

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **October 2009**. It is going out to over **1,815 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 are very sorry that this is going out 4 days late. It is not the fault of our wonderful editor, Betty Wells. We apologize to all those organizations who submitted events on Oct 1/2/3/4 that have now already taken place.

We also have a Yahoo group, called "DCMetroSimplifiers," with about 269 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 Yahoo Group called "Green City Baltimore," with similar interactive opportunities and about 92 members. You can also subscribe from our homepage.

This announcement is organized into five sections:

- Second Sunday Forum, Baltimore Green Forum, Howard County Earth Forum
- Discussion Circle Update
- Community Events
- November Preview
- Action Opportunities & Tidbits

BIG NEWS!! The Northwest Earth Institute is pleased to announce their newest discussion guide topic "**Sustainable Systems at Work**".

http://www.nwei.org/discussion_courses/course-offerings/sustainable-systems-at-work-2

This circle is designed to engage employees in organizational sustainability initiatives. More info will be available at our **Bethesda "Second Sunday Forum" (on Oct 18th, 3rd Sunday this month)**. See below for details.

We are also highlighting similar forums in Baltimore (**Baltimore Green Forum**) and Columbia (**Howard County Earth Forum**), since SMEI is a co-sponsor of each.

October 24 is the International Day of Climate Action. Please scroll down for details.

Many activities happening in the area, including a very large gathering in DC, near the White House.

Thanks to this month's editor, **Betty Wells**.

***THIRD* SUNDAY FORUM (Special Date)**

Sun., Oct. 18, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

"Sustainable Systems at Work": Introducing the newest NWEI discussion guide

http://www.nwei.org/discussion_courses/course-offerings/sustainable-systems-at-work-2

Wondering how to better green your workplace? The Northwest Earth Institute's new discussion guide can help your business (or employer) find ways to reduce resource use, increase sustainability initiatives, boost efficiency and save money. Using the tried and tested model of small group dialogue and action, this program will inspire both employers and employees to experiment with new ideas, collaborate, and share best practices. Join us at the forum to learn more, and to discuss your concerns about greening your own workplace.

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 a [flier](#) (PDF, 61 KB) in your workplace or neighborhood, or forward it to your friends.

November's topic: "Living More Simply" with redmoonsong of Earthaven Eco-Village (you won't want to miss this one!)

HOWARD COUNTY EARTH FORUM

**Sun. Oct. 18, Earth Forum of Howard County
presents Mike Tidwell, Chesapeake Climate Action Network
3 pm, First Presbyterian, Columbia, MD.**

Hot Planet Love: a story of Global Warming, Passion, and Doing the Right Thing.

This new multimedia, eye-popping presentation by Mike Tidwell, Director of CCAN, combines storytelling, music, film and humor to explore climate change with honesty, hope, and committed action.

Presentation feedback, climate advocacy, and Green Central Station emphasis groups follow the program. Included are information tables to view and refreshments to enjoy. Earth Forum is held the 3rd Sunday at 9325 Presbyterian Circle, off Rt. 29 & 108, Columbia.

Free. All are welcome. Sign up at earthforum@firstpreshc.org or call Nancy (410)750-1479 for info

BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM

**Sunday, Oct. 25, 4:30-6:30 pm.
The Baltimore Green Forum takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month
at the MD Presbyterian Church, 1105 Providence Road, Towson, 21286**

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

Kick-off of our programming year, which will focus on the theme of the Transition Town Movement. **Viewing of the DVD "The End of Suburbia"**. Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream. But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. Join us for this DVD viewing followed by a discussion. We will also preview the topics planned for the rest of the year.

FREE to attend, but donations to Maryland Presbyterian Church are greatly appreciated.

Current co-sponsors include: Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, Transition Baltimore, Network of Spiritual Progressives in MD, Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network, Baltimore Climate Action Network, MD League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Inc., Parks & People, and the Greater Baltimore Group of the Sierra Club.

If you would like to suggest topics, or become a co-sponsoring organization, contact baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com, 301-345-2234

DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE

(SSW) Sustainable Systems at Work; (GW) Global Warming: Changing CO2urse; (CSL) Choices for Sustainable Living; (DSOP) Discovering a Sense of Place; (EDE) Exploring Deep Ecology; (HCHP) Healthy Children-Healthy Planet; (MF) Menu for the Future; (VS) Voluntary Simplicity. **Other guides:** (LBP) "Simplicity Lessons" by Linda Breen Pierce; (LCD) "Low Carbon Diet" by David Gershon; (YMOYL) Your Money or Your Life.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of Jan. 2009, discussion circle books now cost \$20 plus s/h. They should be ordered directly from NWEI. For more info, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/order.php>

We have started 24 circles so far in 2009 (221 in total since 2002!)

Plans have become so numerous that we are now breaking them down by county. Please scroll down to see what is starting up near where you live. For more info, you may contact Lore at lore@simplicity-matters.org unless otherwise noted.

Frederick & Washington County

None currently scheduled to begin

Carroll County

Westminster "Regroup" Contact CirclesCarroll@Simplicity-Matters.org to join the group for discussions and to watch videos. CS: Carole Flood

Howard County

Snowden Overlook (GW), Intro Meeting: Sept 1, First Session: October 28, CS: Judy Burt, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

UU Congregation of Columbia (MF) Several discussion circles set to start this fall, thru SMEI (not part of CCIHC) Intro Meeting: Oct 18, 10:15 am, First Session: Oct 26, 7-9 pm. Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Columbia. CS: Robin Hessey, , lore@simplicity-matters.org

Howard County College (GW), CS: Debby Luquette, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Channing UU Congregation, Ellicott City (GW), CS: Dot Rockstroh, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

UU Congregation of Columbia (GW), CS: Sally Ann Cooper, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Green Building Institute, Jessup, MD (MF), CS: Margo Duesterhaus, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Patapsco Friends Meeting (GW) CS: Donna Hauck, hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Private Home (CSL) CS: Hank Grabowski, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Howard County, Climate Change Initiative of Howard County (CCIHC) Committee is actively pursuing many other potential venues. Details to follow. Visit www.hococlimatechange.org or email hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Harford County

None currently scheduled to begin

Baltimore City/County

Baltimore, Private home in Belair-Harford Rd area, CS: Susan D'Arcy

Voluntary Simplicity, Monday nights, every other week in the Belair-Harford Road area. Four core members, **looking for 4-6 people, in order to get started.** Contact: Susan, sd_arcy@hotmail.com, 410-419-4817

Baltimore region (DSOP, GW, MF, CSL) As soon as we have 8-12 people who can agree on a night of the week, we will get started. There seems to be a lot of interest in CSL for the fall. Contact Lore, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Baltimore Ethical Society (tbd), CS: Karen Elliott

Baltimore, Private home in NE Balto (tbd) CS: Dana Shaw

Baltimore, SW Baltimore (tbd), CS: Patsy Allen

Parkton/CSA (MF) CS: Rich Louis

PG County

Crofton/Bowie (CSL) Intro Meeting: Sept 7, First Session: Sept 28, **Still looking for a few more folks.** CS: Gregg Jones, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Bowie, St. Matthews Church (MF) First Session: Oct 21. CS: Elizabeth Buckner, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Greenbelt Climate Action Network (CSL) New circle starting in October. CS: Lore Rosenthal, lore@simplicity-matters.org

Mt. Rainier (VS), CS: Joe Robbins

Montgomery County

There are a lot of regroups going on in the area, especially Silver Spring. So if you are interested in joining a discussion group please let me know. Marney@simplicity-matters.org, 301 652-0492

St. Mary's County

Leonardtown, (DSOP) starts on Sept. 22nd from 7-8:30 pm at the Good Earth Natural Foods Store in Leonardtown. It is booked up already. A waiting list is being made for a possible second course, if needed, later. People can contact Elizabeth Ayres epa@creativewritingcenter.com

Washington, DC

Washington, DC, Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave., NW (Dupont Circle Metro), 7:30 PM, Topic: Mindful Consumption, Climate Change, and the effect of eating meat on the environment will be discussed- all are welcome to bring their perspective. Meeting every other month, open to newcomers. Sponsored by WBPF.org Contact person: Bill Jenkins, worldofmuse@aol.com, (301) 699-8704

Tenleytown or on Red Line (All Topics). There is interest but we need more people. If you are interested in joining a discussion group please let me know. Marney@simplicity-matters.org, 301 652-0492

"Circles List"/"Matchmaking"

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

We are in the process of transitioning to a regional structure for the state. Please start using the emails below for more information about circles starting in your county.

SMEI Regional Coordinators:

Baltimore City/Baltimore Co.: CirclesBalto@simplicity-matters.org (Lore Rosenthal)

Carroll Co.: CirclesCarroll@simplicity-matters.org (Marney Bruce)

Frederick & Washington Co.: CirclesFredWashCo@simplicity-matters.org (Lena Rotenberg)

Howard Co.: CirclesHoCo@simplicity-matters.org (Lore Rosenthal). See also [Climate Change Initiative of Howard County](#) (CCIHC)

Montgomery Co.: CirclesMontgomery@simplicity-matters.org (Marney Bruce)
Prince Georges Co.: CirclesPG@simplicity-matters.org (Lore Rosenthal)
Washington DC: CirclesDC@simplicity-matters.org (Marney Bruce)
Elsewhere in Maryland or Jefferson Co., WV: Circles@simplicity-matters.org or 301-432-8721 (Lena Rotenberg)

For a list of **all of our NWEI-published discussion topics**, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/volunteers/7guides.pdf>

If you are **starting your own circle** and would like to have your blurb posted here and on our website, please email it to Lena@simplicity-matters.org

For more info. about our discussion circles, visit our Discussion Circles page, <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/circles/index.php>, or email Lore at lore@simplicity-matters.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thurs. Oct. 1, Presentation on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed by local author Ned Tillman, 7 pm. Gain a greater sense of place for our home, including natural history, personal narrative, and call to action. *Location:* Howard County Recreation and Parks Headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia. From Broken Land Parkway, take Snowden River Parkway east. At the third light, turn right onto Oakland Mills Road. Just before the railroad crossing, turn right into the parking lot. *Contact:* Brigitte, 240-506-8976, bfzaidan@safe-mail.net.

Thurs. Oct. 1 to Sat., Oct. 3, Bethesda Green Grand Open House and Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, Bethesda, MD. Join us to find out more about this collaboration of residents, businesses and government that promotes an environmental ethic and sustainable living practices. All are invited to visit Bethesda Green's newly renovated eco-friendly space, learn about all our innovative new programs (like Green Incubators), and take part in 3 days of free programs on topics such as Recycling 101, GreenerLiving, and Tips for Starting a Green Business (by the founder of Honest Tea). 4825 Cordell Avenue (Second floor of the Chevy Chase Bank Building). For more information: <http://bethesdagreen.org/>.

Thurs. Oct. 1, Green Building Materials, 7-9 pm, Jessup, MD Learn how to use solar electric and hot water systems in your home and office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 1, Energy Efficient Lighting, 6:30-8:30 pm, Rosslyn, VA Learn how to lower your utility bill and your carbon footprint. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Fri, Oct 2, "Capitalism: A Love Story" open in local theaters. -- GO TONIGHT! All of Wall Street is Watching! Orna Locker, SMEI friend in Seattle writes: "Moore plainly shows us how, to an extent we rather not see, large corporations and Wall Street control Congress, steal our money and criminally (or, just unethically) get richer and richer at the expense of our security, our future, our health, and our communities." Playing at Old Greenbelt Theater. Find a theater near you: <http://www.capitalismalovestory.com/theaters/index.html>

Fri. Oct. 2, C3 Fall Temperature Blast, 7 - 9pm Join groups and individuals across the Baltimore metro area as we take a "snapshot" of temperatures in the region, from urban to rural areas, as an indicator of the urban heat island effect. We invite anyone interested to sign up to take measurements. The total commitment for the evening should be about an hour, with data collection and reporting. Contact c3@marylandsciencecenter.org for details. Rain date Oct. 9.

Fri. Oct. 2-4, Greening Your Homes: Increasing the Health and Sustainability of Existing Housing Washington, D.C. For nationwide impact, the greenest housing may be the housing we save, not the housing we build. The "Greening Our Homes" symposium will convene design professionals and policy makers to define the issues, address the challenges, and share the best practices of making our existing housing stock more healthy and sustainable. http://info.aia.org/aia/eventsdetails.cfm?pagename=ev_housing_2009

Fri. Oct. 2, Full Moon Canoe Outing, 5-8 pm, Mason Neck State Park, Lorton, VA EcoStewards Alliance is delighted to offer its popular full-moon canoe outing for lovers of nature--and lovers--on Friday evening on the Potomac River. We will paddle under a full moon, weather permitting, and be accompanied by a park ranger. Make your reservations early to secure your seat. Cost is \$25. For more info or to reserve your spot go to <http://www.ecostewardsalliance.org/>.

Fri. Oct. 2 to Sun, Oct. 4, Maryland Sierra Club Jamboree, Crownsville, MD. Don't miss this fun-filled weekend with environmental workshops, hikes, live music and good company! Accommodations include dormitory cabins and camping. *Location:* Elks Camp Barrett, 1001 Chesterfield Road. Tickets, including food and accommodations, are: \$75 Regular, \$50 Student, Low Income, Worker, \$10 Children, 5 and under are free. Also pay separately for Sat. night event. For more information: www.maryland.sierraclub.org or call 301-277-7111.

Fri. Oct. 2, Beth Shalom Synagogue, 8070 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia, MD "Eating as an environmental and ethical act" Angela Smith, Project Director of the Baltimore Food and Faith Project (http://www.jhsph.edu/clf/programs/eating/foodfaith/proj_foodnfaith.html) will speak on "Eating as an environmental and ethical act." She will discuss issues concerning agriculture's impact on environmental sustainability, social justice, and health. This speaker is sponsored by the Beth Shalom Environment Committee. This will be part of our normal Friday night Shabbat service.

Sat, Oct 3 - Prince Georges County GreenFest, 11 am - 4 pm, Prince George's Community College. GCAN/SMEI will have a table there. CCAN/1Sky will also have a table. <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/pdf/greenfest-09.pdf>

Sat. Oct. 3, Howard County Conservancy's Fall Festival, 12- 4 pm Visitors at the Howard County Conservancy's Fall Festival will enjoy a working blacksmith shop, pony rides, children's activities, food concessions, historic tours and live music. The Howard County Conservancy, a non profit organization, is the county's only nature center and is located three and a half miles west of Route 29 on Route 99 (Old Frederick Road). \$10 per car. For more information, call 410 465-8877 or visit www.hcconservancy.org

Sat. Oct. 3, Solar Tour, Baltimore County, MD, 10 am -1 pm Free self-guided tour hosted by Maryland Solar Solutions, inc. Reps will stand by at each location for questions during the tour. For more information, contact Cara Keighron, cara@marylandsolarsolutions.com, 443-218-2620. Directions and details at www.marylandsolarsolutions.com

Sat. Oct. 3, Wildlife Rescue Fall Festival, 2 – 5 pm Hampstead, MD. \$25 adults (\$35 at the door) and \$10 kids 12 and under. We take in countless injured and orphaned animals annually and we also educate the public on how to coexist with wildlife. We'll have a petting zoo, silent auction (4 round trip airline tickets, autographed Joe Flacco Ravens Jersey), excellent food, and a moon bounce for kids. Great chance for kids to see our wildlife ambassadors up close. Email chippynuts@hotmail.com or 410 923 8281 for more info. <http://www.wildliferescueinc.org/festival.htm>

Sat. Oct. 3, Symposium – Environment, Justice, and Health in the Planning Process: Strategies for MD Morgan State University William Donald Schaefer Engineering Building St of MD Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. <http://www.neighborhoodrevitalization.org/Programs/Catalyst/Catalyst.aspx#Trainings> There is no fee for registration.

Sat/Sun, Oct 3/4 - 19th Annual Metro DC Solar Homes Tours. Tour over 70 local homes in MD, DC, and VA. <http://www.solartour.org/> [Editors Note: Several of the tours below are a part of the Metro DC Tour]

Sat. Oct. 3, Tour of the Red Wiggler Solar House, Clarksburg MD. Just over a year ago, The Red Wiggler Solar House - a 21st-century farmhouse powered by the sun - was fully installed as a year-round staff residence. Originally one of 20 entries in the 2005 US Solar Decathlon, the 800-square-foot house is a fully solar-powered prototype designed and built by University of Maryland students for competition on Washington DC's National Mall. You can tour the house (free) as part of the annual Montgomery County MD solar house

tour. Check out its eco-friendly features: radiant heating, natural ventilation, recycled and recyclable materials, FSC-certified woods, Energy Star appliances and more. <http://www.redwiggler.org/events>

Sun. Oct. 4, B'More B'Green Solar and Green Building Tour Inspired nationally, by the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), and led here in Maryland by community members who are using renewable energy resources, it is a fun day of meeting like-minded neighbors and those actually using the technology that can help keep our planet green. The tour is free and self-guided. Gifts will be raffled off, and close-out the afternoon with a picnic with us at the outstanding example of LEED eco-designed Black Ankle Winery. Check out www.bmorebgreen.org to download tour guide and for more information.

Sun. Oct. 4, 16th Annual Tour du Port—Premier Bicycling Event, Baltimore, MD. Join thousands of riders at Baltimore's Canton Waterfront Park. Routes range from 12 to 50 miles. Supported tour includes lunch, refreshments at rest stops, map, SAG and a post-ride celebration with live music at the end. All fees go directly to advancing the programs and advocacy efforts of One Less Car. For more information and to register: <http://onelesscar.org/page.php?id=156>.

Sun. Oct. 4, Book Group Discussion, 3 pm to 5 pm, Tyson's Corner area, VA. Discuss the book "Senior Cohousing" by Charles Durrette with an eye to building a sustainable, green cohousing community for 50+ in Northern VA area. *Location:* Meeting Room A at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. For more information: Ann Zabaldo, 703 663 3911; zabaldo@earthlink.net; and <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing/>.

Mon. Oct. 5, Green Building Materials, 7-9 pm, Annapolis, MD Learn how to use sustainable and environmentally friendly materials in your building. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 5, Home Energy Audits, 7-9 pm, Silver Spring, MD How to lower your energy bills and increase comfort. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 5, CSBA Monthly Happy Hour & Green Discussion, 6 –8 pm, Hydes, MD First Monday of Month, Check the CSBA, Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance, website for updates, 410-342-1482. This month featuring a panel discussion with local food producers about the development of sustainable agriculture in the Chesapeake Region, the opportunity to taste up to 6 Boordy wines, great food and networking. \$20 members, \$30 non members. For more information and to register by Saturday, October 3rdth, go to www.csballiance.org or email info@csballiance.org

Tues. Oct. 6, Plant Sale at Lauraville Market, Plant Sale at Lauraville Market, 4 – 8pm, 4500 Harford Rd. 21214 Join the Herring Run Nursery at the lot across from the Safeway on Harford Rd. with other vendors selling locally grown food, native plants, and more. Order a rain barrel as well. We'll have a limited selection of trees and shrubs and bring all perennials we have in stock for sale, if there is something you are looking for email Darin at herringrun.org or call 410-254-1577 x 104

Tues. Oct. 6, Geothermal Energy, 7-9 pm, Baltimore, MD Learn how to use the earth to heat and cool your home or office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct. 6, Solar Energy, 7-9 pm, Washington, DC Learn how to use solar electric and hot water systems in your home and office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 7, Ten New Ways to Green Your Home, 7-9 pm, Chevy Chase, MD Get important tips on upgrading your home for energy efficiency and mold prevention. Learn how to use natural, passive methods of heating and cooling your home to soften the blow of increased electricity costs. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 7, Water Management, 7-9 pm, Leesburg, VA Learn how to preserve our precious resource and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 7, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Tour, 5:50 pm – 8 pm, Annapolis, MD Chesapeake Bay Foundation Phillip Merrill Environmental Center 6 Herndon Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403 USGBC Young Professionals Event (35 and under, or enrolled in a graduate degree program) CBF is 1st Platinum building in US. Join us to tour & network at this LEED Platinum building. Food & drink provided Pre-registration required. Chapter Members \$10 Natl Members & Guests \$20 www.usgbc.baltimore.eventbrite.com
<http://chapter.usgbc.org/baltimore/pdf/2009%2010-07%20YP%20Tour%20CBF.pdf>

Wed. Oct. 7, Design Conversations, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Baltimore, MD First Wednesdays of Month - Design Conversations - organized by members of the Design center group; topics, speakers and content varies per month. Cash bar available. For more info contact Fred Scharmen at sevensixfive@gmail.com or Eric Leshinsky, leshmail@yahoo.com The Windup Space 12 W. North Ave

Wed. Oct. 7, Compost Tumbler Construction Workshop, 6pm-8pm Parks & People Foundation (800 Wyman Park Drive Suite 010, 21211, entrance in back of building) Composting your food and yard waste has so many benefits! Come learn how to use a compost tumbler in your backyard and then construct your own compost tumbler. All materials, instructions, and assistance will be provided. Cost of the workshop is \$65. RSVP required in order to provide adequate supplies and materials. RSVP to Ryan Patterson at 410-448-5663 x120 or ryan.patterson@parksandpeople.org by Friday, July 17, 2009

Wed. Oct. 7, How to Go Green in Your Home and Yard: Ten New Ways to Green Your Home, 7-9 pm Chevy Chase, Maryland The Green Building Institute will team up with the **Audubon Naturalist Society** (headquarters at Woodend) this fall to create a five-part workshop series, "How to Go Green in Your Home and Yard." Registration for a single workshop will be offered at \$40 for members of either GBI or ASN. The non-member fee will be \$55. Discounts will be offered to those registering for the entire series. Additional details and online registration will soon be available on the GBI website. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Dave Woolley-Wilson or Lisa McDowell at 443-733-1234.

Wed, Oct 7, 6-9pm, The Fall Bicycle Forum Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (JHAPL) Route #29 and Gorman Road in Laurel, MD One Less Car is sponsoring the Second Fall Bicycle Forum. Over 80 Bike Advocates/Planners/Elected Officials attended this well received Forum last year. Attend this Forum to find how to make and keep Maryland Bike Friendly. This is an important opportunity to inform leaders about your concerns and ideas! <http://onelesscar.org/page.php?id=140>

Thurs. Oct. 8, Green Building Design, 7-9 pm, Jessup, MD Learn how to design 21st century structures. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 8, Clean and Renewable Energy, 7-9 pm, Gaithersburg, MD Geo-thermal, solar thermal, photo voltaic, and wind power experts will discuss you these clean energies can lower your energy bills and reduce green house gas emissions. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 8, BCAN planning conference call For residents of the Baltimore City / County area, 7 pm Any interested persons including newcomers are encouraged to participate (or just listen) in this regular local planning event. Conference calls alternate with in-person planning meetings, over food, monthly. Requires R.S.V.P. to mail@baltimoreclimate.org or 410-812-1447). BCAN (Baltimore Climate Action Network): www.baltimoreclimate.org

Oct 9–13 & 15–18, Solar Decathlon, National Mall (Smithsonian Metro Stop) Washington, DC The U.S. Department of Energy 2009 Solar Decathlon features 20 university-led teams from across the globe competing to build solar-powered, high-efficiency homes. The event showcases the latest in solar energy technology and green building materials. SolarDecathlon.org

Sat. Oct. 10, 3-4 pm AND Tues. Oct. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm Free Solar Seminar, Towson MD Free seminar on adding solar electricity to homes. Maryland Solar Solutions, Inc. founder Colette Hayward leads. For more information, contact Cara Keighron. cara@marylandsolarsolutions.com, 443-218-2620.

Sat, Oct 10, 9 am – 2 pm, Community Shredding Party, Middle School Parking Lot at Friends School of Baltimore, 5114 N. Charles St. Baltimore Green Map is holding a Community Shredding Fundraiser. \$5 per box minimum donation. Generosity welcomed! Bring your documents for secure onsite disposal at the mobile shredding truck and help sustain BGM's activities - our online map, print maps, and outreach activities that identify Baltimore's ecological and cultural resources and chart our city's progress toward becoming a healthy, sustainable urban environment. Shredding services donated by Eco-Shred, LLC of Cheverly, MD Baltimore Green Map is a project of Fusion Partnerships, Inc. a fiscal sponsorship 501(c)3 organization. <http://www.baltogreenmap.org>

Sat/Sun, Oct. 10/11 – DC Green Festival, Sat 10-7, Sun 11-6. A joint project of Global Exchange and Green America. You'll enjoy more than 125 renowned speakers and 350 green businesses (start your holiday shopping now!), great how-to workshops, green films, a Fair Trade pavilion, yoga classes, organic beer, delicious organic cuisine and live music. Find out about DC environmental initiatives; and learn how neighbors, community nonprofits and city departments are working together to make their cities healthier places to live. **[EDITORS NOTE: Sun at 4 pm, local panel of Transition DC and Transition MD (Baltimore, Takoma Park, Bethesda). Come cheer them on!]** <http://www.greenfestivals.org/washington-dc/>

Tickets are normally \$15. **You can buy a discounted ticket for \$10** by emailing lore@simplicity-matters.org. The \$10 is actually a fundraiser to help cover the \$400 cost for the EcolocityDC booth. Please consider helping out.

Mon. Oct. 12, Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium, 1 pm to 5:30 pm, Arlington, VA. The symposium assists in building a movement of awake, committed people working for an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on earth. For more information contact Mary Pike at marypike@cox.net or 703-960-0577. Details at www.awakeningthedreamer.org.

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Tues. Oct. 13, Geothermal Energy, 7-9 pm, Washington, DC Learn how to use the earth to heat and cool your home or office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed, October 14 - GCAN (Greenbelt Climate Action Network) Meeting, 7-9 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.. Our guest speaker will be Ruth Alice White from the Network of Spiritual Progressives. **"From Wall Street to Main Street - Developing Local Sustainable Economies"** based on the writing of David Korten, author of "The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community" and "Agenda for a New Economy - From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth" We will watch some video clips of several presentations by David Korten. A facilitated discussion will follow. <http://www.davidkorten.org/NewEconomyBook>

Wed. Oct. 14, Green Building Materials, 7-9 pm, Chevy Chase, MD Hands-on examination of samples of green construction materials will be part of this workshop. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 14, Solar Energy, 7-9 pm, Leesburg, VA Learn how to use solar electric and hot water systems in your home and office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 15, Environmental Landscaping, 7-9 pm, Jessup, MD Learn how to combine design, beauty and sustainability in landscape design. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 15, Greenbelt Art Walk 2009, 6-9 PM, Greenbelt - Roosevelt Center Free event - New Deal Cafe, Art Reception for "Anything Goes", group exhibit by Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance with jazz performed by Greg Meyer Quartet, art reception with artist for exhibit of oil paintings by Charles Newcomb at Greenbelt Arts Center, 2 exhibits on view at Greenbelt Community Center "Human Subjects: Paintings by Sasha Blanton" and Greenbelt Museum's "Sublime on a Dime" Contact Kristin Stenson, newdealcafeart@yahoo.com Directions visit Newdealcafe.com website.

Thurs. Oct. 15, Rain Barrel Roll Out, 6 – 8pm, Baltimore, MD Using a rain barrel may save the average homeowner up to 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months! Participants learn every aspect of rain barrel construction and installation, and build their very own rain barrel! Please contact Ashley Traut at 410-254-1577 or atrait@herringrun.org to register for this workshop at Herring Run Park, 6131 Hillen Rd or to arrange a workshop in your neighborhood. Carpe aqua!

Sat. Oct. 17, Master Peace Community Farm Harvest Festival, 11am to 2pm, Riverdale, MD, Prince George's County. The Master Peace Community Farm invites to you celebrate another productive season on our urban farm. Come and celebrate your community farm with free food and fun for your family. Learn how we grow food inside the beltway, our plans to expand and sell fresh produce to public school system, and how you can help out. 62nd and Sheridan Street, Riverdale, MD 20737 Contact Vinnie for more information: bevivino@umd.edu or 301-405-0656, or download a flyer at http://engagedu.umd.edu/programs/documents/0000/0060/Harvest_Festival.pdf

Sun. Oct. 18, Green Energy for Your Home and Business, 1-3 pm, Westminster, MD Gain a broader understanding of the energy grid and what this means for the everyday operation of our buildings and the health of our environment. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 19, Energy Efficient Lighting, 7-9 pm, Annapolis, MD Learn how to lower your utility bill and your carbon footprint. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 19, Green Building Design, 7-9 pm, Silver Spring, MD Learn how to design 21st century structures. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 19, Home Energy Audit - On A Budget!, 8-10 pm, Baltimore City, MD Free seminar on identifying and correcting energy loss problems on a budget of \$0-\$100. For more information, contact John Ellis, charmcityjohn@gmail.com, 410905-9511. Directions and details at <http://freeschool.redemmas.org/>

Mon. – Sun. Oct. 19-25, Utopia Film Festival, Greenbelt - Roosevelt Center and Beltway Plaza Please see daily schedule for time and location on website <http://utopiafilmfestival.org/directions.shtml> Utopia Film Festival offers free screenings and paid screenings through out the week - over 40 hours of independent films and events at six locations in Greenbelt. Admission choices are to attend the free programs, purchase individual tickets (\$5) or buy a festival pass (\$25) for all screenings. Seeking always to provide its audience and filmmakers an enjoyable experience, this event also pursues works that tackle humanity's never ending quest, in all it's variables, for the perfect "utopian" existence". Contact Chris Logan, sponsoring@utopiafilmfestival.org

Tues. Oct. 20, Green Building Materials, 7-9 pm, Baltimore, MD Learn how to use sustainable and environmentally friendly materials in your building. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct. 20, Home Energy Audits, 7-9 pm, Washington, DC Learn how to lower your energy bills and increase comfort. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct 20, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m, GBC Economic Outlook Conference: The "Green" Economy: What does it mean to business and what are the opportunities? Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, 110 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, MD Greater Baltimore Committee Economic Outlook Conference GBC members: \$75, Non-members: \$125 <https://www.gbc.org/NewsAndEvents/EventRegister1.cfm?eid=1848>

Oct 20-22, 8am-5pm, Solar Installer Boot Camp Training, Baltimore, MD This intensive three day solar training reviews the design and installation of various types of solar electric systems for buildings. The course guides students from system fundamentals to advanced mechanical and electrical concepts. Passing a final exam qualifies students for HeatSpring's Entry Level Solar Professional Certificate. <https://www.heatspring.com>

Wed, Oct 21, Parks & People Foundation Greening Celebration, Location TBD (Balto, MD) You are invited to participate in a celebration of Baltimore's community greening projects, with guest speakers, refreshments, posters, and music. RSVP required. Call 410 448 5663 with questions and for more information.

Wed. Oct. 21, Creating Your Own Year-Round Vegetable Garden, 7-9 pm, Chevy Chase, MD This class provides an overview to starting a garden and producing vegetables year-round. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs. Oct. 22, Introduction to Going Green, 7-9 pm, Germantown, MD This stimulating presentation will offer a regenerative approach to building design and a practical pathway to creating a green economy. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Thurs, Oct 22, 6:30-7:30pm, Cooking from the Garden 102: Kimchi, Sauerkraut, and Holy Kale Mill Valley Garden Center, 2800 Sisson St, Baltimore, MD 21211 Learn how to cook all those extra greens from the garden! Chef John Shields from Gertrude's Restaurant, Baltimore Eats magazine editor Bonnie North, and experienced gardener Chrissa Carlson will share their techniques for enjoying these fall vegetables. Free for CGRN member, \$4 for non-members. RSVP required; contact Sarah Krones at 410 448 5663 x114, sarah.krones@parksandpeople.org

Fri, Oct 23, Sustainable Community Suppers: Sabrina S Fu, Ph.D. Collegiate Professor, Science and Environmental Management, UMUC and "Solutions That Beget Solutions", 7 pm to 9 pm, Dayton, MD. Fourth Friday, vegetarian potluck, discussion, sharing and speakers to support environmentally conscious living. Location: 5085 Green Bridge Rd, Dayton, MD. For more information & to RSVP, contact Karen at 410-489-6651 or sustainablecommunitysuppers@gmail.com. For directions, go to www.edenvalleycenter.org.

Sat, October 24, 12noon-3pm in DC - International Day of Climate Action. Ride a local bus to the Metro, down to DC (Malcolm X Park) for a fun rally of Hip Hop Music and Speakers . . . then walk to the White House (Lafayette Square) for an enormous Photo Opportunity. We will be making a big "0" for 350 (parts per million of CO2). Make history as one of 1,600+ events taking place in 128+ countries on the same day. We need to communicate this to our Senators and Congressmen. Oct 24 is six weeks before our American delegation leaves for "COP15" -- the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. <http://en.cop15.dk/>
Here are the details for Oct 24. <http://www.350.org/dc>

Lore Rosenthal (SMEI/GCAN) is looking for 100 Greenbelt friends to come with her. Climate Change is a very serious issue. Please RSVP to lore@simplicity-matters.org with your name/email/phone number. Details will follow.

CCIHC will be carpooling from Columbia. For more info, email hococlimatechange@gmail.com

Sat. Oct. 24 - www.350.org We will stand together as one planet and call for a fair global climate treaty. United by a common call to action, we'll make it clear: the world needs an international plan that meets the latest science and gets us back to safety. Visit the 350.org website to find local events in your area.

Sat. or Sun. Oct. 24 or 25, 350.org, at your choice of place. EDUCATE, make the life sustaining message: REDUCE EACH PERSON'S CARBON FOOTPRINT to help reduce Earth's CO2 to 350ppm. (Now it's 390ppm.) For example- Ring out church bells 350 times. **[Thank you Charlotte Brewer]**

Sat. Oct. 24, Global Climate Healing Shabbat, Greater Baltimore Area, MD. This fall, Shabbat Noach -- when BJEN, Pearlstone, Jewish Volunteer Connection (JVC) and THE ASSOCIATED ask you to help us reach the community goal of 90,000 hours of service in 2009 by logging in your acts of climate change. It is our environmental goal to reach 350! Please do as many of these tasks to reduce your carbon emissions as possible, and be sure to log them in to our community total! www.associated.org/logmyhours For more information, contact Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, bjen@pearlstonecenter.org, 410-429-4400 x300. Details at www.bjen.org Oct.24 is International Climate Action Day.

Sat, Oct 24, 10am-12pm, CGRN Volunteer Work Day, Greektown Community Garden, S Lehigh St & Portugal St, Baltimore, MD 21224 Learn, volunteer, and have a good time outside in this new community garden! Volunteer Work Days occur on the fourth Saturday of every month March – October, 10am-12pm. Open to every one of all ages. All tools, materials, and refreshments provided. Contact Sarah Kronos at 410-448-5663x114 or community.greening@parksandpeople.org for more info.

Sat. Oct. 24, BGW's PROJECTS IN THE PARK, 9-1 pm, Baltimore, MD Located at Fort Armistead Park, 3999 Fort Armistead Road, Baltimore, MD 21226 An engaging day of volunteer service at Fort Armistead Park, conveniently located on I-695 on the water. Volunteers will participate in a shoreline cleanup, invasive removal, tree work, and more! For more information, contact Christina Nutile, christina@baltimoregreenworks.com, 410-952-0334. More details at www.baltimoregreenworks.com

Sat. Oct. 24, One More Leaf: An International Vegan/Vegetarian Sampler Dinner and Movie, Baltimore MD After enjoying a multi-ethnic food celebration, see this engaging and stirring film which pleads for Jews to take better care of animals and the planet. "A Sacred Duty: Applying Jewish Values to Help Heal the World," Cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 11, and free for younger kids. For more info 410-464-9402 or info@beittikvah.org

Sun. Oct. 25, Beth Shalom Synagogue, 8070 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia, MD, 7 pm, "Energy Conservation, a faith community response". This event will feature Joelle Novey, Program Director of Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light (<http://www.gwipl.org/>), and Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, Director of Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network (<http://www.bjen.org>). Both will address the issue of energy conservation, and how individuals as part of a faith community can act to reduce the threat of global warming. This event is co sponsored by Beth Shalom's Environment Committee and the Howard County Interfaith Coalition for Compassion.

Sun, Oct 25, Last day for NBM Green Community Exhibit, National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW Washington, DC The health of our communities, our planet, and ourselves depend on how we plan, design, and construct the world between our buildings. *Green Community* explores the origins of our precarious ecological situation and introduces communities large and small where citizens, political leaders, planning and design professionals, developers, and government agencies are working together for a more sustainable future. <http://www.nbm.org/exhibitions-collections/exhibitions/green-community/green-community.html>

Sun, Oct 25, Organic Cooking Classes at Kayam Farm, 5425 Mt Gilead Road, Reisterstown 21136 Learn healthy cooking techniques using delicious farm fresh produce. Classes meet on the farm (5425 Mt Gilead Road, Reisterstown 21136) and are taught by Richele Henry, certified holistic health counselor. \$30 for the first class, \$20 for each additional class. E-mail Becca@pearlstonecenter.org to sign up or for more information.

Mon. Oct. 26, GROWSHOP (Growing, Restoring, Organizing Workshops): Meetings and Agendas, How to make the most of your time together, 5:30-8 pm, Baltimore, MD Sign in: 5:30-6 pm Workshop: 6-7 pm Networking: 7-8 pm For more information or to RSVP, contact Abby Cocke at 410.448.5663 x122 or

abby.cocke@parksandpeople.org. Sponsored by Baltimore Green Works, Parks & People Foundation and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks. Refreshments will be provided!

Mon. Oct. 26, Indoor Air Quality, 7-9 pm, Annapolis, MD Learn how to improve your health by improving your indoor environment. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Mon. Oct. 26, Energy Efficient Lighting, 7-9 pm, Silver Spring, MD Learn how to lower your utility bill and your carbon footprint. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct. 27, Maryland Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7:30 pm. Kensington Library. "A Year of Botanical Exploration in Maryland and Vicinity" Join members of MNPS' Botany Committee for a presentation on the results of botanical surveys and field trips throughout the state and adjoining regions over the past year. Location: Large meeting room. For more information and directions go to www.mdflora.org

Tues. Oct. 27, Green Building Design, 7-9 pm, Baltimore, MD Learn how to design 21st century structures. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct. 27, Green Building Materials, 7 – 9 pm, Washington, DC Learn how to use sustainable and environmentally friendly materials in your building. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Tues. Oct 27, 4pm, Baltimore Commission on Sustainability Meeting, 417 E. Fayette St., 8th Floor, Baltimore Public meetings the fourth Tuesday of every month at 4pm at the Baltimore City www.baltimorecity.gov/sustainability

Wed. Oct. 28, Harvesting & Harnessing Rainwater at Home, 7-9 pm, Chevy Chase, MD We will discuss and demonstrate gutter filtration, downspout collection, rain barrels, rain tanks, small water pumps, irrigation timers and weather sensors, and drip irrigation systems. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, phone 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 28, Green Tax Benefits, 7-9 pm, Leesburg, VA Learn how to find tax incentives to make green improvements more affordable. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Wed. Oct. 28, WIND ELECTRICITY WITHOUT A BACKYARD TURBINE, 6 - 7:30 pm, Towson, MD Monthly BCAN presentation featuring speakers from *Clean Currents* a local Green-e certified wind energy company. Electricity from wind is now cheaper than coal in our area for the first time, and can be delivered by BGE or Pepco. Learn nuts & bolts, the big picture, and about this company's green operations. Optional \$5 donation R.S.V.P. appreciated. mail@baltimoreclimate.org or 410-812-1447. www.baltimoreclimate.org and <http://environment.meetup.com/280> Towson Library 320 York Rd., Towson, MD 21204 \$1.00 parking in adjacent lot.

Thurs. Oct. 29, Indoor Air Quality, 7-9 pm, Jessup, MD Learn how to improve your health by improving your indoor environment. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, info@greenbuildinginstitute.org, 443-733-1234. Directions and details at www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

Sat. Oct. 31, Spiritual Movie Night, 7-8:30pm, Finksburg, MD We are showing the film: **LEAP: Beyond the Secret** For more information, contact, reviris@ccccl.org or 410-318-8877. Cost: \$10 and we supply the popcorn and drinks. Directions and details at www.cccccl.org

November Events

Sun. Nov. 1, Wheel of the Year Hallowmas, 5 PM, Bethesda, MD River Road UU Congregation, upstairs in the Fireside Room. Celebrate with us the life of a deceased loved one, 2-legged, 4-legged, with scales or

feathered, and recall how your connection with your beloved carries into inspiring your living today. Bring a symbol of that life, refreshment to share and your own cup.

Thurs. Nov. 5, BALTIMORE BIONEERS CONFERENCE 2009, Baltimore, MD. Located at: Goucher College Athenaeum Building, 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd, Baltimore, MD 21204. Baltimore Green Works is teaming up with Baltimore Bioneers and Goucher College to present a one day Bioneers Conference event. For more information, visit BGW's Web site at www.baltimoregreenworks.com.

Sat. Nov. 7, Ecological Home Design Workshop, 9am - 6pm, Takoma Park, MD Explore the full creative process to create an ecologically responsive home (or addition). This workshop is held at a home built following these practices. For more information, contact bill@HeliconWorks.com, or visit www.HeliconWorks.com

Mon. Nov. 9, Small Passive Solar Design, 8-10 pm, Baltimore City, MD Free seminar to discuss interesting and practical passive solar. Topics include, solar: water heaters, chimneys, light shelves and even a brief introduction to more exotic topics like zero-electricity ice makers. For more information, contact John Ellis, charmcityjohn@gmail.com, 410905-9511. Directions and details at <http://freeschool.redemmas.org/>

Sun. Nov. 15, Earth Forum of Howard Co., 3 pm, First Presbyterian, Columbia, MD. *Health and Climate Change*, presented by Dr. Cindy Parker, Johns Hopkins. Free & open to all. Sign up at earthforum@firstpreshc.org. Call Nancy (410)750-1479 for info.

Action Opportunities and Tidbits

Call your Senator today for a strong clean energy bill! The American public overwhelmingly wants a strong clean energy bill, but fossil fuel interests are using dirty tricks to try and maintain the status quo. They're already generating hundreds of opposition calls to our Senators, so we need to raise our voices NOW to cut through the noise and urge support for a strong bill! Our partners at the 1Sky Campaign have made it easy for you to call your Senator -- just visit <http://www.1sky.org/call> to get some talking points and to get connected to your Senator toll-free. With your help we can stand 10,000 calls strong for clean energy!

For those of you interested in "Voluntary Simplicity", new tele-classes from the author of "Your Money or Your Life", Vicki Robin

NEW: Free Introduction to Discover Your Enough Point

How much is enough of anything? How do you know when you're there? Get a taste of the 4-session teleclass starting in October (see below) in which you'll learn the *Your Money or Your Life* approach to "enoughness" and apply it to those parts of your life where it's all just too much. Attending to your "enough point" with some precision brings greater contentment, balance and ease. What you *do* choose becomes more precious. What you *don't* choose you cease to miss.

October Classes: Discover Your Enough Point, a 4 weekly-session teleclass with lecture, discussion, small groups and weekly practices all aimed at identifying, appreciating and stopping when you've had enough. Do you do too much? Eat too much? Take on too much responsibility? Say yes too much? Buy too much? Discovering your enough point changes these patterns. Enough brings balance and integrity and space to your life. Enough is also the key to sustainability. \$48.

Two Sections:

Section One Runs **4 Saturdays starting October 10 from 8:00-9:00 AM** Pacific Time

Section Two runs **4 Mondays starting October 12 from 5:15-6:15 PM** Pacific Time

New classes in development (check www.yourmoneyoryourlife.info for updates or sign up for updates), covering:

- o Rethinking Retirement
- o Rethinking College
- o Rethinking Money
- o Rethinking Debt
- o Money and happiness
- o Monthly Freewheeling Q and A
- o Support Groups for doing the steps

All build on the ***Your Money or Your Life*** approach to money and life – and help you manage daily life while also helping you understand how your life is linked to the larger forces in the world today. I hope you'll join me. I've set the price low so people can test the waters – prices for subsequent classes will be higher. There is room at the moment in all these classes.

For those of you interested in "Sustainable Systems at Work", don't forget to check out the Center for a New American Dream's "Green Your Work" and "Responsible Purchasing Network" (RPN) -- everything you need to know about greening your workplace, government office, or municipality.

<http://www.newdream.org/work/index.php>