



The Clay Center Observatory and The Planetary Society are proud to present Town Hall Meeting on Space with Bill Nye



Town Hall Meeting on Space

Help decide the future of space exploration!

- Who:** [Bill Nye](#), [Heidi Hammel](#), and others!
- What:** Town Meeting style forum to discuss the future!
- When:** [Saturday, March 29th, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.](#) (Doors open at 4:00 p.m.) Reception / refreshments follow.
- Where:** Clay Center Observatory at Dexter and Southfield Schools, 20 Newton Street, Brookline MA
- How:** Seating is limited. Reserve tickets on-line at www.claycenter.org. Free, public event.

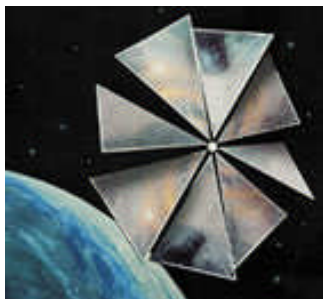
Immediately following the Town Hall meeting, the Clay Center Observatory cordially invites you to a “Visions of Space Social” on the 2nd floor. A light buffet and refreshments will be served. The Stars Court will be lit and the Observatory will be open for tours.

Note: Best for middle school age and up and any planetary science enthusiasts.

You are invited to participate in the inaugural Town Hall Meeting on Space, the first of a series that The Planetary Society plans to host around the United States over the next few months. Bill Nye will host this meeting at the Clay Center Observatory of the Dexter and Southfield Schools, Brookline, Massachusetts, Saturday, March 29.

The purpose of these Town Halls is to engage the public in charting a course for human space exploration beyond Earth orbit. A new Administration will soon take power in Washington, D.C., and we need to begin preparing to influence the policies that will determine how the United States addresses the potential future in space.

Any possible course must take into account the current Vision for Space Exploration, as manifested in the Constellation



program, as well as the growing priority of Earth observations, and the teetering balance between science and exploration in NASA. In addition, the once-exclusive club of space faring nations is growing, with China, India, and Japan joining the U.S., Europe, and Russia in space capability.

[Bill Nye](#), Vice-President of The Planetary Society, will moderate the Town Hall discussions, which will kick off with short presentations from space scientist [Heidi Hammel](#), member of The Planetary Society’s board; a representative of the taxpaying public; and a student whose future will be shaped by the policy decisions made in the next few years.



Visit Bill Nye the Science Guy’s web site at www.billnye.com.



Following the presentations, we will open up the discussion to the audience to hear your opinions about what direction you would like to see the United States and the world take in space exploration.

[The Planetary Society](#), founded in 1980 by Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray, and Louis Friedman, inspires and involves the world’s public in space exploration through advocacy, projects, and education. Today, The Planetary Society is the largest and most influential public space organization group on Earth. Dedicated to exploring the solar system and seeking life beyond Earth, The Planetary Society is non-governmental and nonprofit and is funded by the support of its members.

The Planetary Society (<http://www.planetary.org>) leads by example: through private ventures, such as the solar sail; through public-private partnerships, such as the Mars Microphone; through promoting grand and ambitious adventures, such as human missions to Mars. We continue to find more ways for members of the public to participate directly in humanity’s evolution into a multi-planet species — as we inspire the people of Earth to explore other worlds and seek other life.

[The Clay Center Observatory](#), operated by Dexter and Southfield Schools, is a state-of-the-art astronomical observatory and learning center. In addition to the observatory’s seven research-grade telescopes, this five-story building contains sophisticated computer and science laboratories, a multi-media lecture hall, classrooms, dining hall, meeting spaces, an amateur radio station, and a solar energy roof deck.

