* program to reduce litter in public places, encourage volunteer cleanup of public lands, and maintain litter reduction through education and enforcement. For more information: roxburynj.us/34/Recycling-Sanitation-information*

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Roxbury REPAIR CAFÉ

A community event where volunteers fix broken items, free of charge!

 Saturday, October 18, 11am - 3pm

 Roxbury Fire Dept Company 2
110 Shippenport Rd, Landing

 Categories:
Bicycles, Computers, Electronics,
Knife Sharpening, Woodworking,
Household Appliances, Jewelry,
Lamps, Sewing, Textiles, and More!



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APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED!

