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May is Bike Month!



April 29, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

We're nearing the end of the school year, with classes ending on Monday and finals just around the corner. This, however, does not mean that environmental events on campus are slowing down in the least. In fact, it's quite the opposite, with several great events and opportunities coming up-- including TIE's Environmental Community Brunch, which is a fun way to engage with other members of the Tufts environmental community (read more about the event below).

Also, May is Bike Month, so be sure to grab your bike (or if you don't have one, borrow one from the Library). Tufts Bikes will be celebrating by riding with Critical Mass tonight- check out the event below if you're interested!

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Tufts Against Plastic (TAP) hosted a table at Earthfest last week, where visitors could take a Tap

May is National Bike Month, and here in Massachusetts we are celebrating with [Bay State Bike Week](#)! The signature event of Bike Week is the MassCommuter Challenge (May 14th-20th). The Challenge is a friendly competition amongst Massachusetts businesses, educational institutions and municipalities in which employees, students and residents support their "teams" -based on where they work, go to school or live- by pledging to bike for all or part of trips. Participation is free and open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in Massachusetts!

Tufts has already registered a team,so follow these easy steps to join our team:

- 1) Click [here](#) to register on the MassCommuter Challenge website.
- 2) Select "I am affiliated with an employer/campus."
- 3) Type "Tufts University" in the box below.

Be sure to follow up with the Bay State Bike Week [main page](#) for information about bicycling events taking place in your area.

The Grab Bag

In Cambridge, not five miles from Tufts' Medford Campus, is a clever art installation that turns waste into energy. [The Park Spark Project](#), conceptualized by artist [Matthew Mazzotta](#), is a functional art piece that uses dog waste to power a lamp to illuminate the park.

The project uses a methane digester to generate methane from the dog waste.

Water Taste Test to see if they could tell the difference between tap and bottled water. To find out more about the event, check out the article below!

In The News

Celebrating Tufts' Sustainability

A few weeks ago at the Sustainability Roundtable, sustainability leaders discussed what Tufts needs to work on as a university and as a community to be more sustainable. The roundtable also discussed the fact that it is important to remember and to celebrate the accomplishments that we have already achieved.

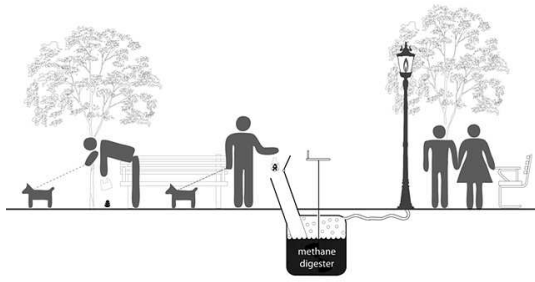
Tufts Now recently published a fantastic article recounting Tufts' environmental accomplishments, such as organizing the Talloires Declaration in 1990 and detailing the recently built LEED certified buildings at Tufts, including the LEED Silver Dental School addition and the planned LEED Gold Biology Labs on Boston Ave. The article also gives an overview on the not-so-glamorous aspects of Tufts' sustainability efforts, including replacing traditional bulbs on the Residential Quad with energy- conserving CFLs.

You can read the whole article on the [Tufts Now website](#) (and after you do so, take a moment to pat yourself on the back for all your hard work and accomplishments!)



Earthfest 2011: Fun and Educational

Earthfest 2011: DIY was a major success, drawing out



Check out this quick video, which gives a great overview of the project:



The Park Spark Project

Job Opportunities

[Seasonal Farmers Market Coordinator](#),
Regional Environmental Council,
Worcester, MA

[Program Administrator](#), Massachusetts
Ocean Partnership

[Sustainability Fellow](#),
(*Job Posting number 2010185*)
College of Saint Benedict

[Summer Interns](#), Office of
Sustainability, Yale U

[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#), US
Department of Energy

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

students and faculty from all over campus, as well as engaging prospective students visiting for April Open House. The event included several tables hosting different DIY tips and tricks, including bike tuning, gardening, and general tips for living more sustainably. Additionally, there was free "rescued" food and great live music. The second annual Clothing Swap, which once again was a major success, also drew a crowd. The event was co-hosted by the Eco-Reps and the Tufts Sustainability Collective.

To find out more about the event, [read this article on Earthfest in the Somerville News](#).

On-Campus Events

Environmental Community Brunch

May 2nd, 11am-1pm

TIE, Rear of Miller Hall, Medford Campus

Enjoy a complimentary brunch while chatting with undergraduate and graduate students, professors, and staff interested in environmental issues and research.

Sponsored by the Tufts Institute of the Environment, the Environmental Studies program, the Office of Sustainability, and Tufts Recycles!

Critical Mass with Tufts Bikes

April 29th, leave Tufts at 4:45

Leave from Tisch Library

This Friday evening Tufts Bikes will be riding Critical Mass-- a huge group ride through the streets of downtown Boston. The ride will be leaving from Tisch Library at 4:45, and riders of all experience levels looking to experience Boston in a totally different way are encouraged to come.

[Check out the blog for much much more info about Critical Mass and the ride.](#)

Cummings School of Veterinary

Medicine's 2011 W.A.Z.E. Symposium

April 30th, 9am-4pm

Interesting Links:

Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs:

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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Boston Medical Campus

Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine's student group WAZE, (Wildlife, Aquatics, Zoo and Exotics) presents a one day symposium:

"On the Frontline: Overcoming the Challenges of Conservation".

The day will begin with a diverse set of speakers, who will discuss their experiences in cultivating and enhancing conservation. Lecture topics will investigate how policy, economics, ecology, medicine, culture and anthropology can intertwine to overcome current and future challenges in conservation. These disciplines will be considered individually and collectively for the insights they can provide in developing solutions. The day will conclude with a session of roundtable discussions to address the most widespread challenges facing global conservation and to brainstorm potential solutions, while establishing innovative approaches for future conservation initiatives.

TEA Speaker and Networking Event

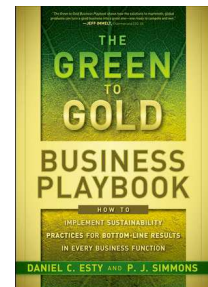
May 4th, 5:30pm

Remis Sculpture Court, Aidekman Arts Center, Medford Campus

Tufts Environmental Alumni presents P.J. Simmons, A89, sustainability expert and Chair of the Corporate Eco Forum. P.J. will discuss his new book co-written with Dan Esty, [The Green to Gold Business Playbook](#). The book provides concrete business strategies and advice for incorporating sustainability into all business functions. A networking reception with appetizers and drinks will precede the presentation. Non-alumni are welcome to join!

RSVP: Click [here](#) to register.

Contact: tuftsenvironmentalalumni@gmail.com



MASS DEP Info Session

May 6, 2011 12-1pm

Location TBD

Are you curious about internship opportunities at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection? Do you want to know what kind of academic background and professional experience successful job applicants have at MassDEP? Mark your calendars for Friday May 6th, and come find out!

Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity and internship coordinator at MassDEP, will answer your questions.

Please RSVP at <http://sites.tufts.edu/cppc/event/>. The event is brought to you by the Climate Policy and Planning Coalition.

Off-Campus events

New:

Sustainable Economy Conference

May 2nd, 8:30am-5pm

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

600 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA 02210

The 2nd Annual SEC is a forum designed to help participants learn from the collective experience of principled business leaders and to network with local cross-industry thinkers and doers who are changing the Commonwealth through business.

By advancing sustainability, corporate responsibility and diversity into the business model, businesses in Massachusetts can improve and grow their bottom line and the economy. How business conducts its affairs and defines its goals and values can also drive and improve the state of the economy.

The SEC educates, inspires and prepares business professionals by presenting an array of speakers sharing and addressing the challenges and accomplishments of topics such as:

- * Sustainability
- * Corporate Responsibility
- * Diversity

The SEC invites MBA and other college students to the SEC to be empowered as the next generation of

Massachusetts business leaders who will actively engage in progressive business practices that cultivate a sustainable economy. Gain practical, actionable guidance and step-by-step advice.

For more info, visit [the event website](#).

Previously Mentioned:

[Do Something REEL Film Festival](#)

Throughout April

Coolidge Corner Theatre, Cambridge

[5th Annual SomerGreen Festival](#)

April 30, 2011, 12pm-2pm

Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, Somerville, MA

[Research Day on Sustainability](#)

May 3, 2011

Medford Campus, TBA

[Deep Energy Retrofit Open House](#)

May 7, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

61 Hampstead Street, Jamaica Plain, MA

May 21, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

2 Bromfield Street, Quincy, MA

[The 22nd SBN Conference on Sustainable Business](#)

May 7, 2011, 8am-4pm

UMass, Boston

[2011 Student Sustainability Film Festival: Now Accepting Submissions](#)

May 14, 2011

Educational Opportunities

See you next week!

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