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ISSUE

Green Marlborough



Your Green Community Newsletter

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Meetings at 7 PM
every second
Thursday of the
month at the
Public Library.

Green Marlborough receives “Green Award”

GM Recognized by Local Chamber

Green Marlborough, a local environmental group, recently received the “Green Award” from the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce. The chamber’s annual awards ceremony was held March 4, 2010, at the Royal Plaza Hotel before a crowd of over 200 chamber members, community business people and government officials.

Jen Boudrie, founder of the organization accepted the award on behalf of the group. “It’s such an honor to receive this award for Green Marlborough and the MA Green Career Conference and the many residents, municipal and business groups and individuals who are working hard to protect our precious land, air and water. It’s wonderful to be recognized by the local Chamber of Commerce.” said Boudrie.

Green Marlborough has become a leader, a resource and an incubator for local environmental efforts by creating proactive initiatives to support community involvement in environmental sustainability. These initiatives include issues on energy, water, transportation, land use and waste. The collaboration of individuals working together to protect the environment contributes to the success and future success of the group.

Some of the organization’s groundbreaking achievements have included:

- Marlborough’s first Energy and Environmental Inventory, the Sustainability Action Plan, and the Green Communities Report
- Marlborough’s first Energy and Environmental, Sustainability Taskforce
- Community Events - Solar and Energy Star Tour, Earth Day Fair, Bike Marlborough, Walk with Green Marlborough, and the Stream Team
- Green Marlborough local access TV show and the Green Marlborough website
- Municipally owned traffic lights replaced with energy-efficient LED’s

As a result, people are making environmentally sustainable choices, our waterways are cleaner, and we are protecting local natural resources.

Jen Boudrie also created the first MA Green Career Conference in 2009, which attracted more than 300 people. The conference served as a forum for experts in government, business and education to provide green career guidance and industry updates as the green economy emerges. ❖

The Colonial Garden Club



The Colonial Garden Club of Marlborough, MA
Holly Evangelous, President

The Colonial Garden Club is dedicated to the beautification and conservation efforts of Marlborough. They are also dedicated to the education of local garden enthusiasts, offering grants to students and/or teachers for plant or conservation related projects. They are members of the National Garden Club and the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Q: Holly, when is the Colonial Garden Club most active?

A: “Spring is the most active time of the year for club members who are busy deciding what plants to divide up and donate to the 15th Annual Plant Sale. This annual sale is held May 8th, 2010, from

9 AM to noon at the intersection of Main Street and Rte. 85.

Our fund-raising activities continue to support the club's scholarship fund and the tending of our signature plantings at all the main entrances to the city. Members will be blooming with plant knowledge for the novice!” said Evangelous.

Q: How can interested gardeners join the club?

A: “The Club holds meetings on the second Wednesday of every month from September through June, at 7 PM. The club meets at the Jaworek Elementary School, 444 Hosmer Street in Marlborough and the public is welcome!”

Join the club for their next meeting at the school for *Gardening in the Shade*, May 12th, at 7p.m.

Spring into action with fun activities!



Come to the EARTH DAY FAIR

Following Project Clean Sweep is the free Earth Day Fair held on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 11 AM to 3 PM at

Ghiloni Park, Concord Road in Marlborough, MA.

Family fun for the kids, eco-friendly experts, exhibits and educational displays including: home energy efficiency, solar energy, water conservation, recycling, hybrid cars, local food, organic gardens, live music, art and more!

Electronics Recycling at the Earth Day fair benefits Marlborough schools. Bring your laptops, computers, monitors, keyboards, TVs, speakers, video games, fax machines, cameras/video/audio equipment, printers, clothes, shoes, toys, textiles, mowers, leaf blowers, etc.

Drop-off charges: Computer, clothes, etc. \$5; TVs etc. \$15 - \$25. Free drop off: Eyeglasses and cell phones.

A Free “Rain Gardens” Presentation

“Rain Gardens”, a free informational presentation will be held Tues., April 20th, at the Westborough Library at 7 PM. Rain gardens are depressions designed to collect storm water runoff and infiltrate into the ground where the wet and dry tolerant native plants will attract wildlife. The gardens reduce erosion and flooding and improve water quality. Donna Williams of MA Audubon’s Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary teaches participants how rainwater rooftop runoff can be directed into a specially designed garden.



Rain barrels for watering lawns and gardens

Rain barrels are a great way to collect water from rooftops for use on lawns and gardens. Ocean State Job Lot, Home Depot, etc. sell a variety of sizes. Water lawns in the early morning to hydrate the grass and reduce the water evaporated. Use organic fertilizers to prevent toxic runoff into storm drains, which flow into the lakes and streams.

Marlborough 350 all year

The next best thing to being green is being locally involved! Marlborough is celebrating its 350-year history all year long in 2010! Visit the website to find local community and outdoor events at: www.Marlborough350.org.

Upcoming Events



– May 1, Sat. 9 a.m., Enjoy a walk with Green Marlborough at Ghiloni Park and Marlborough State Forest. The walk coincides with the Earth Day Fair. For details: www.greenmarlborough.org.

– May 1, Sat., 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Marlborough Earth Day Fair at Ghiloni Park on Concord Road.



– May 3-4, Mon. & Tues., 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Introduction to Solar Domestic Hot Water for Installers. This accredited program in Hudson, MA, is for professional plumbers installing solar water heating systems. Call us for solar panel system design help! 877-878-4060, or visit us at: <http://www.altestore.com/classes>

– Sep. 30, Thurs., 11 a.m. -3 p.m., 2nd Annual MA Green Career Conference, Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA.

Household Furnishings for the Needy

Furnishing Options is a new place that provides a variety of household items for low-income families and individuals in need. Donations accepted include sofas, tables, chairs, and kitchen items, etc. Call: 508-485-5051 x245.

“Go Green Around the Home”

“Go Green Around the Home”, a free presentation held on Thurs., April 15th, at 7 PM at the Unitarian Church of Hudson and Marlborough, 80 Main Street, Hudson, MA. Laura Kischitz of Sustainable Life Solutions teaches proven money-saving strategies to consume less energy and electricity.

RECYCLING IN MARLBOROUGH

Residents pay for the total weight of trash collected each week and any increase in recycling will save everyone money. Reusable items often discarded include clothing, which can be donated to a charity store or during community drives (the Boys and Girls Club) or at the new Our Lady Thrift Store at 197 Pleasant Street. Other locations to donate include the Resident Drop-off Facility 856 Boston Post Rd. East (behind Halfway Café) and the Marlborough Community Services on Rawlins Ave.

Also, Goodwill, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Red Cross or local church groups accept donations. (Charity bins at store parking lots have been removed due to health concerns from inappropriate dumping.)

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Sat., May 22, 9 a.m. -12 p.m., at the Easterly Water Pollution Control Facility, 860 Boston Post Rd. East, (behind the Resident Drop-off Facility).