



**Join us to see a film**

## ***Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch***

**Friday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307, 703-765-5950

Website and directions—<http://mvuc.org/directions/>

Plastic is ubiquitous in the environment—including the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve and the rest of the Potomac shoreline. This documentary investigates plastic pollution and its damaging effects on birds and other animals and on the environment.

Part of the film focuses on remote Midway Atoll. Midway is the winter home for most of the world's remaining populations of Laysan, black-footed, and short-tailed albatrosses, as well as 14 other species of seabirds. Unfortunately it also lies within the so-called "Great Pacific garbage patch," an area of the central North Pacific Ocean characterized by very high concentrations of plastic debris that have been trapped by the currents of the North Pacific Gyre. The birds mistake bottle caps, combs, lighters, and other plastic debris for food, and, according to the film's press release, "Many die with identifiable objects in the remains."

In this independent documentary film, journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun goes on a journey of discovery and meets scientists, researchers, and volunteers who shed light on the effects of our plastic consumption and learns that plastic is more pervasive—and more harmful—than most imagine.

This program is free and is open to the public. Visit [www.plasticparadisemovie.com](http://www.plasticparadisemovie.com) to watch the trailer. For more information, contact Glenda Booth, [gbooth123@aol.com](mailto:gbooth123@aol.com), 703-765-5233.

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