

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **February 2008**. It is going out to over **1,420** people. If you do not want to receive this once-a-month email in the future, simply hit "reply" and ask to be removed.

Please also remember that if you prefer not to read this announcement in email form, you can always access it on the web at www.simplicity-matters.org/announcements/

We also have a YahooGroup, called "DCMetroSimplifiers," with about 230 members, if you want to be involved during the month in an "interactive dialogue." You can subscribe from our homepage, www.simplicity-matters.org.

For our friends in Baltimore, there is also a new YahooGroup called "Green City Baltimore," with similar interactive opportunities and about 65 members. You can also subscribe from our homepage.

The announcement is organized into five sections:

- 1.) Second Sunday Forum & Baltimore Green Forum
- 2.) Discussion Circle Update
- 3.) Community Events
- 4.) Looking ahead to March and Beyond
- 5.) Action Opportunities & Tidbits (not date specific)

This month, you are encouraged to consider various issues facing our state legislature. Be sure to scroll down to the various submissions -- about the ICC issue (under "Action Opportunities") and the environmental lobby day on Feb 18th (under "Community Events")

Thanks to this month's editor, Betty Wells

SECOND SUNDAY FORUM

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Sunday, February 10, 2008, 6:30-8:30 PM

The Great Turning presentation and discussion led by **Janet Kane**, writer and environmental activist

What would a Life-Sustaining society look like? What tools do we need to successfully achieve this transformation? Some of the answers are already springing up around us, such as the Locavore and slow food movements, the expansion of green building research, and worldwide efforts to reverse global warming. Join us for an exciting look at the ongoing revolution first identified by authors Joanna Macy and David Korten. More info: [Joanna Macy's](http://JoannaMacy's)

(www.joannamacy.net) and [David Korten's \(www.thegreeturning.net\)](http://www.thegreeturning.net) websites

Where: in a private home in Bethesda, within walking distance of the Medical Center metro (Red Line), close to I-495 and Wisconsin Avenue.

To RSVP (required): Call Marney at (301) 652-0492 or e-mail forum@simplicity-matters.org. Please include your phone number in your message.

Help us publicize this event! Download and post this [flier](#) (PDF, 70 KB) in your workplace or neighborhood!

Mark your calendars for our next Bethesda forum on March 9, 2008! Topic: VIDEO "Escape from Affluenza"

<http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/escape/index.html>

(Please note that the EcoStewards Alliance will be showing the companion video "Affluenza" on Feb 23rd in nearby Vienna, VA – see below)

BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM

Sunday, February 24, 2008 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Topic: 'Maryland's Efforts to Address Climate Change'

MD Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson

Directions <http://www.mpchurch.org/directions.htm>

Brad Heavner is the state's leading, and most eloquent authority on climate change, energy policy and environmentalism, a leader of the MD Healthy Air Coalition, Clean Cars legislation, & reform of the state's power industry. **Shelley Morhaim** is an environmentalist & award-winning documentary film producer. Maryland may be poised to adopt the strongest state-level climate policy in the nation. We will discuss state legislation and practical ways that a sustainable economy will work. Questions: baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com
<http://www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/61.html#greenforumfebruary>

The Baltimore Green Forum is a monthly environmental & discussion forum held on the last Sunday of each month, open to the public free of charge. Co-sponsored by [Simplicity Matters Earth Institute](#), [Green City Baltimore](#), [Hooked on Nature](#), [Network of Spiritual Progressives in MD](#), [Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network](#), [Baltimore Climate Action Network](#), and the [MD League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Inc.](#) Literature will be available about numerous "green" Baltimore organizations.

For questions, to co-sponsor, or to RSVP, contact Diane, baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com or 410-965-7740

Sunday March 30, 2008 Topic: TBA

Check back at: <http://www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/61.html#greenforummarch>

Sunday April 27, Topic: 'Addressing Climate Change through Lifestyle, Technology & Advocacy at the Local & Personal Level'

<http://www.baltimoreclimate.org/content/1/2/61.html#greenforumapril>

DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE

Please note the following abbreviations: "Voluntary Simplicity" (VS), "Choices for Sustainable Living" (CSL), "Discovering a Sense of Place" (DSOP), "Exploring Deep Ecology" (EDE), "Healthy Children-Healthy Planet (HCHP), "Globalization and Its Critics" (GiC), "Global Warming: Changing CO₂urse" (CO2), "Your Money or Your Life" (YMOYL), "Simplicity Lessons" by Linda Breen Pierce (LBP), and "Low Carbon Diet" by David Gershon (LCD)

We started a total of 29 circles in 2007 in 8 counties: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George, Washington County, Carroll, and District of Columbia

We have started 9 circles so far in 2008 (including two additional counties: Frederick and Harford):

FOOD Pilot Circle (phone circle) CS: Lena Rotenberg,
Frederick, FOOD Pilot Circle CS: Lena Rotenberg,
Bethesda, FOOD Pilot Circle CS:Lena Rotenberg,
Westminster (CSL), private home CS: Carole Flood
Baltimore, Memorial Episcopal Church in Bolton Hill (CO2), CS: Rebecca Ruggles,
McCormick Spice Company (CSL). CS: Jeff Blankman. Open to employees only.
Middletown, "Simplicity Lessons" by Linda Breen Pierce CS: Susan Kelican
Deer Creek Friends Meeting, Harford County (VS). CS: Jill Sostrin
Frederick, Unitarian Universalist Church (CO2). CS: Marney Bruce,

Here is a "Nature Circle" starting, sponsored by our friends at Hooked on Nature:

Feb 3, Hooked On Nature of Maryland; 4-5:30pm; northwest Baltimore County area is forming a Nature Circle! A weekly gathering to celebrate and share our experiences in nature. Location TBA. The circles will continue for 4 weeks (2/10, 2/17, 2/24). Contact Mary Hardcastle, mary@hookedonnature.org. Visit www.hookedonnature.org

We have the following 6 circles scheduled to begin this month:

Pikesville, private home (DSOP) Intro Mtg: Sun, Feb 3, 7 pm. **First Session:** a week or two later, Contact Diane Jones, Diane.V.Jones@ssa.gov

Scaggsville, Temple Isaiah (CO2) First Session: Wed, Feb 6. Contact Betsy Singer, elizabethsinger446@hotmail.com

Hagerstown, "Low Carbon Diet" (<http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/lcd/>), discussion format TBD. **Intro Meeting:** Feb 7, 6:30 pm. **First Session:** date TBD. Group will meet on subsequent Thursdays. Contact Danielle 301-223-8206 or danielle [at] TouchTheEarthFarm [dot] com

Silver Spring, private home, (DSOP) Intro Meeting: Feb 19, **First Session:** March 4 CS: Camille Freeman

Gunpowder Friends Meeting, Sparks, MD (VS) Intro Meeting: Feb 25, **First Session:** March 3 CS: Linda Davis

Frederick, Ten Thousand Joys, downtown (CO2). Intro Meeting: Thu, March 6, 7-9 PM. **First session:** Thu, April 3. Contact: Hillary Banachowski 301-607-6073 or lunachic727@earthlink.net .

The following groups are hoping to get started later this year, details forthcoming (contact Lore at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com) :

Downtown Frederick (EDE). Circle forming. Contact Chris Hodge 301-865-5630 or mdhiker2@yahoo.com

Ascension Lutheran (TBD) CS: Katherine Jenkins

First Unitarian of Baltimore, downtown area (CO2) Contact Peggy, 410-235-0660 or pstubbs2@verizon.net

Seekers Church, Takoma Park (VS) CS: Ruth Alice White

Parkton (HCHP) CS: Rich Louis

Carbon Neutrality Project, Greenbelt (LCD) CS: Steve Kane sr.kane@verizon.net

Light Street Presbyterian (regroup) Topic: TBD

Foundry Methodist Church, DC (CO2) CS: Lucian Caspar, TC Morrow

St. Columba's Episcopal, Tenleytown (CO2) CS: John Wickham

Paint Branch UU Congregation, Adelphi (regroup) Topic: TBD

River Road UU Congregation, Bethesda (CO2) CS: Jim Fremont, Suzanne Clarke

Cedar Lane UU Congregation, Bethesda (LCD) CS: Mary Somers

UU Congregation of Bowie (CO2) CS: Ken Shilling

UU Congregation of Annapolis, Green Sanctuary Committee CO2 CS: Debbie Cole debcole.email@yahoo.com

Towson UU Congregation Action Circle CS: Michelle Collins

Goddard Space Flight Center (regroup) Topic: TBD CS: Theresa Held/Michael Hartman

Sign Language Circle VS (discussion of "Voluntary Simplicity", in American Sign Language) CS: Roberta Merrill, location: TBD

Baltimore "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Rockville/Bethesda "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal, SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Silver Spring/Takoma Park "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Greenbelt "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

NW DC "Matchmaker" (Topic: TBD) CS: Lore Rosenthal (and Cody Donahue)
SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com

Lore's "Circles List"/"Matchmaking"

This winter, Lore will continue "matching" and/or "pointing" people into circles. In neighborhoods where circles are already forming, she will point you in the direction of a circle nearby. In those areas where there is not a circle already being planned, she will "match" people into home-based groups. Current "matchmaker" neighborhoods include:

**Baltimore/ Columbia/ Greenbelt/ Takoma Park/ Silver Spring/ Rockville/ Bethesda/
Germantown/ NW-DC**

NOTE: If a circle does not seem to be starting in your area quite as fast as you had hoped, perhaps you want to email Lore and offer her some assistance? She would be happy to give you a small task to lighten her load and ensure that the circle you want will come together.

For a list of **all of our NWEI-published discussion topics**, visit
http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/text-based/nwei_7_guides.pdf

As the colder months arrive, many circles are forming. Please check frequently at www.simplicity-matters.org/join_a_circle.htm to see what is available. (If you are starting your own circle and would like to have your blurb posted on that page, please email it to Lena@simplicity-matters.org)

For more info. about our discussion circles, visit our Frequently Asked Questions page, www.simplicity-matters.org/faq.htm, or email Lore at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fri Feb 1: Brazilian Carnaval, 8pm to 10:30pm, Greenbelt MD. Zezeh Pereira co-host of WPFW's Sounds of Brazil, will host a Carnaval Dance Showcase at the NewDeal Café, 113 Centerway. Come learn the samba, for more information, call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Sun Feb 3: Hike Weverton Cliffs and the Appalachian Trail with the Sierra Club; 10am. Beautiful views of the Potomac River. Moderate hike, with one long uphill stretch at the beginning. 7 to 8 miles. Meet a few minutes before 10 am at the Weverton parking area. Take 340 to MD 67 north, then take the first right onto Weverton Rd. Just after turning, there is a dirt and gravel parking area to the right. Bring a snack or lunch and water as well as appropriate hiking shoes. Dress in layers. For more information email mdhiker2@yahoo.com.

Mon Feb 4: CSBA Green Gathering; 6:00-8:00 pm; Baltimore City, MD 21211 Join the Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance for the Green Gathering Happy Hour in conjunction with Green Drinks at The Dogwood, 911 W. 36th St. Other sponsors include One Straw Farm, Earth Alley and Midway Liquors. For more information please call 410-342-1482 or please check www.csballiance.org . Joan Norman will be speaking on Community Supported Agriculture and the owners of Earth Alley will speak on local Green retail.

Thu Feb 7: WINNING A GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT IN MARYLAND, BCAN organizing meeting; 7 - 8:30 pm; Baltimore, MD 21218 Baltimore Climate Action Network (BCAN) will meet at St. John's United Methodist Church; 2640 St. Paul St. (www.baltimoreclimate.org) Our state is on the verge of adopting the strongest climate protection act in the nation. Holly Gorman, CCAN MD organizer, and Claire Douglass, CCAN Campaign

Coordinator for MD & D.C., (CCAN: www.chesapeakeclimate.org) will review the new recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Climate Change, the case for action, and how to build on our momentum to mobilize the Governor and our own state legislators. Directions: www.redemmas.org/2640/ ; Questions: mail@baltimoreclimate.org

Thu Feb 7: Heathcote Community Homeschool Program Open House, 12:30 - 4:30 PM, Freeland, MD Parents and homeschool students are invited to join us on the Chinese New Year, February 7th, for activities, refreshments and a brief tour. We'll end with a dragon parade around the community! For more information, contact Dana, curiocoast@comcast.net, 410-458-2310. Details at www.Heathcote.org

Thu Feb. 7: Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit at Vegetable Garden, 11:30 am to 10:00 pm, Rockville, Md. You're invited to join COK at the monthly Vegetable Garden funding day when D.C.'s vegan favorite donates 10 percent of your bill to COK. Vegetable Garden is located at 11618 Rockville Pike. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0016>

Thu Feb. 7: Washington, D.C Leafleting before Compassion Over Killing Benefit (COK) at Vegetable Garden, 5 - 6 pm. Join COK as we distribute free pro-vegetarian literature, including a guide to veg-friendly dining in and around the nation's capital. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0140>

Fri Feb 8 - 10, Heathcote Community Visitor Weekend; 5 pm Friday - 9 am Sunday, Freeland, MD. Heathcote is an Intentional Community in Northern Baltimore County. Visit us and learn about our Permaculture education programs and tour our new strawbale building. Details at www.Heathcote.org For more information, contact Carol, carolsed@comcast.net, 410-343-1779.

Sat Feb 9 11:00 a.m., Sierra Club True Cost of Food, "Come Shop with Us" at the new Roots store in Olney, MD
16800 Georgia Avenue, Olney, MD 20832 301-774-1344 http://rootsmkt.com/vis_location.htm
Join us on the Saturday before Valentine's Day to pick out some special treats for the special someone in your life, or to enjoy with family and friends. Meet at the new Roots store in Olney for a guided tour of their healthful, organic produce and a demo of easy-to-prepare recipes. Please RSVP to BJ Altshul by February 7 at: bjsearth@hotmail.com or call 240-603-8454.

Sun Feb 10: Vegan Feed-In with Compassion Over Killing (COK), 12:30 - 1:30 pm, Washington, D.C. Join COK as we offer free samples of delicious animal-friendly fare while distributing free literature, including vegan recipes and a guide to veg-friendly dining in and around the nation's capital. February's vegan feed-in is before the annual Chinese New Year Parade in Chinatown. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0043>

Sun, Feb 10: Second Sunday Forum, Bethesda, MD (SEE ABOVE)

Tue Feb 12: Neighbors of Northwest Branch Meeting; 7:30pm, in Silver Spring at the White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., just north of the intersection with US 29 (Colesville Rd.). All are welcome. For more information call 301-946-5599 or visit www.neighborsnwb.org.

Sat Feb 16: Compassion Over Killing (COK) Benefit 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Washington, D.C. at Java Green. Support COK while enjoying delicious cruelty-free fare and socializing with other activists! Please join us at Java Green, located at 1020 19th St., N.W., D.C., when a portion of your bill will benefit COK. For more information contact info@cok.net or 301-891-2458. Details at <http://www.cok.net/events/#event0015>

Sat Feb 16 thru Feb 17: The Work That Reconnects; 10am on Sat til 4pm on Sun; Gaia Healing Center, Mt. Airy, MD Using experiential processes, guided meditations, ritual and the arts, we will move gradually into remembering our connections with all of life, including our ancestors, future generations, and other species. Through expressing our feelings we release them and free up our full energy so we can do our part in the Great Turning, the shift from the Industrial Growth Society to a Life-Sustaining Society. _Cost : \$235 includes overnight accommodations and meals. To register contact Hillary at 301.607.6073 or email lunachic727@earthlink.net directions go to www.gaiahealing.com

Sat Feb 16: Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium; 1 - 5:30; Arlington, VA Through group interactions, inspiring video clips and presentations, the Symposium will explore how we can help bring forth an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on the Earth. For more details, please visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org. **Where:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd **Registration Fee:** \$20 to cover cost of snacks and materials. Additional information and registration at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Mary Pike at marypike@cox.net or 703-960-0577.

[SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUPPORTING THIS EVENT, THAT WE GOT TWO SUBMISSIONS!!]

Mon Feb 18: Environmental Action Day Noon - 7 pm; Annapolis (free) at the Conference Center in the Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen St. Annapolis Maryland 21401. The Environmental Action Day will be on President's Day starting at noon. Come, learn, and show your support! The event will include a briefing on the hot environmental issues, information from top state officials, fast pace training, helpful lobbying tips, and an opportunity to meet your legislators and have your voice heard. We need you to make this event a success. Your presence will help reduce pollution from the Chesapeake Bay, curb global warming, and promote smart growth. We are also looking for volunteers to help as district captains. If you can make it or would like to volunteer, email Jen Brock-Cancellieri at jbrock@mdlcv.org or 410-280-9855 or RSVP ONLINE TODAY HERE <http://www.mdlcv.org/calendar/>

Mon Feb 18: Environmental Action Day, Noon - 8 pm; Annapolis, MD Come learn about priority environmental bills for the 2008 Maryland Legislation session, and join with others from your district to lobby Delegates and Senators to pass the Global Warming Solutions Act (SB 309). No experience necessary, as training and materials will be provided. Those with lobbying experience are welcome and encouraged to volunteer as district captains; contact Tommy Landers at tlanders@environmentmaryland.org or 410-467-0439. Meet at the entrance to the Senate Office Building, on Rowe Boulevard just north of the State House. Check the parking and shuttle for Annapolis <http://www.ci.annapolis.md.us/info.asp?page=8305> You must have current photo ID to enter the buildings where we will meet and lobby. Please RSVP to Cherie Yelton at the Alliance for Global Warming Solutions www.alliancemd.org info@alliancemd.org (410) 267-1160

Thu Feb 21: Gardener's Guide to Global Warming presentation; 7 pm; Chevy Chase, Maryland at the Leland Center, 4301 Willow Lane. Marney Bruce, a volunteer for the National Wildlife Federation, will be giving a talk and PowerPoint presentation on how climate change is affecting wildlife and habitat here in our own region. For more information contact Marney at 301 652-0492.

Thu Feb 21: Introduction to Home Energy Audits; 6:45 – 9:00 pm Jessup, Maryland Find out what you should look for in an energy auditor. Held at the Enviro-Center Contact: Leslye Wilson, email: info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, phone: 443-733-1234 For directions and more information: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org>

Fri Feb 22: Heathcote Community Poetry Reading & Open Mic; 7:30 PM; Freeland, MD Join us for an evening of poetry performance. Come to listen or read your poetry or that of your favorite poet. For more information, contact Dana, curiocoast@comcast.net, 410-458-2310. Details at www.Heathcote.org

Sat Feb 23: Rain Barrel Workshop, 10am-12 pm, Soil Conservation District Office (Timonium) Ever wish you could collect rain water for your lawn or garden? Now you can! Learn how to build your own rain barrel and save 55 gallons of water repeatedly! \$60 fee (barrel and parts). For information and directions contact Peg Perry at little-owl@msn.com, or 410-668-0118. Website www.gunpowderfalls.org.

Sat Feb 23: Chesapeake Earth Institute's Annual Potluck Dinner, 5:30 - 8:30 pm Vienna, VA at Blueberry Hill Community Room, 9701 Farmside Place. All are invited to take part in this evening of great food and conversation with a showing of the PBS documentary "Affluenza." <http://www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza/> To RSVP email MaureenESA@gmail.com or call 571-323-2386.

Sat Feb 23 Social Justice Film Night- Kilowatt Ours! 7:00 p.m., Beit Tikvah, Roland Park, Baltimore, MD
Panel discussion to follow. <http://www.beittikvah.org/>

Sat Feb 23 – 24: Poetry Retreat in the Woods at Heathcote Community; 10 am - 6 pm both days; Freeland, MD This weekend workshop will explore economy in poetry, and the art of "show, don't tell," giving the reader or audience our thoughts through imagery. Join us in Heathcote Community's historic mill for a weekend of reading, writing, playing and performing. Bring your old favorites and works in progress for our critique sessions. For more information, contact Dana, curiocoast@comcast.net, 410-458-2310. Details at www.Heathcote.org

Sun Feb 24: Baltimore Green Forum (SEE ABOVE)

Tue Feb 26: Maryland Native Plant Society monthly meeting; 7:00 pm; White Oak, MD.
Rights of Nature, by Robert Fireovid, research biochemist
Meetings are held at the White Oak Library - Large Meeting Room. Directions: Exit the Washington Beltway at New Hampshire Ave (exit 28). Go north about 2 miles. Turn right at the blinking light, right after you cross under Route 29. Turn left into the library parking lot. For more information call Marney at 301 652-0492 or go to www.mdflora.org.

Wed Feb 27: Introduction to Passive Solar Design; 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm; Jessup, Maryland
Learn how to take advantage of the sun's energy for heating, cooling, and more. Held at the Enviro-Center Contact: Leslye Wilson, email: info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, phone: 443-733-1234 For directions and more information: <http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org>

Thu Feb 28: Adopt-A-Stream Training, 6:30-7:30 pm, Glen Arm, MD Calling all Earth Stewards to help keep our streams clean! Adopt a stream in Hunt Valley/Loveton or where you live. Learn about stream quality in the Gunpowder watershed and how to identify stream hazards. Free! For information and directions contact Peg Perry at little-owl@msn.com, or 410-668-0118.

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please visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org. **Registration Fee:** \$10. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Additional information and registration at www.awakeningthedreamer.org or contact Mary Pike at marypike@cox.net or 703-960-0577.

Sat Mar 8: An Evening with Andrew McKnight, Rustic Poet, Contemporary Songwriter and Storyteller to benefit EcoStewards Alliance; 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Vienna, VA at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East. Tickets \$23 per person. Whenever Andrew takes the stage, audiences are at once spellbound and relaxed by his entertaining stories delivered with just the right touches of down home humor. Besides being a passionate and energetic performer, he has been a long time advocate for efforts to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. As such, EcoStewards Alliance is doubly delighted to have Andrew support their efforts to create positive change for the Bay by educating watershed citizens. To purchase tickets: <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/> or call 571-323-2386.

Sun, Mar 9: Second Sunday Forum, Bethesda, MD (SEE ABOVE)

Thur Mar 20 7:00 p.m. Sierra Club True Cost of Food, Sticky Fingers Bakery 1370 Park Rd NW, Washington DC (1 block North from Columbia Heights metro)

202-299-9700 www.stickyfingersbakery.com

Join us for a special after-hours get-together with Doron Petersan and Kirsten Rosenberg, co-owners of Sticky Fingers Bakery! (Plans subject to change.) 100% vegan menu includes a delectable assortment of deliriously delicious sweets, including cakes, cookies, and breads, as well as gluten-free products. Dinner items include sandwiches, pasta, and salads. Please RSVP to Bowen Cho by March 18th at: bowencho@gmail.com

Sun, Mar 30: Baltimore Green Forum (SEE ABOVE)

Sat, April 5, Volunteers for Project Clean Stream; 9am to Noon, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is currently recruiting for the annual stream and shoreline clean-up held. PCS counties include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard, as well as the Eastern Shore. We're seeking volunteers to sign-up to lead sites, and to help as crew. Basic supplies provided. Pick your own site or choose one from our list. For more details contact the Alliance at (410) 377-6270 x 31 or kdowling@acb-online.org. *April 5 is also the Patuxent watershed clean-up held by the Patuxent Riverkeeper Inc.

Sun, April 27: Baltimore Green Forum (SEE ABOVE)

Wed Apr 30, May 1 - 2: Sixth Annual International Greening Rooftops for Sustainable Communities Conference, Awards & Trade Show; Baltimore, MD at the Baltimore Convention Center & Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel. Come join the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) and the City of Baltimore to the show.

<http://greenroofs.org/baltimore/>

ACTION OPPORTUNITIES & TIDBITS

Baltimore Corn Heating Coop is forming **ASAP**. You can heat your home with affordable, globally sustainable corn/grain/wood pellets. Baltimore BioFuel Home Heating Coop will be modeled after the Tacoma Park 'Save Or Sky' coop described by Mike Tidwell in "[Ravaging Tide](#)" Interested? **Learn more:** Write Leo Horrigan hodee3@verizon.net or Frank Lee TechEdTeacher@usa.net or **JOIN THE LISTSERVE** by sending a blank email to BaltiCornHeat--subscribe@yahoogroups.com You will be able to Heat Sustainably next winter

Campaign to Stop the ICC

Three bills will be introduced in the General Assembly this session on the ICC.

The first will eliminate funding for the ICC and repeal the 2005 ICC Financing Bill passed by the General Assembly. The second and third bills will state that no more funds may be expended on the ICC and no more debt issued until a) the greenhouse gas impacts of this major highway and b) the health impacts of the air toxics on the surrounding communities are assessed and reported back to the Assembly. We need your help urgently to contact your delegates (see mdelect.net to find your representatives) and urge them to support these bills. If you are able to do more to mobilize and organize around this effort, please email stoptheicc@igc.org