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EPA's Green Power Community Challenge

Local communities that are participants in the EPA's Green Power Partnership are now competing in a nationwide challenge to increase the use of alternative energy sources. Thirty cities across the country are

September 24, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,

Summer's officially come to a close as of Wednesday, marked not only by cooler, crisper weather but also by a stunningly bright 'Super Harvest Moon' that I hope you all had a chance to enjoy. With the influx of cooler weather comes a whole new set of environmental opportunities, including weatherizings in October, the last few farmers markets of the season (every Wednesday at the campus center!) and a few last efforts to enjoy the weather. All new events are highlighted on the top left under *In This Issue*. In this edition you'll find all of these things and more, so be sure to keep your calendar updated with these truly awesome events!

Also, if you haven't noticed, the look of the Newsletter is changing. As of now, it's still a work in progress so if you have any comments or things you'd like to see, I'd love to know! My email is Jason.Merges@tufts.edu.

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: The Super Harvest Moon shines bright on the night of the Autumnal Equinox (photo by [ccho on flickr](#))

participating. For more information, visit [their website](#).

Job Opportunities

[EPA New England Job](#)
(Scientists and Engineers email Cover letter and Resume to [Cynthia L. Greene](#)), Boston

[Director of Sustainable Buildings Program](#),
Kanawha Valley College

[Sustainability Program Manager](#), Harvard

[Climate Program Specialist I](#), U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington DC

[Associate Director for Ecology Research](#), National Health and Environmental Effects Research, Triangle Park, NC

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

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OOS News

Carfree Day Recap

Thanks to everyone who left their cars at home and participated in World Car-Free Day this past Wednesday. Tufts is still in the running in MassRide's World Car Free Day Challenge to see which local company had the most pledges to go car-free; we will find out at the beginning of next week who the local winner is, so keep an eye out for the results in next week's newsletter. If you participated, but did not log your trip online, it's still not too late! You can register at http://cfcd.commute.com/car_free_trips/new until the end of the week. Be sure to send an e-mail to Emily.Parker@tufts.edu including your department on campus, so that your trip can be counted in Tufts' interdepartmental competition.

We had a great turnout on Wednesday, with participants ranging from members of the Biology, Psychology, English, Child Development, and Education departments, to undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students. We also had participants from the Dean's Office, ITS, University Advancement, the Center for Math and Science Teaching, Hillel, Department of Occupational Therapy, University Counsel, Office of Admissions, the Office of the Vice Provost, and the Tisch Library. Stay tuned for news of the interdepartmental challenge winner, and thanks again to all who made Car-Free Day at Tufts a success!



On Campus Events

Global Work Party

October 10, 2010
Tufts University

Do you like the environment? Do you hate climate change? Do you want to do something about it?

Here's your chance!

Join Our Mailing List!

On **Sunday, October 10th, 2010**, Tufts will celebrate practical actions to cut carbon - in conjunction with thousands of other events around the world - with a **Global Work Party**. Climate change can seem scary and overwhelming, but there are things we can do to combat it; 10/10/10 is a day to celebrate climate solutions!

For Tufts' Global Work Party we're partnering with [HEET](#) to **weatherize ATO**, the Swimming/Diving and Sailing "Coternity" on the Medford campus



([map](#)). Tufts student, staff, and faculty volunteers alongside members of the Medford and Somerville communities will be making ATO more energy efficient, cutting carbon, and reducing water use. **The event will take place from 12:30 to 5:30pm on Sunday, October 10th.**

There are lots of ways to get involved with Tufts' Global Work Party: **we need volunteers, team leaders, and enthusiastic energy efficiency advocates**; there are different levels of involvement too - from leading a barnraising team to just showing up and getting trained on the day of the project. If you have experience in construction or weatherization, great (be a team leader)! If not, you'll learn (come on 10/10/10 ready for action)!

Here's what to expect as a volunteer:

- 1) **You'll learn something!** You'll get training and experience in weatherization techniques, many of which you can use in your own home.
- 2) **You might get dirty!** Weatherization work includes using things like caulk and spray foam, which stain clothing; it also includes changing light bulbs, which, at worst, might get you a bit dusty.
- 3) **You'll get fed!** Dinner will be provided after the weatherization is complete.
- 4) **You'll be entertained!** There will be a presentation during dinner on Green Energy sponsored by the Tufts Energy Forum.

5) **You'll have a great time!** Not only will you get to help make ATO more energy efficient, but you'll be cutting carbon with friends, fellow Jumbos, and Medford and Somerville neighbors.

With your help, 10/10/10 is going to be the biggest day of practical action to cut carbon that the world has ever seen!

E-mail Get.to.work.Tufts@gmail.com for more information or sign up at <http://www.350.org/barnraising-ato-tufts> or go to our [FB event page](#).

AND, there's an after-party at Johnny D's!

The Live Music "After Work Party" 350.org Fundraiser @ Johnny D's

10 October 2010 - 8:00pm - 11:55pm

Progressive Asset Management is hosting this "After Work Party" at Johnny D's in Davis Square in Somerville, MA. Come listen and dance to live music, featuring Muse Stew, while helping support 350.org's mission. They have been playing original music since 1990, inspired by West African, Afro-Cuban, Brazilian and World Music rhythms and creative arrangements of jazz and funk standards.

Tickets are \$10 presale or \$15 at the door. Along with live music, there will be a silent auction for some great gifts and 350.org apparel will be available. Bring your friends, family, and co-workers and come celebrate your sustainable lifestyle and your dedicated work for and commitment to a sustainable environment for you, your family and the planet!

Purchase tickets [here](#).

Off-campus events

Electric Vehicle Summit and Workshop

October 6th, 9:30am - 3:30 pm

RSVP by September 23

**University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn and
Conference Center**

To highlight more about the future of transportation that is here now - electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles - the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EEA), the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), together with the University of Massachusetts Lowell, are hosting workshop at the University of Massachusetts' Lowell Inn and Conference Center including panels, exhibits, and lots of opportunities to learn about this exciting frontier. To participate, send an email to William.Dirtion@state.ma.us.

Launch Conference: Campus2Congress

September 24, 2010 3 pm-9 pm
Williams College Center for Environmental Studies,
Stetson Court Williamstown, MA 01267

C2C is launching this fall, with a mini-conference at the Williams College Center for Environmental Studies on 9/24. Join us for a brainstorm on how we can:

1. Every year, engage educators at 1,000 colleges, universities and high schools, and
2. Every year, involve 50,000 students in direct video and conference-call dialogue with Congress, with Corporations and with Cities, on clean energy solutions to global warming.

Economist Juliet Schor, author of *Plentitude*, will keynote. To register for the conference, please contact jofrench@bard.edu. There is no charge to attend.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Campus2Congress.

Harbor to the Bay

September 25, 2010
Boston, Provincetown, Sagamore



Looking for a challenge or a way to lend a hand? Harbor to the Bay is looking for 68- or 125-mile riders and volunteers for Saturday, September 25.

Harbor to the Bay is a one day bike

ride from Boston to Provincetown that improves community awareness and care for people living with HIV and AIDS. Our mission is to give 100% of what we raise to our beneficiaries! No politics, no elaborate production -- just a dedicated group of individuals who want to ride and make a difference in our community. This is a grass roots initiative, and we are solely run by volunteers!

On Saturday, **September 25, 2010**, riders will have 3 options:

Ride from Boston to Provincetown
Ride from Boston to Sagamore
Ride from Sagamore to Provincetown

Check out the [Harbor to the Bay website](#). To register as a rider or volunteer, [click here](#).

TheMOVE BBQ

September 25, 2010 4pm-8pm and 10pm-2am
38 Cherry St, Somerville

On September 25th TheMOVE is hosting a local food BBQ in Somerville, MA (right outside Porter) featuring all you can eat and drink:

- Smuttynose beer from Portsmouth, NH (and maybe Mayflower Brewery)
- Locally purchased wines
- Grass-fed/pasture raised meats (hamburgers, hot-dogs, kebabs, chili etc) from local MA farms: Austin Brothers and Lyn-Dell
- Chips from Food Should Taste Good snack company in Needham, MA
- Fresh, organic, local veggies from Busa Farm, Gaining Ground and others...
- Homemade Pies from Petsi's Pies and other yummy local desserts...

In addition to food and drinks there will be several fun activities available including: a top-chef veggie burger competition (open pre-registration!), a sumo wrestling ring, corn-hole, crazy photo "booth", raffles etc. Following the BBQ at 10pm will be a live music event into the night called "Sky High".

Tickets will be \$30 for people who pre-register and \$35 at the door. Alternatively, you can become a member of "theMOVE Crew" for \$15 and receive a discount on the event (\$25 ticket) as well as awesome monthly discounts to shops and services in the Greater Boston

area.

For more info, visit [theMOVE's blog](#).

Walking Tour of the Proposed Community Path Extension

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Start Tour 9:30 a.m. _or_ 10:15 a.m.

End Tour 12:30 p.m.

Cedar Street, Somerville

Note: It's a 2.5 mile length; this is the proposed bike path through Somerville from North Point to Davis Square

9:30 a.m - Meet at Cedar Street end of the present Community Path in Somerville, if you'd like to tour around the Cedar St. to Lowell Street section.

10:15 a.m - Meet at the Lowell Street bridge (over the RR tracks, near the Visiting Nurses Association Assisted Living Community) in Somerville to begin the rest of the tour. We will walk ~2 miles, following along the future Green Line Extension route, along the proposed stations at Lowell Street, Gilman Square, Washington Street/Brickbottom, and Lechmere/North Point.

12:30 pm-ish - End Community Path Walking Tour at Lechmere/North Point. Return by T or bus. (There are buses along the way if you'd like return sooner.)

- Please bring your own water and lunch/snacks.
- The tour is free, though donations to the Friends of the Community Path are certainly welcome: <http://pathfriends.org/scp/donations.html>

Rain Date: Sunday, September 26 - same schedule

Hub on Wheels and Boloco Block Party

September 26, 2010 7 am-5:30 pm

Boston, MA

Hub On Wheels (HOW) was founded in 2005 with three goals: create an important civic event, showcase Boston's neighborhoods and parks, and raise money for important causes. Each year the



ride brings together participants, hundreds of volunteers, and numerous local businesses in celebration of Boston and bicycling. With routes looping through Downtown, the Back Bay, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, and South Boston, it presents a truly unique way to see our great city.

Hub On Wheels is Boston's largest city-sponsored sporting event. The ride is fully supported and safe, with three routes: 10, 30, or 50 miles of harbor views and hidden pathways, river greenways and Boston's wonderful and eclectic neighborhoods. Storrow Drive is completely car-free, as is the entire 10 mile route. Marshals along all routes make sure there's plenty of space to ride. Tech support and ride snacks are free of charge.

For more information, and to register, check out the [Hub on Wheels website](#).

Additionally, on **September 26th**, Boloco will take over City Hall Plaza for a fun-filled day of bike demos, live music, kids games and activities, and of course, plenty of inspired burritos! Located in the heart of Boston's Government Center, the Boloco Block Party will be open from the time the first cyclists take off in the Hub on Wheels citywide ride to the instant that the last professional riders cross the finish line. All are welcome, so please stop by and join in the festivities!

Food and Agriculture Grad Students Happy Hour (Tufts, MIT, Harvard)

September 28, 2010, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Cellar, 991 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA

Please join fellow graduate students at this happy hour event.

Environmental Health Clinic Lecture

September 30, 2010 7 pm-9 pm
**New Auditorium, Main Branch of the Cambridge
Public Library**
449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

Come hear what the Environmental Health Clinic (EHC)

is all about and contribute your ideas to formation of a Clinic Field Office in the Boston area! Natalie Jeremijenko will present an array of projects developed on this premise at her Environmental Health Clinic in New York City. Additionally, she will pose a series of creative ideas that could be implemented to improve environmental conditions and overall health in our own New England communities.

Toward that end, Artists in Context will work with Jeremijenko, artists, designers, environmentalists, scientists, educators, public health experts, activists, business leaders, policy makers and interested community members to establish a Field Office of the Environmental Health Clinic in the Boston area in 2011. This Field Office will focus on interdisciplinary, environmental and health-focused projects addressing local and regional issues of concern with global implications. If you are interested in contributing to this endeavor or attending the event, please contact lisa@artistsincontext.org to RSVP, as seats are limited.

Massachusetts Green Career Conference

October 1, 2010
Marlborough, MA

Green Workforce Training and Associates are hosting the second Massachusetts Green Career Conference on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the Marlborough Holiday Inn conference center. This exciting conference offers green career guidance and resources to ~400 green job seekers, career/workforce professionals, academic, business and government staff. Everyone wanting to know about the greening economy and careers will find this conference timely, practical and valuable. Register for the event [here](#).

NESEA Green Buildings Open House

October 2, 2010
Various Locations

The North East Sustainable Energy Association is hosting a series of open houses all across the state at sustainable building locations. Visit <http://www.nesea.org/greenbuildings/> to find out where the nearest even to you is.

Boston Local Food Festival

October 2, 2010

Wharf on Fort Point Channel in Boston

This is a celebration of local food from the Boston-Massachusetts-New England area. Festival-goers can engage with farmers, chefs and entrepreneurs, learn from workshops and demonstrations, and enjoy activities and local music. Boston Local Food Festival is an entertaining and fun way to increase the availability of healthy local food, encourage regional agriculture, which builds our local economy, and protect our environment by reducing transportation pollution. [More information](#)

4th Annual Bow Tie Bike Ride

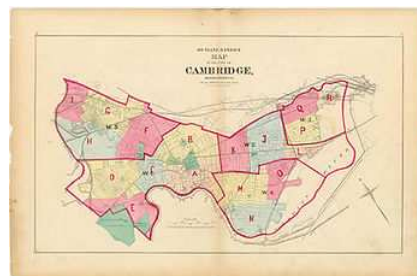
October 3, 2010, 12:30pm

Lechmere Canal Park, Cambridge

Cambridge, when looking at it from above, looks sort of like an askew bow tie. To celebrate this fact, the people of Cambridge have been going out every year and biking around it, traveling around the border of the city and crossing their path where the "knot" of the city is. The bike ride is an easy-paced scenic 14.5 miles and is fun for all ages and abilities.

If you don't have a bike, Urban AdvenTours is offering free bike rentals to the first 10 people to call and request, so don't delay! You must contact Urban AdvenTours directly no later than Wednesday September 29 at

(617) 670-0637



The CambridgeSide Galleria Mall is offering free parking for people bringing their bikes by car. Vouchers will be issued at the start of the ride.

Free Organic & Bio-Dynamic Wine Tasting

October 3, 2010 2-5 pm
Urban Grape (7 Boylston Street Chestnut Hill, MA 02467)

Tufts' own Eco-Ambassador turned [Girly Green Girl](#) is hosting a free Organic & Bio-Dynamic wine tasting at Urban Grape in Chestnut Hill, MA. Owners, T.J & Hadley, are incredibly wonderful and knowledgeable people who share a passion for sustainable wine. Bring a friend!

Friends of Metrofuture: Shared Streets with Ben Hamilton-Baillie

October 6, 2010, 6:00pm-7:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)
60 Temple Place, 3rd Floor Conference Room,
Boston

Can you imagine streets that cars, trolleys, cyclists and pedestrians all share? Are you interested in traffic, transportation modes, and what makes an enjoyable street or square? Join Ben Hamilton-Baillie, a Harvard University Loeb Fellow Alumnus and principal of [Hamilton-Baillie Associates](#) in England, for a talk on shared streets and how to reconcile traffic movement with good urban design. Mr. Hamilton-Baillie's work is creative, his expression is whimsical, and his practice is forward thinking. Come enjoy what proves to be a lively and provocative talk, co-sponsored by the [MA Smart Growth Alliance](#). Attendance is free but space is limited. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register for this and other events.

Educational Opportunities

Green Building and Design Courses at UMass Amherst

Fall Courses

Stay up to date or gain new skills through these green building courses:

Sustainable Building & LEED: This hybrid course provides a hands-on, multi-media learning environment for students to expand their knowledge of sustainability in the building world. Students will have the option to attend field trips and attend lectures from specialists in the field or view video recordings of the field trips and the guest lectures online. A LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) -- preparation component is woven into the structure of the course to answer an industry need for LEED accredited professionals in the fields of construction, engineering, and architectural design.

Geothermal Heat Pumps: Concept to Completion. Meets at UMass Medical School, Worcester. An intensive 2-day workshop designed to teach you to effectively and efficiently design and install geothermal heat pumps that meet state regulations and Massachusetts homeowner and business needs. Special discount: \$100 discount if you register by 10/31/10.

Sustainable Sites - Online: LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 7th - SIGN UP TODAY. An exploration into the fundamentals of landscape design with particular attention to integrating both existing and new buildings sustainably into their landscapes. Students investigate sustainable design strategies that address the ecological, water, energy and food system links between buildings and their supporting sites, as exemplified by the LEED rating system and Sustainable Sites Initiative. Topics include geology, hydrology, soils, vegetation, design principles, green roofs, green walls/vertical gardens, rainwater collection systems, native planting, edible landscapes, sustainable forestry practices and the human dimension of landscape architecture. Course will be primarily lecture format leading to a student design project to be presented digitally (e.g. in powerpoint or pdf format).

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

How to Plan for a Sustainable Community: Eco-municipality Planning and Leadership Training

September 29-Oct 2, 2010

Harvard Square; Cambridge, MA

A 3 ½ -day national training session to increase planner and citizen leadership capacity in communities and their local governments to initiate and lead a change process to become a sustainable community. The objective of the training is to prepare planners and potential local leaders to lead a planning process that involves community sustainability education, bottom-up participatory planning, a comprehensive and systematic approach, and a strategic implementation process to transition to becoming a sustainable community. [20 AICP CM credits will be available]. [More info](#)

LEED & Green Project Management

Oct 21 and 28, 2010 1:30 pm

Chauncy St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA

This full-day course is designed for individuals who want to become experts in LEED® and green building implementation and understand how their expertise best integrates into the process to achieve real value for their projects. At the end of this course, participants will be able to identify and approach their role on LEED® projects in a clear and strategic manner, credit-by-credit and phase-to phase. For more information, visit this [website](#).

Campus Ecology Costa Rica

January 4-13, 2011

The National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology program is hosting a ten day expedition to Costa Rica this January. There on the program, students will learn about global warming, sustainable travel and leadership. They will search for all kinds of wildlife and learn about the successful sustainable development strategies that have made Costa Rica famous for conservation and ecotourism. Also, students will interact with rural community members and give back through service projects. Traveling by foot, boat, canopy walkway and zip-line, they truly experience this wonderful country up close and personal. Along the way, students will engage in discussions about carbon footprints, eco-friendly tourism and Costa Rica's Certification for Sustainable Tourism program.



Follow this [link](#) to the Campus Ecology website for more information regarding the program, as well as application information.

Educational Opportunities- Webinars

National Campus2Congress Webinar

September 29, 2010 3pm

Join us for a National C2C Webinar. To register or for more information, send an e-mail to climate@bard.edu. We need your ideas on how we can build a permanent and growing national organization, including tens of thousands of faculty, students and staff, in regular dialogue with key decision-makers on climate.

Solectria Renewables Webinar Series

Friday, September 17th, 2010 at 2pm - Solar array web-based monitoring

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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