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Read: [GirlyGreenGirl's Blog](#). My favorite Tufts green blog so far! ([email me](#) your suggestions for others)

Learn: [Tufts UIT's Energy Savings Guidelines for computers](#)

New EPA Report

Office of Sustainability Newsletter May 14, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

Bay State Bike Week is next week! Be sure to join the Tufts team at the [Mass Commuter Challenge](#) - all you need to do is pledge how many miles you're going to bike next week - they do not have to be commuting miles - and you'll be eligible to win prizes. Also, check out the bike week events on the Boston and Medford campuses below.

Here's hoping for nice weather!

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Upcoming Events

Bay State Bike Week

May 17-21

Massachusetts celebrates bicycle transportation

Events at Tufts' Medford Campus



The US EPA has produced a [new report](#) on the indicators of climate change in the U.S. titled Climate Change Indicators in the United States.

Job Opportunities

[Tufts Recycles! is seeking students to help with recycling and donation drives at move-out.](#) Pay is \$9 per hour. Free late stays are available.

[Summer 2010 outreach associates, social science library,](#) GDAE, Tufts University, Medford

[Team Greensense Counselor,](#) Public Works Department, Cambridge

[Sustainability Programs Coordinator,](#) A Better City, Boston

[Open positions,](#) The Climate Policy Initiative, San Francisco, CA

[Fellowship Program Director,](#) Public Interest Network, Boston

[Program Associate,](#) Tisch College, Tufts University

[Sustainability Policy Intern,](#) Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

Monday, May 17

Group Commute - time and location will be decided when you [sign up](#).

8:00 - 10:00 AM: **Kick-Off breakfast** (Campus Center - LOWER patio).

- **FREE bike check-ups**
- FREE small coffee with bike helmet at Hotung Cafe
- Light breakfast nibbles
- Bike registration with TUPD
- Sign up for the Mass Commuter Challenge
- **First 50 people to show up on their bike get free schwag!**

Wednesday, May 19

11 - 1 PM **Bike Expo;** Rain date for group commute. (Campus Center - lower patio)

Try out electric bikes and shop for great bikes and bike gear from:

- [Pietzo Bikes](#)
- [Electric City Cars](#) (they also have bikes)
- [Eastern Mountain Sports](#)

Thursday, May 20

Slimming Down Your Commuting Costs
Noon - 1:00 PM
Campus Center, room 221

Bring your lunch and listen to a presentation by [MassRides](#) which will cover:

- Ways to slim down your commuting costs
- Tools to help you share rides in carpools or vanpools
- Current local transportation info
- Information on new ways to feel good about your health
- Bringing smart transportation programs to your workplace
- Reducing traffic congestion within your community or at your worksite
- Reducing pollution in your community

For example, employees who join MassRides (for free) and bike, walk, carpool or take public transit to work at least twice a week can get up to four reimbursements for emergency rides home (i.e., taxis) throughout the year.

Events at the Boston Campus

Friday May 21st

Commission, Prince
George's County, MD

[More job listings from TIE](#)

Work for Veggies



[WorldPEAS](#) is looking for individuals who are interested in helping pack shares this summer in exchange for a free Small Share and Extended Season Share (\$450 and \$120 values respectively).

Contact [Matthew Himmel](#) for more info.

Cool Tool



The Nature Conservancy has created [Climate Wizard](#), a climate change mapping website that allows users to view historic temperature and rainfalls maps for anywhere in the world, see state of the art projections of temperature and rainfall around the world, and to download the maps.

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Commuting and Transportation Fair

11:30 - 1:30 PM

Tufts Medical Center Atrium

Sign up for the [Mass Commuter Challenge](#) and check out electric and folding bikes from [Pietzo Bikes](#). [A Better City Transportation Management Association](#) will be on hand to provide information about how to commute safely, easily and cost effectively.

Events elsewhere

Friday, May 21st: Bike Week Festival / [Bike Friday](#)
(7am - 9am City Hall Plaza, Boston)

More info about these events is on our [events page](#).

Lecture: Harmonizing Urban Metabolic and Knowledge Networks for Sustainability

Date: Monday, May 17, 2010

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Barnum 114, Medford campus

The Department of Biology invites you to this seminar by Dr. Nathan Phillips, Associate Professor of Geography and Environment at Boston University.

Conference on Small-Scale Urban Wind Turbines Lessons

Tuesday, May 18 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston

In 2009, the Museum of Science installed a rooftop Wind Turbine Lab with five different types of small-scale wind turbines to expand its Green Initiative, a commitment to reducing its environmental footprint.

At this conference the Wind Turbine Lab's extended project team will report on the turbines' performance. You'll hear firsthand accounts of the team's experience planning, installing, and operating roof-mounted wind turbines in an urban environment.

[More info](#)

Genzyme Tour

June 1, 2010, 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Cambridge, MA

Tufts Community Members (faculty, staff, students, alumni & their friends and family) are invited to join the Tufts Office of Sustainability on a tour of Genzyme's **LEED Platinum** building in Kendall Square. *RSVP is required*

[More info](#)

TIE Alumni Weekend Open House and Buffet Brunch

Saturday, May 22, 2010
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tufts Institute of the Environment

Join the Tufts Institute of the Environment (TIE) to celebrate the end of the year with alumni, graduating students, and friends! This will be a great opportunity for environmental alumni to find out exciting things that are going on at Tufts and for environmentally-oriented graduates and scholars to hear about the exciting things Tufts alumni are doing post-graduation.

The Tufts Institute of the Environment is in the rear garden level of Miller Hall, across the parking lot from The Granoff Family Hillel Center. The organic and local buffet will be held outside, weather permitting. We hope to see you there!

EarthFest

May 22nd, 2010
11:00am to 5:00 pm
DCR's Hatch Memorial Shell in Boston.

Presented by Whole Foods Market and **free** to the public, Radio 92.9 EarthFest will once again be a celebration for the Earth showcasing environmentally friendly products, groups, and activities. Radio 92.9 EarthFest will also feature an all-star musical line-up, an interactive family area and more. Produced in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the event is expected to draw more than 125,000 visitors.

[More info](#)

Solar Workshop - Financing Your Solar Project

May 27, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

City Hall Annex (344 Broadway), 2nd floor, Cambridge.

Panelists include Larry Chretien (Mass. Energy Consumers Alliance), Carter Wall (Executive Director, Mass. Renewable Energy Trust), Jonathan Abe (Vice President, Nexamp), and Ben Mayer (Sunbug Solar). Please [RSVP here](#). The event is **free**. Co-sponsored by the Cambridge Energy Alliance and the City of Cambridge.

The 21st SBN conference on sustainable business: Building New Networks

**Thursday, June 3, 2010, 8:00-5:00 p.m.
Lowell, MA**

This year's conference will have three areas of focus: Transforming our local food economy; Greening local businesses and reducing our carbon footprint; and Growing and sustaining local businesses and building local entrepreneurship.

[More info](#)

Bikes Not Bombs Annual Bike-a-Thon and Green Roots Festival

**Sunday, June 6, 2010
Boston, MA**

The event is centered around 3 fun bike rides of varying distances that also help support BNB's local youth programs and grassroots international development work through personal fundraising. The rides all end at the Green Roots Festival, a street festival right by Stony Brook T Station, with music, speakers, pageantry and content that promotes environmental sustainability and social justice.

[More Info](#)

Federal Climate Legislation

June 3, 6:30 pm

Cambridge Public Library, Lewis Room.

A panel of experts, moderated by Rob Garrity, executive director of MCAN, will present on legislative proposals under discussion in Congress, including cap-and-trade, carbon tax, and EPA regulation under the Clean Air Act. Co-sponsored by Green Decade Cambridge, Cambridge Energy Alliance, and Cambridge-Somerville for Change.

State Climate Mitigation Plan

June 14 at 1:30 to 3:30 pm, McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, **Boston**

June 22 at 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Tobin Community Center, 1481 Tremont Street, **Boston**

[Other dates and locations in MA](#)

The Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs will hold a series of 8 public hearings around the state about the proposed range of greenhouse gas emission limits and its implementation plan. EOEEA will also accept written comments until July 15. A framework document on the draft plan and background documents are posted on the [DEP website](#). EOEEA is required by the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act to set a GHG emissions reduction target between 10 and 25 percent below 1990 levels to be achieved by 2020 and develop an implementation plan.

Green Marketing Workshop

With **Leah Bloom**, green marketing guru

June 17, 8:30 to 9:30 am

Cambridge City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway.

In this workshop, you will learn how to identify earth-friendly business practices you already use, and how to get the word out in a way that is both creative and consistent with your existing brand and communications plan. Will discuss how to avoid "greenwashing," what elements of traditional marketing translate especially well to the green economy, and why it's important to green your marketing along with the rest of your business. Sponsored by the Sustainable Business Leadership Program and the Cambridge Energy Alliance. [RSVP here.](#)

Educational Opportunities

New Sustainability Journal Released

The May 2010 Inaugural Edition of [Journal of Sustainability Education](#) is out and the editor claims "You'll find a fascinating group of scholarly articles accompanied by opinions, media reviews, case studies, brief reports and more. All of it with the goal of guiding us towards successfully educating for sustainability in this young century". We shall see...

Using Sustainability to Create New Course Content:

A Curriculum Development Institute for Faculty in All Disciplines

May 24, 2010 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

Presented by Jack Byrne, director of the sustainability integration office at Middlebury College and Tom Kelly, chief sustainability officer and director of the Office of Sustainability at the University of New Hampshire, and adjunct professor of Public Health at the College of Health and Human Services.

Registration Deadline is

May 12, 2010

Workshop fee:

\$70 for Campus Compact members or \$95 for non-members

[More info](#)

Sustainable Business Practices in Support of People, Profit, and Principles

Five-Day, 3 Credit Intensive Summer Program
BSAD 295 - 60144/ NR 285 - 60194

July 12-16, 2010

- Earn 3 academic credits and a Professional Certificate in Sustainable Business from UVM in one week.
- Learn from UVM experts and recognized business leaders and innovators.
- Become part of a growing network of sustainable business professionals.
- Help businesses thrive and have a positive impact.

[More Info](#)

Happy Bicycling Week!

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