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CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT AT LA GRUA CENTER

Guest Speaker: Dr. Matthew Kotchen, Professor of Economics, Yale University

STONINGTON, CONN. (March 13, 2023) – “Climate Change: The Perfect Problem,” a free public program, will be presented on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the La Grua Center in Stonington Borough. Hosted by the Stonington Garden Club (SGC), the program will feature Dr. Matthew Kotchen, professor of economics at Yale University, who will focus on why climate change is a particularly challenging problem and offer realistic solutions.



The program’s title is a nod to Sebastian Junger’s best-selling book “The Perfect Storm,” where a confluence of meteorological conditions gave rise to an unlikely storm in the Northern Atlantic with devastating consequences. Climate change, in parallel, is a problem based on a confluence of conditions that humans seem almost perfectly ill-suited to address, thereby giving rise to the “perfect problem.” Nevertheless, there is reason for optimism. Kotchen will present an economic perspective, drawing on his experience as an academic at Yale University and a negotiator representing the United States in international environmental agreements.

About Matthew Kotchen

Dr. Kotchen, a professor of economics at Yale University, specializes in environmental and energy economics. He joined the Yale faculty in 2009, having held previous and visiting positions at Williams College, the University of California (Santa Barbara and Berkeley), Stanford University, and Resources for the Future. Kotchen has also served as Yale’s Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Energy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, DC, the visiting chief economist at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), and as a member of the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

About the Stonington Garden Club

The Stonington Garden Club is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate and encourage interest in the environment and conservation, support community projects, and stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening. For almost 100 years, the club has had a lasting and positive impact on the community, and its members take great pride in the Stonington community and its environs. For more information or to inquire about membership, please visit www.stoningtongardenclub.org.