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ENERGY: LIMITS OF GROWTH with Tim Tyler Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5

This lecture compiles the thinking of leading authorities to focus on the realities of this very complex and timely topic without the obfuscations of special interests, geo-politics and economic gain. Tyler, a retired independent consultant in computer information services, first encountered the question of energy policy and politics when he was hired in the 1970s by the National Bureau of Standards to do a study on "wired cities" using Jacksonville, Florida as a model. Multiple on-site interviews were conducted with city leaders starting with the mayor, and a financial model was constructed. The biggest "potential" business development in Jacksonville at that time was "Offshore Power Systems," a business venture that planned to "manu-

facture" nuclear power plants and float them to where they were needed. A lot of changes have occurred during and after the 1970s.

Since then, there has been increased awareness that fossil fuels of all kinds (oil, coal, natural gas) are finite resources, and that the world economy is dependent upon low-cost fossil fuels. While numerous books have been written on this subject, one of the best was "Out of Gas - The End of the Age of Oil" by David Goodstein (then vice provost at the California Institute of Technology).

Having lived through the last depression, Tyler will also give his opinion of why today's problems are "different." This will provide insights and help clarify some of the real issues. It promises to be a most informative evening. Admission is \$5.



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