

Dear Friends of Simplicity,

This is the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute Monthly Announcement for **November 2009**. It is going out to over **1,825 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/](http://www.simplicity-matters.org/announcements/).

We also have a Yahoogroup, 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](http://www.simplicity-matters.org).

For our friends in Baltimore, there is also a YahooGroup 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
- December Preview
- Action Opportunities & Tidbits

We welcome the Permibus Tour to our area. The Skills for the New Millennium Tour/Earth Activist Training Permaculture Demonstration Bus (Permibus) is traveling the country to offer education and resources to any and all interested in cultivating Revolutionary Ways of Living in their own lives and in their communities. Please scroll down to the top of the Community Events section, to see when the bus will be in your neighborhood.

Please also check out the various events sponsored by our friends at Bethesda Green on Nov 5, 11, and 17.

Thanks to this month's editor, **Susan Belchamber**.

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## **SECOND SUNDAY FORUM**

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**Sun., Nov. 8, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm**

**\*Potluck 5:30\***

**Choosing a Simpler Lifestyle**

**with Redmoonsong of Earthaven Ecovillage in North Carolina**

**<http://www.earthaven.org/>**

Does simple living mean we have to get rid of most things we like? Is it a life of drudgery or freedom? Redmoonsong, who chooses to live among others who value a simple and sustainable lifestyle, will tell her personal story and answer your questions. Join us for this lively discussion -- and if possible also join us for a potluck with Redmoonsong, to enhance our own community!

**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](mailto:forum@simplicity-matters.org). Please include your phone number in your message.

**December's forum**, on 12/13, will be party and celebration of the Winter Solstice. Mark your calendars!

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## **HOWARD COUNTY EARTH FORUM**

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**Sunday, November 15, Earth Forum of Howard County presents Dr. Cindy Parker, 3 pm, First Presbyterian, Columbia, MD.**

**Climate Chaos: Your Health at Risk: How climate threatens your health, the health of the earth, and what can be done.**

Dr. Parker will examine major health threats related to climate change. Afterward small emphasis/action groups on advocacy, Green Central Station, interfaith action, and safe water projects will be held. Earth Forums are the 3rd Sunday at 9325 Presbyterian Circle, off Rt. 29 & 108, Columbia. Free. All welcome. Sign up information at church office: 410-730-3545.ext.10.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9325 Presbyterian Circle, off Rt. 29 & 108, Columbia.

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

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## **BALTIMORE GREEN FORUM**

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**Sunday, November 22, 4:30-6:30 pm.  
The Baltimore Green Forum  
(the fourth Sunday of the month)  
MD Presbyterian Church,  
1105 Providence Road, Towson, 21286  
<http://www.mpchurch.org/directions.htm>.**

**TOPIC: tba (either “Sustainable Transportation” or “Fighting King Coal”)**

**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.

For updated program info, contact [baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com](mailto:baltimoregreenforum@gmail.com), 301-345-2234

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## **DISCUSSION CIRCLE UPDATE**

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(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 26 circles so far in 2009 (223 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](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org) unless otherwise noted.

### **Frederick & Washington County**

None currently scheduled to begin

### **Carroll County**

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

### **Howard County**

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

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

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

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

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

**Private Home** (CSL) CS: Hank Grabowski, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto: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](http://www.hococlimatechange.org) or email [hococlimatechange@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

**Baltimore, Light Street Presbyterian** (SSW), CS: Retta Barkley

**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**

**Greenbelt Climate Action Network** (CSL) New circle starting in November. CS: Lore Rosenthal, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

**Mt. Rainier** (VS), CS: Joe Robbins

### **Montgomery County**

**Silver Spring** (MF) Intro meeting soon, but still looking for interested folks. This is downtown close to the metro. Please contact [marney@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:marney@simplicity-matters.org).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:CirclesBalto@simplicity-matters.org) (Lore Rosenthal)

**Carroll Co.:** [CirclesCarroll@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesCarroll@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

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

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

**Montgomery Co.:** [CirclesMontgomery@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesMontgomery@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

**Prince Georges Co.:** [CirclesPG@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesPG@simplicity-matters.org) (Lore Rosenthal)

**Washington DC:** [CirclesDC@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:CirclesDC@simplicity-matters.org) (Marney Bruce)

**Elsewhere in Maryland or Jefferson Co., WV:** [Circles@simplicity-matters.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org)

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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#### **Fri, Oct 30 – Sat Nov 7, "PERMIBUS TOUR" LOCATIONS BELOW**

\*Awaiting final conformation. \*\* Contact [skillstour@gmail.com](mailto:skillstour@gmail.com) for more info if you are considering attending - may not be open to general public. We will send out an updated calendar on Thursday or visit our website at [www.permibus.org](http://www.permibus.org) for the latest calendar updates.

**Friday October 30**, American University Climate Day \* (time and program to be announced) & Young Activist Club:\*\* Piney Branch Elementary School: 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm, Kids permaculture presentation starring the Permibus.

**Sunday November 1**, Permibus Open House: 405 Beech Ave, Takoma Park, Time and program to be announced (most likely 11 am -4 pm) including discussions of permaculture, chickens, and permibus tours. This is a great opportunity to stop by and find out what the skills tour has to offer.

**Thursday November 5**, Green Day: Howard University, 11 am-3 pm. Program to be announced

**Friday November 6**, Latin American Youth Council:\*\* Community conflict resolution/Know your rights: 3:30pm-5:30pm and Transition Greenbelt 7-10 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Room 202, "What Is Permaculture?"

**Saturday November 7** All Nations Baptist Church: 2001 North Capitol Street, N.E. Permibus Open House: 10 am to 1pm And Glut Food Coop 40<sup>th</sup> Year Block Party, Permibus tours / chicken informationals: 2pm-4pm

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**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.

**Sun, Nov. 1, Book Discussion, 4:00-6:00 pm, Reston/Herndon area VA** "Senior Cohousing" by Charles Durrett -- how cohousing can be a sustainable, invigorating lifestyle for adults 55+. For more information and to register: <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing> or call Trudi 703/921-9135 [www.fallschurchohousing.org](http://www.fallschurchohousing.org) This is in a private home. Directions and details sent upon registering.

**Mon, Nov 2, Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance (CSBA) Green Mondays Monthly Meeting, 6 – 9pm, Federal Hill/Baltimore, MD.** Join CSBA for their November monthly networking meeting at Jordan Faye Contemporary/BE Events featuring great networking and a panel discussion about the unique and different ways sustainability is being practiced in the arts community. \$20 members, \$30 non members. For more information and to register, go to [www.csballiance.org](http://www.csballiance.org).

**Mon, Nov 2, Free Solar Energy Seminar, 6:30-7:30 pm, Towson, MD,** Free seminar for home and business owners on adding a solar electric system, including info on current tax incentives and grants available. For more information, contact [mssiccontact@marylandsolarsolutions.com](mailto:mssiccontact@marylandsolarsolutions.com), 443-218-2620. Directions and details at [www.marylandsolarsolutions.com](http://www.marylandsolarsolutions.com)

**Mon, Nov 2, Water Management, 7:00-9:00 pm, Annapolis, MD,** 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](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Mon, Nov 2, Geothermal Energy, 7:00-9:00 pm, Silver Spring, 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](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Mon, Nov 2, 6:30 – 8pm, 1000 Friends of MD - Transportation Event, Episcopal Cathedral of Incarnation 4 E. University Parkway (Charles St. & University), Baltimore,** Join us in Baltimore, meet the other members of the Transportation for Maryland (T4MD) coalition, and hear a discussion about how to change transportation policy! This is the time to speak up for measurable transportation reform at the state and federal level. For more information please contact Calvin Peete, [calvinp@cphabaltimore.org](mailto:calvinp@cphabaltimore.org) or 410-539-1369 x112.

**Tues, Nov 3, Energy Efficient Lighting, 7:00-9:00 pm, Lutherville, MD,** Learn how to lower your utility bill and your carbon footprint. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Tues, Nov 3, Green Building Design, 7:00-9:00 pm, Washington, DC,** Learn how to design 21st century structures. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Tues, Nov 3, Neighbors of Northwest Branch, business meeting, 7:30pm--9:15pm, at White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD,** just north of its intersection with US 29 (Colesville Rd.). All are welcome at no charge. Business includes budgeting and guidance for the future. Contact: John Fay, 301-946-5599, [jhfay@verizon.net](mailto:jhfay@verizon.net), or [www.neighborsnwb.org](http://www.neighborsnwb.org).

**Wed, Nov 4, How to Build a Raingarden, 7:00-9:00 pm, Chevy Chase, MD,** This seminar focuses on how and why to collect, store, and transport rainwater from the roof to the garden. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, Nov 4, 7:00 – 8:30pm, 1000 Friends of MD - Transportation Event, College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata MD Business and Industry Building, Room BI-113**  
Join us, and the Smarter Growth Alliance for Charles County, for a forum about the cross-county connector. There are alternatives for a healthier, greener future in Charles County! If you live in southern Maryland please consider becoming involved, and even if you don't, we promise the discourse will be well worth your time. We must protect the Mattawoman Creek and the quality of life for all of Charles County's citizens. Your opinions matter! For more information please contact Meredith Sweet, [meredith\\_sweet@comcast.net](mailto:meredith_sweet@comcast.net).

**Wed, Nov 4, 7-9 p.m., Climate Victory Celebration with Governor O'Malley and Other MD Climate Champs MICA Baltimore** You're invited to a climate celebration with Governor Martin O'Malley! All too often, climate victories are few and far between. However, thanks to the leadership of Governor O'Malley and many other talented and dedicated climate champions, Maryland has become a national leader in tackling this critical issue. From setting ambitious energy efficiency standards to the most recent passage of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act, Marylanders have a lot to celebrate. That's why the Chesapeake Climate Action Network invites you to join us on the evening of Nov 4<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore to recognize many of the people who made these victories possible. [Click here for your ticket.](#)

**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](http://www.baltimoregreenworks.com).

**Thurs, Nov. 5 – Bethesda Green's "First Thursday" Happy Hour, 5-7pm, at Redwood Restaurant, 7121 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda, MD.** Green Drinks is joining up with Bethesda Green for some socializing and fun! Join us at this great new restaurant after you've checked out the wonderful Thursday Farmer's Market in "Bethesda Row"!

**Thurs, Nov. 5, COK Benefit at the Vegetable Garden, 11 am – 10 pm, Rockville, MD.** Join us at The Vegetable Garden's monthly COK benefit day. Dine in or order take-out and 10% of your bill will be automatically donated to COK. It's a great way to support COK's work while enjoying delicious cruelty-free fare and socializing with other activists. Directions and details at [www.cok.net/events](http://www.cok.net/events)

**Thurs., Nov. 5, Leafleting with COK, 5:30–6:30pm, Bethesda, MD.** COK will be leafleting at the Bethesda Metro station before heading to The Vegetable Garden. Help us distribute pro-vegetarian literature and educate the public about the many benefits of a vegetarian diet. For more information, contact Francesca Valente, [fvalente@cok.net](mailto:fvalente@cok.net), 301-891-2458. Directions and details at [www.cok.net/events](http://www.cok.net/events)

**Thurs, Nov 5, Green Tax Benefits, 7:00-9:00 pm, Jessup, MD,** Learn how to find tax incentives to make green improvements more affordable. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Thurs, Nov 5, 8 am to 6:30 pm, TEDx MidAtlantic conference "The Power of Stories" Falvey Hall at Maryland Institute College of Art 1301 Mount Royal Avenue Baltimore, MD**  
TED conferences bring together the world's leading thinkers and doers for a series of talks, presentations and performances. TED celebrates the convergence of Technology, Entertainment, and Design. TEDx is a new extension initiative of the TED organization. TEDx events are independently self-organized events, licensed by TED. The theme of our TEDx event is "The Power of Stories." It will highlight how stories inform and enrich our

lives, and how great stories often differentiate ideas that spread from those that do not. There is no registration fee to attend, but space is limited. <http://tedxmidatlantic.com/registration>.

**Fri, Nov 6, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Environmental Excellence in Health Care Conference: Greening MD Hospitals University of Maryland School of Nursing, 655 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD**

Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment and the University of Maryland School of Nursing A National Conference for Health Care Professionals. Join regional and national health care professionals, environmental industry experts, and educators for this learning and networking event whose purpose is to create a healthier and more sustainable environment for hospital staff, patients, and communities. Topics will include purchasing environmentally preferable materials, taking action to reduce the impact of climate change, developing and implementing an integrated waste management program, and purchasing and promoting sustainable foods. \$55 (includes educational sessions, breakfast, and lunch) <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/events/environmental/Nov>

**Fri, Nov 6, Gather the Women 7-8:30 pm Frederick, MD 21701.** Gather the Women is a free monthly group where women of all ages will have the opportunity to sit in council and support and nurture each other's creative dreams in service to the Earth, Human rights or Democracy. You need not be a Frederick county resident. Ten Thousand Joys 54 East Patrick St. For more info contact Hillary Banachowski, [lunachic727@comcast.net](mailto:lunachic727@comcast.net) or <http://lunachicart.shutterfly.com>

**Sat, Nov 7, 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Energy Conservation Workshop, "Why Energy Use is Shaping Our World and How We Must Respond" sponsored by Baltimore Presbytery - Creation Care Group Catonsville Presbyterian Church, 1400 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21228-5089**

**THE PURPOSE** of this gathering is to bring together church leaders and members to answer our calling of addressing the urgent challenges and abundant opportunities of Caring for God's Creation. For info: Charlie Conklin, [ceconklin12@verizon.net](mailto:ceconklin12@verizon.net), <http://www.creationcarebaltimore.com/workshopagenda.htm>

**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](mailto:bill@HeliconWorks.com), or visit [www.HeliconWorks.com](http://www.HeliconWorks.com)

**Sat, Nov. 7, First Saturday Vegan Potluck 7-9 pm in Ellicott City, MD** near Centennial Park. Bring a vegan dish to share (store bought is fine) for the # in your party plus 8 & tableware. RSVP to [bsorak@juno.com](mailto:bsorak@juno.com) for directions. Iced tea & filtered water to drink. Kids welcome! Invite friends & the merely curious.

**Sat, Nov. 7, Tour Blueberry Hill Cohousing, 10 am, at 9701 Farmside Place, Vienna, VA 22181 VA.** Tour green and sustainable cohousing neighborhood. Learn first hand what this lifestyle is all about! MapQuest address for directions. For more information and to register: <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing> or email Mary [mamb18@gmail.com](mailto:mamb18@gmail.com) [www.cohousingcollaborative.com](http://www.cohousingcollaborative.com)

**Sat, Nov. 7, Sun. Nov 8, and Sat Nov 14, Sierra Club critical wetlands monitoring project, 9am-4pm** (Also, Wed, Nov 11, 1-5pm,) Baltimore County, exact location TBD. Partner with Univ of MD team to inventory and assess state designated "Wetlands of Special State Concern". Contact Janet Schallenberger at [jscholle4@yahoo.com](mailto:jscholle4@yahoo.com) for exact locations and directions.

**Sat, Nov. 7, Sacred Gardening Workshop, 10am-3pm, Eden Valley, Howard County, MD.,** Come join us in Sacred Circle to learn Native American blessings that honor the fall harvest: Indigenous practices and ceremony, ways to experience and deepen our relationship with the earth, her seasons and cycles – and all our relations. Registration or info: Contact Bette Rainbow Hoover [bette@justpeacecircles](mailto:bette@justpeacecircles), 410-531-5610 or Mare Cromwell, [mare@sacreddogllc.com](mailto:mare@sacreddogllc.com), 410-448-3679. For directions, go to [www.edenvalleycenter.org](http://www.edenvalleycenter.org).

**Sat, Nov. 7, Tree Anatomy Walk, 10am - 2pm. Wheaton Regional Park, Silver Spring.** Leader: Richard Murray, arborist and author of the Tree Biology Notebook. Contact: Richard at [richardmurray@shannontree.com](mailto:richardmurray@shannontree.com). Richard will have books available for signing after the walk. For more information go to <http://www.mdflora.org/events/trips.html#trenat>.

**Sat, Nov 7, How to Winterize Your Garden, 1pm-2:30pm, Historical Society of Washington, D.C.,** 801 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, Presenter, Kathy Jentz, Washington Gardener Magazine; Putting your

garden to bed for winter is an important task. It can save you hundreds of dollars and many hours in future maintenance and problem prevention. Free, no RSVP Required. For more details, visit [www.WashingtonGardener.com](http://www.WashingtonGardener.com) or [www.historydc.org/publicprograms/](http://www.historydc.org/publicprograms/)

**Sun, Nov 8, 1:30 PM, Annual Stony Run Walk, 800 Wymn Park Drive, Baltimore**

Length of walk: 1 1/2 to 2 hours Meet at the Stieff Silver parking lot, Boy Scout's area. Wear: old clothes, and bring gloves if you are willing to pull invasives. Rain or shine: in rainstorms, much is revealed that cannot be seen otherwise. The route we will take is one of the more lovely and interesting walks in the city of Baltimore. Our trail follows the line of the 19th-20th century Maryland and Pennsylvania small-gauge railroad that wound up Maryland valleys to York, Pennsylvania. For much of the way you will see no buildings of any kind, just trees, vines, water, and bridges. Guy Hollyday (410-366-6827)

**Sun, Nov 8, 2009, Green Tax Benefits, 1:00-3:00 pm, Westminster, MD** Learn how to find tax incentives to make green improvements more affordable. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Sun, Nov 8, Sierra Club Mattawoman Creek Paddle Trip and Potluck Picnic, Paddle at 11:00 AM, picnic at 1:00 pm, Indian Head, MD.** Meet at Mattingly Park dock on Mattawoman Creek, 108 Mattingly Ave, Indian Head MD, 20640 Canoe rentals available on site. Learn how you can help protect one of our Bay's most important and most threatened watersheds. CARPOOL/RSVP: Maryland Chapter office 301-277-7111 INFO: [www.maryland.sierraclub.org/action/p0052.asp](http://www.maryland.sierraclub.org/action/p0052.asp)

**Sun, Nov. 8, Walking Tour, 3 pm, 800 West Broad, Falls Church, VA.** Tour neighborhood w/ potential site for adult oriented, green & sustainable cohousing community. Coffee/tea afterwards at Panera's in FC. MapQuest address for directions. For more information and to register: <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing> or email Marcy [mfbartlett@cox.net](mailto:mfbartlett@cox.net) [www.fallschurchcohousing.org](http://www.fallschurchcohousing.org)

**Sun, Nov 8, Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light House Party, 4 PM. Ketch Ryan's solar house, 6904 Oakridge Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815** The hosts attend four congregations of different spiritual traditions. All of us have turned to Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light for encouragement, green resources, and the opportunity to share lessons with other green-minded folks across communities. For more information contact Molly Hauck at [mollyhauck@verizon.net](mailto:mollyhauck@verizon.net) or (301) 949-0178

**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](mailto:charmcityjohn@gmail.com), 410905-9511. Directions and details at <http://freeschool.redemmas.org/>

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**Tues, Nov 10, 5:30 reception; 6 p.m. lecture, Baltimore - A Vision for the Future, The Engineers Club, Garrett-Jacobs Mansion** Kirby Fowler, President of the Downtown Partnership and M.J. "Jay" Brodie, FAIA, President of the Baltimore Development Corporation will discuss their vision for the future of Baltimore, Baltimore's position with respect to development and construction in the current economy, and opportunities for Architects, Engineers, and Contractors in the Baltimore area. Tickets are \$10/members; \$15/public. Advance ticket purchases are recommended as capacity is limited. Discounted group ticket sales are available: buy 10, get 2 free. 1 AIA/CES credit with registration. <http://www.aiabalt.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=46>

**Tues Nov 10- Sat Nov 14 – local small showings and house parties, to see the video “Coal Country”.** Sponsored nationwide by the Sierra Club. For more info, visit [http://action.sierraclub.org/site/GetTogether?gettogether=activity\\_splash&cal\\_activity\\_id=1300&s\\_src=sc](http://action.sierraclub.org/site/GetTogether?gettogether=activity_splash&cal_activity_id=1300&s_src=sc)

**Tues, Nov. 10, COK Benefit at Sticky Fingers Bakery, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Washington, DC.** Want to satisfy your sweet tooth and help us help animals at the same time? Now's your chance! Join us at the all-vegan, awarding-winning Sticky Fingers Bakery on the second Tuesday of each month. A portion of your bill will be automatically donated towards COK's efforts to help farmed animals. Directions and details at [www.cok.net/events](http://www.cok.net/events)

**Tues, Nov 10, 7 pm, Three segments of the documentary *Unnatural Causes-- is inequality making us sick?* Springhill Lake Recreation Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane,**(off Greenbelt Road at the west end of Beltway Plaza). The film explores causes and solutions for alarming economic, racial and social differences in people's health. Produced in 2008 by California Newsreel with Vital Pictures, it has been presented by PBS. Admission is FREE and discussion will follow. Sponsors: Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County, Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church - Social Action Committee and the Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team

**Tues, Nov 10, Indoor Air Quality, 7:00-9:00 pm, Lutherville, MD** Learn how to improve your health by improving your indoor environment. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Tues, Nov 10, Energy Efficient Lighting, 7:00-9:00 pm, Washington, DC** Learn how to lower your utility bill and your carbon footprint. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, Nov 11, "Getting Good Food to Our Tables", 7-9pm, Bethesda Green, 4825 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, MD.** Join us for a panel discussion and great opportunity to meet with local agricultural experts/farmers/gardeners discussing our area's food concerns and sustainable choices! Further information at [www.BethesdaGreen.org](http://www.BethesdaGreen.org)

**Wed, Nov 11, Greenbelt's Fourth Annual Global Warming Science Update, Greenbelt Community Center, Rm 114, 7:00 pm., 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD** Dr. Chris Barnet will review the latest scientific findings and conclusions concerning climate change and will present his always fascinating slide show to make his points while incorporating his usual unique brand of humor. Discussion follows. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network. For more info 301-441-3809 or [srkane@gmail.com](mailto:srkane@gmail.com).

**Wed, Nov 11, Geothermal Energy, 7:00-9:00 pm, Bethesda, 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](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, Nov 11, Home Energy Audits, 7:00-9:00 pm, Leesburg, VA** Learn how to lower your energy bills and increase comfort. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Thurs, Nov. 12, "How to Overcome Green Overload in Your Small Business: 5 Steps for Cutting Through the Clutter;" 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.** (teleconference) If you're overwhelmed by the amount of information available on greening your business, then join my FREE 75-minute audioseminar. This call is about more than giving you a list of products to recycle or tips about energy-saving office equipment. It's about designing your eco-inspired business NOW! Email Julie Gabrielli, [julie@goforchange.com](mailto:julie@goforchange.com). Sign up at: [www.GOGreen2010.com](http://www.GOGreen2010.com)

**Thurs, Nov 12, Home Energy Audits, 7:00-9:00 pm, Jessup, MD** Learn how to lower your energy bills and increase comfort. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Thurs, Nov 12, Clean & Renewable Energy, 7:00-9:00 pm, Germantown, 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](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Sat, Nov 14, Volunteer: alley cleaning and greening, clean-up, 9-11am, BBQ 12-2pm, Baltimore, MD 21224.** Come help this community clean and green its alley and turn it into a community space! New Baltimore City legislation permits residents to enclose their alleys, and neighbors are already gating and greening their alleys. For more information, contact Sarah Krones, sarah.krones@parksandpeople.org, (410) 448-5663 x114.

**Sat, Nov. 14, Cohousing 101, 12 noon-3 pm at Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA** If you're interested in learning what it takes to build a truly economically, socially and environmentally sustainable community, plan on attending this three hour workshop based on The Cohousing Timeline Game. \$25.00 per person. For more information and to register: <http://www.meetup.com/Washington-DC-Area-Cohousing> or call Ann 703 663 3911. [www.cohousingcollaborative.com](http://www.cohousingcollaborative.com)

**Sat. Nov. 14, Liberty Reservoir - Piney Point, MD. 8am,** Easy 6.3 miles through hardwood and pine forests but with several stream crossings. Bring lunch and water. Depart from the park & ride just north of I-70 on Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, [mjuskelis@cablespeed.com](mailto:mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

**Sat, Nov 14, 10am, Carrie's Gardening Tips for November, Valley View Farms, 11305 York Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030** Ideas for protecting outdoor plants through the winter months. Gifts to grow and give are discussed and shown. Contact Carrie Engel at 410-527-0700 or [carrie@valleyviewfarms.com](mailto:carrie@valleyviewfarms.com).

**Sat, Nov 14, 9am – 12pm, Jones Falls Second Saturday Project, Locations vary**  
Join the JFWA for a family friend restoration project in a city or county park. Call the JFWA for more info: 410-366-3036.

**Nov 15-18, 2009 Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change Conference, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.** The 2009 Behavior, Energy and Climate Change Conference is the 3rd annual conference focused on accelerating our transition to an energy-efficient and low carbon economy through an improved understanding and application of social and behavioral mechanisms of change. This pre-eminent conference will bring together a diverse group of energy experts, social scientists, and policymakers to discuss the social and behavioral basis for, and practical implementation of, reducing energy use through the adoption and application of more energy-efficient technologies, energy conservation activities, and lifestyle changes. <http://www.aceee.org/pubsmeetings/curmtgindex.htm> [www.BECCconference.org](http://www.BECCconference.org)

**Mon, Nov 16, Legislative Preview & Reception, Goucher College, Hyman Forum, The Athenaeum, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 6:30 to 9:00pm, Program at 7:30PM** Speakers: Shari Wilson, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, Brad Heavner, State Director, Environment Maryland, Jen Brock-Cancellieri, Deputy Director, Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund Sponsors: Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Baltimore Green Works, Goucher College Environmental Studies Program and other environmental groups in Baltimore County. For more information, please contact Pete Johnson at 410.280.9855 x 204 or [pjohnson@mdlcv.org](mailto:pjohnson@mdlcv.org)

**Mon, Nov 16, Environmental Landscaping, 7:00-9:00 pm, Annapolis, MD** How to combine design, beauty and sustainability in landscape design. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

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**Tues, Nov. 17, "Food for our Families", a free Lunchtime Discussion at Bethesda Green, 12noon-1pm, 4825 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, MD.** Join us for a lively discussion with Aviva Goldfarb (author of *The 6 O'clock Scramble*) and Carrie Witkop. We'll discuss ways to make healthy eating more than wishful thinking for our schools and your busy family!

**Tues, Nov 17, 8:30-10 am, GBC Energy Symposium, UMB BioPark, Building II, 801 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201** Greater Baltimore Committee Event. <http://www.gbc.org/Events.aspx?d=11/17/2009>

**Tues, Nov 17-19, Accredited Geothermal Installer Certification, Baltimore MD**

3-day certification training offered through the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association. Includes hands-on fusion certification training. Those who pass exam become IGSHA Accredited Geothermal Installers. [Register here.](#)

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**Tues, Nov 17, Indoor Air Quality, 7:00-9:00 pm, Washington, DC** Learn how to improve your health by improving your indoor environment. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, Nov 18, Solar Energy, 7:00-9:00 pm, Bethesda, MD** Learn how to use solar electric and hot water systems in your home or office. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Wed, Nov 18, Green Building Materials, 7:00-9:00 pm, Leesburg, VA** Learn how to use sustainable and environmentally friendly materials in your building. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Thurs, Nov 19, 'Practical, Affordable Solar Power in Maryland', 6 - 8:30 PM, Remington (near Charles Village) in Baltimore City**, Cheryl Wade, advocate for solar power and co-owner of the solar-powered Mill Valley Garden Center, (the anti-supermarket that takes the locally grown concept to a new level). Also: a local expert on solar panel installations will make a presentation. Mill Valley General Store, 2800 Sisson St., Baltimore 21211 \$5 suggested donation. Sponsored by BCAN: the Baltimore Climate Action Network: [www.baltimoreclimate.org](http://www.baltimoreclimate.org). RSVP: [mail@baltimoreclimate.org](mailto:mail@baltimoreclimate.org) or 410-812-1447.

**Thur, Nov 19, 1–3 PM, Carbon Neutral Campus Architecture: Climate Specific Design and Innovation**  
Join us for an investigation of cutting-edge learning environment projects that are carbon-neutral\* and beyond. This webcast will focus on three projects which push the limits of design to create high-performance environments that are also exemplars of pedagogical and aesthetic excellence. Because design requirements vary considerably according to climate, examples of carbon neutral buildings from three different climate zones will be highlighted. We'll take time to discuss in detail the passive and active strategies of these buildings, and how they respond to their specific climatic conditions.  
<http://www.scup.org/page/profdev/notravel/2009/carbonneutral>

**Thurs, Nov 19, 6pm – 8pm, Rain Barrel Roll Out, Herring Run Park, 6131 Hillen Rd, Baltimore, MD 21239**  
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 [atraut@herringrun.org](mailto:atraut@herringrun.org) to register for this workshop or to arrange a workshop in your neighborhood. Carpe aqua!

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**Thurs, Nov 19, Principles of Green Home Renovations, 6:30-8:30 pm, Charlotte Hall, MD**  
Deconstruction, reuse of materials, "green" products, and more. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

**Sat, Nov 21, Gunpowder - Sweet Air Area, MD. 8am**, Easy 7 mile loop through pines, hardwoods, around a pond and along pretty Little Gunpowder River. Depart from the west lot of the Broken Land Parkway Park & Ride at Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, [mjuskelis@cablespeed.com](mailto:mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

**Sat, Nov 21, EarthSave Baltimore Veg Dinner Educ Series, 6-9 pm**, will feature a special Meet 'n Greet potluck featuring live music and group discussions. Please bring a vegan dish that will serve five times the number in your party, plus a \$5 donation (members \$2). Or (with 1 day notice) you may enjoy dinner without

bringing food for a \$12 donation (members \$10). Call 410-252-3043, write Baltimore@earthsave.org, or go to <http://earthsavebaltimore.org/>.

**Sat, Nov 21, COK Benefit at Java Green, 10am – 6pm, Washington, DC.** Support COK while enjoying delicious cruelty-free fare and socializing with other activists! Please join us at the monthly Java Green funding day on the third Sat. of every month, when a portion of your bill will benefit COK. Directions and details at [www.cok.net/events](http://www.cok.net/events)

**Sun. Nov. 22, Savage Park, Wincopin Trail, MD, 9:30am.** Moderate 4 or 7 mile hike along the Middle and Little Patuxent Rivers, easy except for a few hills and rocky parts. Stop after 4 miles, or continue an extra 3 with a lunch stop at the rapids near Savage Mill. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:30 at Patuxent Valley Middle School, off Vollmerhausen Road just west of Savage Guilford Rd. Call Ken Clark, 301-725-3306, [kenclark7@comcast.net](mailto:kenclark7@comcast.net).

**Tues, Nov. 24, Maryland Native Plant Society Monthly Meeting, 7:30. White Oak Library.** Last Survivors of Magnolia Bog Flora in Maryland, DC and Virginia. Join Greg Zell, Arlington County Natural Resource Specialist, and Rod Simmons, plant ecologist, for a presentation on globally rare Magnolia Bogs of the greater Washington-Baltimore region. Location: Large meeting room. For more information and directions go to [www.mdflora.org](http://www.mdflora.org)

**Tues, Nov 24, 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](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/sustainability)

**Fri, Nov 27, Sustainable Community Suppers: Sustainable Holiday Celebrations, 7-9pm, 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](mailto:sustainablecommunitysuppers@gmail.com). For directions, go to [www.edenvalleycenter.org](http://www.edenvalleycenter.org).

**Mon, Nov 30, Home Energy Audits, 7:00-9:00 pm, Annapolis, MD** How to lower your energy bills and increase comfort. For more information, contact David Woolley-Wilson, [info@greenbuildinginstitute.org](mailto:info@greenbuildinginstitute.org), 443-733-1234. Directions and details at [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org)

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## **DECEMBER EVENTS AND BEYOND**

**Tues, December 1, 1-2pm Sierra Club/EnvironmentMD Fight King Coal Rally, Baltimore,** Preston Gardens Park (corner of St. Paul and E. Saratoga streets). Rally to promote a comprehensive clean energy future for Maryland and oppose transmission of "coal by wire" into our state. Info contact: Alana Wase 301.277.7111

**Sat, Dec. 5, COK'S Annual Holiday Fundraising Party, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Washington, D.C.** Join us-- and special guest Dan Piraro (creator of Bizarro) as we celebrate another year of compassionate action for animals! Bring your friends and family to the MamaSita Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. to enjoy delicious vegan food, drinks, comedy, inspiration, and a fabulous silent auction. For more information, contact Francesca Valente, [fvalente@cok.net](mailto:fvalente@cok.net), 301-891-2458. Directions and details at [www.cok.net/events](http://www.cok.net/events)

**Sat, Dec 5, 2009, Howard County Conservancy Natural Holiday Sale, 10am – 4pm, FREE, 10520 Old Frederick Rd (Rt 99), Woodstock, MD 21163,** Unique and locally crafted items for sale including natural holiday decorations from the woods, gardens, and produce markets. Children and adults can make whimsical critters from cones, pods and seed heads. Local pottery, hand crafted soaps and bees wax candles, jewelry, hand forged accessories, nature and gardening books, kids books and puppets. All proceeds benefit the Conservancy's environmental educational programs. Families are welcome. For more information, call 410-465-8877, or visit our Website [www.hcconservancy.org](http://www.hcconservancy.org)

**Fri, December 11, 2009, movie "Food, Inc." 7:30 p.m., Bethesda, MD,** Vegetarian potluck at 6:45 p.m. Movie is free. Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. 20814 , [www.cedarlane.org](http://www.cedarlane.org). For more information, contact Charlotte Brewer at [jarvischarlot@aol.com](mailto:jarvischarlot@aol.com)

**Tues, Dec 15 and Thurs, Dec 17, Grant Application Training Workshops, 6pm-8pm, Baltimore, MD 21211**  
These workshops will provide up-to-date information on our Neighborhood Greening and Partnerships for Parks Grants programs. Find out what we do and do not fund and get information, resources and suggestions. \*All new applicants are required to send a representative to one of the two workshops.\* Returning applicants are encouraged to send a representative who has not attended in the past. Space is limited! RSVP by Friday, Dec 11th, 2009. Grant application deadline is Friday, January 29, 2010 at 5pm by mail or in-hand. For more information, contact Sarah Krones, program coordinator, [grants@parksandpeople.org](mailto:grants@parksandpeople.org), 410-448-5663 x114. Details at [www.parksandpeople.org](http://www.parksandpeople.org)

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#### **ACTION OPPORTUNITIES AND TIDBITS**

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**Salamander Points:** [www.salamanderpoints.com](http://www.salamanderpoints.com): A daily individual carbon-counter website and local, sustainability blog with educational resources and lesson plans, links, "Carbon Sexy" t-shirts, local events, and more!

**Check out Bethesda Green.** Since autumn is traditionally a month of harvests and thanksgiving, Bethesda Green (a community organization that a number of us at SMEI are also engaged with) is focusing on what it takes to bring healthy, local food to our tables sustainably. Please check out the events taking place by going to [www.BethesdaGreen.org](http://www.BethesdaGreen.org).