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Last Summer the 4th Warmest in over a Century

James Hansen, NASA climate scientist, has released an interesting (if not frightening) report on just how warm last summer was.

October 8, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

This week we have lots of updates on events and opportunities. Perhaps what's most important to remember is that this Sunday, October 10th, is the Global Work Party! Make sure you're a part of this historic action by helping out at our event here at Tufts. For more details about this event, just read below!

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Trees by West Hall begin to turn, marking the true beginning of fall.

News

According to his findings, last summer was the 4th warmest summer in 131 years. This is following last winter, which was the 2nd warmest winter in 130 years. This winter, of course, followed the summer of 2009, which was the 2nd warmest summer in 131 years. Hmm... I sense a pattern...

To read his full findings, visit this [website](#).

10/10/10 breaks last year's record

[350.org](#)'s 10/10/10 Global Work Party has over 5249 events across the globe, breaking last year's International Climate Day of Action's record. If you would like to participate in this historic climate-change fighting event, see [below](#) in our events listing to find out what's going on here at Tufts!



Job Opportunities

[Mass Audubon Education Coordinator](#), Lawrence MA

Car Free Day Results

The results are in from MassRide's World Car Free Day Competition, and 93 members of the Tufts community used alternative modes of transportation for the day, traveling over 700 miles car-free! We had participants ranging from staff at the Office of the Vice Provost, the Center for Math and Teaching, University Advancement, ITS, the Tisch Library, OT, Hillel, Eliot Pearson, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, and the University Counsel. Participants also included members of the departments of Education, English, Biology, and Psychology. We even had a large number of participants who were undergraduate students or students at Fletcher and UEP, as well as staff and students from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. Way to go, Tufts! Everyone who participated deserves a huge pat on the back.

And the winner of our interdepartmental competition here at Tufts is...the Department of Psychology! Congratulations to: Aaron Gardony, Sarah Gaither, Matthew Murphy, Reid Offringa, Negin Toosi, Laura Babbitt, Lara Hwa, Keith Maddox, Elizabeth Holly, and Kana Okano. Right behind them in the running were the Departments of Biology and Education, as well as staff and students at the Cummings School. Congratulations, and thanks to everyone who helped make Car Free Day 2010 a success!



The White House is going solar!

The Obama Administration has announced plans to install solar panels and a solar water heater on the White House. These two installations will be part of a DOE demonstration project to show that U.S. solar technologies are available, reliable, and ready for installation in homes throughout the country. These solar panels will be the first to be installed since Ronald Reagan removed the panels that Jimmy Carter had installed during his tenure in the White House.

[Green Corps](#), Various Locations - Green Corps will be conducting an information session for Tufts students on October 18th, with the opportunity for one-on-one interviews. If interested register [here](#).

[Director of Green Economy Centers](#), College of Lake County, Illinois

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On-Campus Events

New:

Recycling Facilities Tour

October 28, 2010 12pm - 1:30pm
Casella Waste Systems, Charlestown MA

PLEASE [RSVP](#).

Meet at Casella at the time listed above. [Casella Waste Systems Inc.](#) is in Charlestown: 14 Bunker Hill Industrial Park 02129. It is between Bunker Hill Community College and Sullivan Square - so it's easy to get there on the T. If you would like to carpool please [let us know](#). We will be leaving from the Office of Sustainability (210 Packard Ave) at 11:30 am.

NO OPEN TOED SHOES or HIGH HEELS. Follow the yellow line to the education room. Call 617-242-7746 or 508-294-3979 if you're having trouble finding us.

Previously Mentioned:

[Global Work Party](#)

October 10, 2010
Tufts University

Help out with Tufts' [10/10/10](#) efforts! We will be weatherizing ATO on Professor's Row. For full details click the link above.

Additionally, if you have any interest in being a Team Leader for the weatherizing and/or have any experience with this sort of thing, be sure to email [Libby Mahaffy](#).

Off-Campus events

New:

MCAN Climate Action Conference

October 24, 2010 10am - 5pm
Clark University, Worcester MA

Massachusetts Climate Action Network is hosting their ninth annual Climate Action Conference. This year's conference is



focused on telling the story of what is happening here, there, and everywhere to battle climate change. With the continued failure of a national solution, the people will lead. Come and learn how your neighbors across the state are tackling climate change, and tell the story of your part in the fight. This year you can expect to find:

- 18 Workshops and Rountables
- Speakers
- A silent auction with all sorts of cool stuff to bid on

To attend the event, register [here](#).

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[16th Annual Mystic River Cleanup](#)

October 16, 2010 9:30am - 2pm
Condon band shell parking lot, Medford

Educational Opportunities

New:

The Greenest Building is Already Built Symposium

October 16, 2010 9am - 12:30pm

**Boston Architectural College,
320 Newbury Street, Boston**

The Boston Architectural College is hosting this thought provoking symposium on whether or not it's true that preserving old buildings is actually a green route. The symposium will feature a number of different experts covering topics spanning from re-engineering older buildings to outperform new ones, to the relationship between buildings and nature.

This event is free and open to the public.

EPA Sustainability Grant Opportunity

Deadline: December 22, 2010

Inman Square, Cambridge (specifics TBA)

The United States Environment Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is announcing a unique grant opportunity for college and university faculty and students - EPA's P3 - People, Prosperity and the Planet - Program. Through this hands-on design competition, student teams and their faculty advisors receive \$15,000 grants to design scientific, technical, and policy solutions to sustainability challenges around the world. Projects can address a challenge in water, energy, agriculture, built environment, or materials & chemicals.

Teams use the \$15,000 grants to design and develop their projects in the 2011/2012 school year. Then in the spring of 2012, all teams will come to Washington, DC, to compete for EPA's P3 Award at the 8th Annual National Sustainable Design Expo. The students' projects will be evaluated by a panel of experts convened by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. EPA will use these recommendations to choose the P3 Award winners who may receive an additional grant up to \$90,000 to further develop their designs, implement them in the field, and take them to the marketplace.

For more information and application instructions, visit the [EPA's website](#).

[Campus Ecology Costa Rica](#)

January 4-13, 2011

Webinars

Solectria Renewables Webinar Series

Friday, October 22nd, 2010 at 2pm - How to select the right PV inverter

Friday, November 19th, 2010 at 2pm - Utilizing Solectria Renewables PO Check list

Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at 2pm - Utility-Scale Solar

For more information, and to register for the webinars, [click here](#).

See you next week. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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