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Tufts Office of Sustainability

June 10, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

Some weather we've been having! Between the 100 degree day and the massive thunderstorm and ensuing downpour, I hope the temperamental weather hasn't turned you off from going to all the cool events happening around the area.

The Balance Your Life Blog

Tufts Health Services has started a new blog that is part of their Health Education Program. The blog focuses on two goals: helping students eat well, and getting students active.

In the eating well section, the blog centers on which foods to eat, which to avoid, and where to get good foods. It also touches a bit on sustainability, promoting things like farmers markets and CSAs. [Check out and explore the blog here!](#)



For instance, a bunch of the farmers markets are now up and running ([click here to see the 2011 schedule](#)). I was just at the one in Davis Square on Wednesday and picked up some delicious asparagus and zucchini. If you are trying your hand at growing some of your own vegetables and worried your little seedlings might get washed away, [the most recent garden blog](#) touched on a way to protect your plants from a downpour.

While I don't recommend biking around during a thunderstorm, [here are some tips on bike safety during the rain](#). Read on for more information about a Bike-A-Thon, workshops and energy retrofit open houses.

Stay green!
Jason

The Grab Bag

This week, there is no video. Instead, there's this delightful little article on Copenhagen's new proposed waste-to-energy plant. The proposed plant is

Sustainability News

US invests in geothermal energy

Department of Energy Secretary Stephen Chu announced recently the availability of up to \$70 million for the purpose of funding technology advancements in geothermal energy to

simultaneously super awesome and super goofy, acting as a three run ski hill, a CO2 smoke ring blower (with lasers), and of course an energy-from-waste generator. Click the image to read the rest of the article!

Job Opportunities

[Various Jobs](#) (paid and unpaid), Green Marlborough, Marlborough MA

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Colorado State U

AASHE Jobs:

- [Stars Program Analyst](#)
- [Stars Program Assistant](#)
- [Temporary IT Employee](#)

[Postgraduate Internship, Water Quality Protection Division](#), US EPA Region 6, Dallas

[Water Quality Analyst Intern](#), New England Aquarium

[Program Officer](#), Climate & Energy Practice, VHB, Various Locations

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at the Office of Sustainability](#)

Interesting Links

Educational

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

accelerate development in the field.

The department hopes to use the money to reduce the upfront cost of geothermal energy systems, expand their use, and enable the United States to tap the huge potential of this clean and renewable energy resource. This is another step towards reaching the Obama administration's goal of 80% clean electricity by 2035.



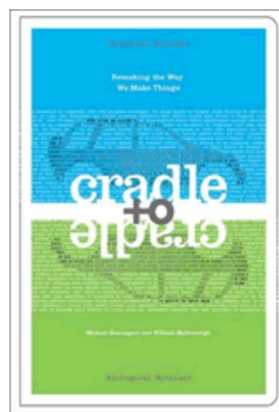
Geothermal power plants at The Geysers
(Photo: DOE website)

Read more on this on the [Department of Energy website](#).

Summer Book Club

[Cradle to Cradle](#)

by William McDonough and Michael Braungart



Looking for an interesting and informative read? This summer's book club selection might just be the ticket for you! *Cradle to Cradle* is a manifesto calling for the transformation of human industry through ecologically intelligent design.

Through historical sketches on the roots of the industrial revolution; commentary on science, nature and society; descriptions of key design principles; and compelling examples of innovative products and business strategies already reshaping the marketplace, McDonough and Braungart make the case that an industrial system that "takes, makes and wastes" can become a creator of goods and services that generate ecological, social and economic value.

The summer book club will meet at the end of August over lunch break to discuss the book. Hope to see you there!

Events

Off-Campus

Program

- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [Tom Thumb's Student Garden](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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24th Annual Bikes not Bombs Bike-A-Thon

June 12, Noon-5:30 PM

In the park at the Stony Brook T, Boylston & Lamartine St, JP

This Sunday, June 12th is the [24th Annual Bike-a-Thon and Green Roots Festival](#), held by [Bikes Not Bombs](#). BnB is a great organization in Jamaica Plain that "promotes bicycle technology as a concrete alternative to war and environmental destruction." The Bike-a-Thon is a big charity ride to raise funds for all the work that BnB does here and abroad. It is followed by the [Green Roots festival](#) from 12-5:30 at the Stony Brook T stop, an after-party with food, music, and raffles. It's also a great opportunity to learn about the many environmental, bicycle, and social justice groups working in Boston, who will be there with tables and exhibits.

Check out [the website for more information](#).

Deep Energy Retrofit Open Houses

June 12, 1 PM-4 PM

73 Sawyer Avenue, Dorchester, MA (in progress)

June 26, 1 PM-4 PM

37 Main Street, Williamstown, MA (in progress, Habitat for Humanity)

These open houses are a great way to see what the National Grid DER program is all about. Check the [DER program website](#) for more information on these retrofits.

Workshop: Local Communities Adapting to Climate Change, Managing Risk in Decision Making

June 20, 9 PM - 4:30 PM

The Doyle Center, Doyle Community Park, Leominster, MA

The one-day course will introduce municipal and community leaders, and planning professionals to the tools they need to better assess and manage the risks associated with climate change. Our approach helps community leaders to consider how they can alter everyday decision making to better prepare for the risks that may lie ahead. This course is tailored specifically for the needs of suburban and rural communities. The key concepts introduced will be "scenario planning" and collaborative approaches to decision-making. For further information, please [click here](#). Pre-registration required.

The Future of Transportation

June 21, 6 PM

Massachusetts Transportation Bldg, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

The Boston Chapter of Young Professionals in Transportation and the New England Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers' Emerging Professionals Group present "The Future of

Transportation", a Distinguished Speaker event featuring Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation Jeffrey Mullan. Registration for this event is required. [Click here](#) for more information.

Previously Mentioned:

[Emerald Necklace: Guided Walk through the Back Bay Fens](#)

June 11, 10:30 AM - 12PM (Boston, MA)

[AESS 2011 Conference: "Confronting Complexity"](#)

June 23-26 (Burlington, VT)

[Volunteer at Lowell Folk Festival](#)

July 29-31 (Lowell, MA)

[RECHARGE! A Retreat for Rising Clean Energy Leaders](#)

August 21-26, 2011 - Mt. Hood, Oregon

[Moving Planet: A Day to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels](#)

September 24 (Boston, MA)

Educational Opportunities

Previously Mentioned:

[Suburban Permaculture Design & Leadership Certificate](#)

July 9-24 (Eugene, OR)

[Permaculture Design Internship](#)

July 1-28, 2011 (Punta Mona Center, Costa Rica)

[2011 Student Training for Environmental Protection](#)

July 8th-15th (Prince William Forest, Washington, DC)

[Metta Earth Leadership Training: Generation Now](#)

July 11- August 7, 2011 (Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT)

[7th Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications](#)

Week of July 10, 2011 (Emerson College, Boston)

See you next week!

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