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Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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NuRide

NuRide is a rewards program for people who

May 6, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

The end of the year is here once again, and with it the onslaught of final exams and papers and projects. But, just as April showers bring May flowers, the end of the school year also means the warm summer days can't be far behind.

Fortunately, many things do not have to end along with the school year, so read on to find out how to take part in the Bay State Bike Week, the cool new "Go Green" stamps issued by the Post Office, and a black and white photo exhibit on vanishing communities in New England.

Stay green!
-Jason

Header photo: Students studying outside on the Medford

choose green ways of travel: walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, public transportation, and telecommuting. Track your trips to redeem points towards restaurant coupons, retailer discounts, and tickets to shows.

Sign up for free at commute.com with the coupon code "MassRides" and **get 1,000 points** to start!

Here are the numbers in Massachusetts so far:

NuRiders: 1,050

Reduced car trips: 11,233

Miles not driven: 375,491

Tons of emissions prevented: 169

Gallons of gas saved: 17,249

Money saved by NuRiders: \$78,270

Rewards redeemed by NuRiders: \$1,598

May is Bike Month!



May is National Bike Month, and here in Massachusetts we are celebrating with [Bay State Bike Week!](#) The

campus. Photo by Tia Chapman.

Sustainability News

Take a survey, get a chance to win \$100!

Calling all students! Take a survey about sustainability at Tufts and get a chance to win \$100. The Tisch College and the Office of Sustainability are sponsoring a survey to explore your views regarding sustainability at Tufts University. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and all results will be presented in the aggregate. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and after submitting the survey, you will be taken to a separate web form to gather personal information (to preserve anonymity) for the drawing for \$100.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey or copy/paste this link into your browser - https://tuftsir.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3dxCashBCx40Oc4.

Green power strips installed at Tisch



Library

The Library Information Technology Support (LITS) group implemented the first of several "green" technology initiatives when it replaced its staff computers' power strip/surge protectors with a "Green" energy saving power strip, which will be configured to turn off peripherals when the monitor is powered off and save energy during instances when the computer needs to be left on to receive updates overnight. The next project is the installation of Powersave software which will allow ITS to remotely "wake up" computers that have been turned off overnight via a software program whenever they need to receive updates.

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.

Research Day on Sustainability showcases work across university

The eighth in a series of Research Days hosted by the Office of Vice Provost was held last May 2nd at the Aidekman Arts Center, and this latest gathering was focused on the topic of sustainability.

In The News

New "Go Green" Stamps!

The US Postal Service has just released a new line of "Go Green" Forever stamps that depict simple everyday actions that help you be more sustainable. The illustrations, done by artist Eli Noyes, are very cute and simple. These stamps are a great way to remind your correspondents to do the little things that add up. Click the image below to find out more and [buy the stamps!](#)



American Institute of Architects select Top Green Projects

The American Institute of Architects (AIA)'s Committee on the Environment has selected the top ten examples of sustainable architecture and green design solutions for 2011. The [new Research Support Facility](#) at DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) was among the projects on AIA Top Ten Green Projects list, now in its 15th year. The jury noted that NREL's structure serves as a challenge to the building industry and a blueprint for it to pursue low-energy performance projects.

The Green Projects program celebrates projects that result from thoroughly integrated approaches to architecture, natural systems, and technology that

The well-attended event featured a keynote presentation by Barbra Batshalom, Executive Director of the Sustainable Performance Institute, and four panel discussions on Sustainable Development, Sustainable Cities, Sustainable Technology and Sustainable Policy. The day ended with a reception and poster presentations from a broad range of topics, including "Green Keynesianism", The Tufts Community Agriculture Project, catalysts in sustainable hydrogen generation, and trayless dining.

The Grab Bag:

This video is an absolutely stunning three minutes of unadulterated natural beauty. There's not much else to be said about it, so I'll just let you watch it.



The Mountain

On archiving radioactive material

Eco-Ambassador Susan Belovari, Editor of the ICA-SUV Newsletter, wrote a very interesting piece on the difficulties of archiving

include the use of sustainable or renewable construction materials.

Among the other winners were a [rebuilt school in tornado-ravaged Greensburg, Kansas](#), that uses a 50-kilowatt wind turbine to provide a portion of its electricity. DOE has supported the city since leaders asked for help in making the community a model of sustainability following the devastation on May 4, 2007. AIA also cited a 20,000-square-foot addition to the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed national historic landmark Meeting House that is approximately 40% more efficient than a comparable base case facility as well as British Columbia's Vancouver Convention Centre West. The convention center is the world's first LEED Platinum convention center and includes Canada's largest living roof, which hosts some 400,000 indigenous plants on 6 acres. See the complete press release [here](#).

On-Campus Events

New:

[Photo Exhibit: Capturing Community](#)

May 11-22, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tufts University Art Gallery
Aidekman Arts Center, 40 Talbot Avenue

Globalization, suburban development, and government regulation are all contributing factors to the decline of industries that helped define the image of New England. A new exhibition by photographer Markham Starr at the Tufts University Art Gallery documents dairy farmers in Connecticut, trap fishermen off the coast of Rhode Island, and workers at the now-closed Stinson Seafood Cannery in Maine. Various economic and legislative pressures have contributed to the decline of these traditional New England livelihoods and Starr's photographs capture what may be the last vestiges of once-booming industries.

[Bike Week Appreciation Breakfast](#)

May 20, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM
The Office of Sustainability
Miller Hall- Rear, Medford Campus

radioactive materials. Here's an excerpt:

"As is its destiny, radioactive material has a long term and potentially existential relationship with archives. Given today's crisis in Japan, just consider appraisal, long-term preservation, and access issues regarding the records of nuclear power stations, armament production and nuclear storage sites for as long as material remains radioactive or when there has been an accident or nuclear explosion."

To read the whole thing, click [here](#) and scroll down to page four.



Friday, May 20th is "Bike to Work and School Day." Whether you've been biking to work for all of Bike Month, or just today, join us for a delicious appreciation breakfast at the Office of Sustainability from 8:30-10 AM. Both the planet and your stomach will thank you!

Previously Mentioned:

[Mass DEP Info Session \(CPPC Event\)](#)

May 6, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
UEP Brown House classroom, 97 Talbot Avenue

Job Opportunities

AmeriCorps Farm and Food Educator Positions:

[Summer Food and Farms Youth Liaison](#), [Pizza Garden Program Specialist](#), [Program Development Specialist](#), Brattleboro, VT

New Entry Sustainable Farm Jobs (MA, Various locations):

[Technical Assistance and Incubator Farm Site Coordinator](#);
[Produce Operations and Quality Coordinator](#);
[CSA Delivery Driver](#)

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

Off-Campus events

Previously Mentioned:

[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

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

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

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

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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Educational Opportunities

New:

2011 Student Training for Environmental Protection

July 8th-15th

Prince William Forest, Washington, D.C.

This is a week long environmental leadership program in beautiful Prince William Forest, just outside of Washington, D.C. This event promises to be one of the most pivotal events that you'll ever attend; upon completion, you'll be ready to effectively tackle just about any environmental (or even social) issue that you choose.

The week that you spend in Prince William Forest has the potential to be one of the best weeks of your life; you'll meet awesome new people, eat delicious food, get to hang out in a beautiful setting, and best of all, you'll learn the skills that you'll need to be an awesome environmental organizer.

Sound good? I hope so. Join us this July for the best thing to happen since Harry defeated Voldemort. To learn more and to apply, go to <http://www.gmu.edu/org/environment/step.html>. There is no application deadline but don't delay, space is limited to 25 participants and applications are already coming in.

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

UVM Summer Course: Shelter, Energy, Food, and Community: Life Skills and Knowledge for a Re-Scaled Economy

"Re-localization" groups are emerging across the country, but they are especially active in Vermont. This course will explore the history and philosophy of community and individual self-reliance - and will practice

those skills necessary for individuals seeking to live in a self-reliant community. The course will meet each weekday from May 31st to June 10th.

Contact Steve Libby at slibby@uvm.edu or register for NR 185 at <http://learn.uvm.edu/courselistssummer/>

[4th Annual Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute](#)

May 23-27, 2011

**Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts University
Medford Campus**

[SunShot Initiative Fellowships](#)

The *SunShot Fellows* will have a key leadership role in guiding the implementation of energy policies to help achieve the goal of cost competitive installed solar by 2020. For more information and application materials, visit [this link](#).

[Wild Gift fellowship](#)

Wild Gift is a fellowship available to young, energetic and talented leaders aged 21-30 who are working to promote the stewardship of wild nature and the development of sustainable communities. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. The deadline for application is June 1, 2011.

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

July 11- August 7, 2011

Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT

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

Week of July 10, 2011

Emerson College, Boston

**The Bard Center for Environmental Policy
[Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy](#)**

See you next week!

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