



COLD, YOU GOTTA LOVE IT!

by Dan Graves, Environmental Educator

0° Fahrenheit. 15 mile per hour winds pounding from the west. As I wake up I say: "Greetings cold day! I hope my classes are as excited as I am to play outside today!" It turns out they weren't. As my job title, Environmental Educator, implies, most of the educating that I do is outside. On this particular January day, part of my task was motivating a group of 34 twelve year old girls from Lincoln Center of the Arts to get excited and aware of the wonderfully fragile Lake Michigan watershed in which we all live. Due to the frigid weather, most of our class was confined to the inner sanctuary of the Urban Ecology Center.

As my co-teacher Jess Mathewson used a model to explain what a watershed is, my walkie-talkie sounded: "Erick, we are off the hill now, the sleds are yours." The head of the Lincoln student in front of me whipped around and she whispered: "Are we going to go sledding?"

"Great question!" I responded. My mind began to think how we can combine the importance of our watershed with the awesomeness of sledding down a hill at 15 mph. I discreetly approached Jess and proposed the new idea. Jess responded affirmatively and added, "Yeah, and we can review the water

cycle with them, too, as they go up and down the hill!" The plan started coming together. After Jess finished her explanation of the watershed, half of the students accompanied me to the garage to pick up sleds. You felt the excitement in the air as we walked toward the hill. For a few students it was their first time sledding, while for others it was a chance to solidify their sledding skills. Greeted by whipping, cold winds as we stepped outside, we trudged toward the top of the hill where we reviewed the components of the water cycle. The students congregated at the top of the hill represented condensation. Their trip down the hill displayed precipitation and as more and more came down, accumulation. Lastly, the trek back up the hill showed evaporation.

After everyone went down the hill at least twice, we headed back in with big frozen smiles on our faces to create our own model watersheds. The students looked as if they had crossed Antarctica; beet-red cheeks, snow covered legs and snotcicles on their faces. Despite the cold, we made a great memory and learned to appreciate the water cycle as we moved up and down the hill. While we were warming up inside, I thought to myself, "Cold, you gotta love it!"

TEENS, ARE YOU UP FOR AN ADVENTURE?

by Beth Fetterley, Director of Education

Imagine a day of climbing 40 vertical feet, traversing several miles of thickly vegetated trails, racing up and down steep riparian bluffs, and paddling over swiftly flowing water with a group of friends. Now close your eyes and envision a place where you could do all of this. Where are you? The tropics? Some vast mountain range? Amazingly, you don't need to travel to the next "Survivor" destination to experience this kind of adrenaline. Teenagers can do it all right here in the heart of Milwaukee at the 6th annual Teen Adventure Challenge.



Photo by Barb Miner

Not only is the Teen Adventure Challenge an exhilarating way to practice and learn high adventure outdoor recreation, it also enhances our mission to strengthen the connection between people and the vast urban

THE BEST \$150 WE EVER SPENT

by Ken Leinbach, Executive Director

Holy cow, I had no idea how expensive windows were!

There are 23 windows in our house, all dating back to 1954 when the house was built, meaning -- you guessed it, single pane with a single storm window. When the winter wind blows outside, we feel it inside. Sitting at our kitchen table, located between two windows, no matter what our thermostat is set for, it's cold. Same goes for our upstairs office and our master bedroom is even worse. We thought the new high efficiency heater we put in last year would make a difference. It didn't.

Logic would have it that we should perhaps replace our windows since that was where we feel the problem. So we diligently did our research. Three companies gave us estimates. Wow, was that a shock! \$8,000 ... and that was just for the second floor! Once we realized the investment we were getting into, our thinking shifted. Instead of jumping to the conclusion that we needed new windows, we decided to look at the problem differently. If we budgeted \$2,000 to spend on reducing heat loss, saving money and reducing fossil fuel use in our home, what household improvement would provide the best bang for the buck? It's



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- Provide outdoor science education for urban youth.
- Protect and use public natural areas, making them safe, accessible and vibrant.
- Preserve and enhance these natural areas and their surrounding waters.
- Promote community by offering resources that support learning, recreation, stewardship and camaraderie.

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DROPLETS

💧 **Compact fluorescent light bulb disposal.** Since compact fluorescent light bulbs use 75 percent energy and last 10 times longer than standard bulbs, you may not need to dispose of one of these energy saving bulbs for a while. When it is time to dispose of used bulbs it is important to properly recycle them. You can find locations with recycling containers where you drop off your bulbs for free by going to the Focus on Energy website www.focusonenergy.com/cflrecycling and click on retailer search. Here is a local spot that is taking the bulbs: Brady True Value, 1234 E. Brady, Milwaukee, phone: 272-9919. To dispose of light ballasts please take them to a City of Milwaukee Self Help Center. The closest one, at 3879 W. Lincoln Avenue, is open on Friday and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

💧 **New staff member!** We would like to welcome Becky Andersen, our new Community Host intern. Becky is a recent graduate from UWM where she earned a degree in Urban Geography with certificates in Urban Planning and Urban Studies. Please say hello to Becky on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We are happy to have her as part of our staff!

💧 **One, two, no three chickadees.** Chances are you've enjoyed watching the birds at the feeders in front of the Center. Through Project Feederwatch you can turn your observations into data for scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Look for the Feederwatch station (it's on a clipboard located inside the lobby, right next to the south facing doors) and follow the instructions to record your observations.

💧 **Now accepting applicants for 2008 summer internships.** If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting summer opportunity, the Urban Ecology Center offers paid 10-week opportunities for interns to become involved with summer camps, Urban Adventures, Citizen Science, stewardship and more. For information, please visit our website www.urbanecologycenter.org or call Tim Vargo, Research Coordinator at 414-964-8505 x116.

WISH LIST

For Riverside Park

If you have a donation for the Center, please call Judy Krause, x102.

- Adult gloves and mittens
- Animal heat rocks and heat pads
- Apple cider press
- Attractive afghan for library (oranges/browns)
- Crayons, markers, pencils
- Electric golf cart
- Garden hoe
- Gently used sweatpants
- Ice cream buckets with lids
- Irons (for clothing)
- Kayaks
- Marbles
- Nylon pants (adult sizes M - XXL)
- Old towels for rags, any size
- Paper that has printing on one side to be reused in our printers
- Rain ponchos/jackets for little kids (kindergarten - 3rd grade)
- Reliable CD player w/disc repeat
- Reptile basking light bulbs and infrared light bulbs
- Sleds
- Small, foaming pump dispensers
- Step stools - one, two, three steps
- Triple-Beam balance scales
- Used cell phones, print cartridges, video games, digital cameras, other electronic devices
- Waterproof pants (adult sizes M - XXL)
- Winter coats (children or adult)

For Washington Park

If you have a donation for Washington Park, please call Joey Zocher, (414) 344-5460.

- Adult boots
- Bird Seed
- Clipboards
- Energy Star dehumidifier
- Field guides (esp. trees, birds, insects, flowers)
- Film canisters
- Fishing nets
- Flat bed sheets
- Gloves
- GPS device
- Kites
- Kids boots
- Love seat
- Mittens
- Musical instruments (acoustic - drums, guitars, mandolin, ukulele)
- Old snow pants / sweatpants
- Plastic storage bins with lids
- Puppets
- Scarves
- Sleds
- Stopwatches
- Sweatshirts

WEEKENDS ARE TIMES FOR FAMILIES...AND NATURE!

by Jamie Ferschinger, Community Program Coordinator

Exploring nature as a family can enhance your child's experience in nature. Intrinsically, most of us know this, but those of us who attend the Book Club were reminded last January as we read *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* by Richard Louv. In this book, Louv discusses the unquestionable importance of a child's relationship with nature. Children need to experience nature, not just view it on television. They need to explore, get dirty, feel the wind on their faces, and dig for worms.

On the weekends, many families spend time in the Center as they enjoy nature together. This spring we have three new offerings designed for families who want to explore and learn about the natural world.

FAMILY SERIES

One Family Series program will be offered every month from March to October. This is your chance to do fun and interactive activities as a family! Come to one program or to all eight! Registration is required.

March 9: Drawing (with) Poco the Parrot. Learn to draw a real live parrot!

April 27: Planting a Three Sisters Garden. Learn about the interesting history, culture and botany of the Three Sisters Garden and then plant some corn, beans and squash that same day.

May 18: A World of Climbing. Climb the spider web or the Center's climbing wall with your family and learn about some things that climb in nature.

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FROM THE BOARD

by John Clancy, President, UEC Board of Directors

As the Center continues to grow and serve more of the Milwaukee community, the Board of Directors also continues to grow and get stronger. This allows the Center to continue making deeper and stronger connections with leading organizations in the city, bringing valuable skills to the Board and its committees.

I am pleased to announce that we have two new board members: Marc Andraca and Tom Zak. Both Marc and Tom have strong connections to the Center and bring important skills and connections.

Marc Andraca is currently a director at Johnson Controls, driving the development of its Building Efficiency Business' Global Energy & Sustainability Strategy. He has spent over 15 years in the energy services field, with experience working in renewable energy project development, strategy consulting, energy management, technical service marketing and energy efficiency services.

He has been a member of the Urban Ecology Center for three years and is also

a board member of Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee. He has lived in Milwaukee for five years, with his wife (former communications director for the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest) and their two girls.

Tom Zak works in asset-based lending management and strategic planning with Wells Fargo Business Credit. Since 2001, he has served as vice president, senior relationship manager. Tom is a 1987 graduate of the UW Milwaukee and is a certified public accountant.

He has shown strong leadership and community ties by serving as president of the board of directors of the Wisconsin chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He has also been a strong supporter of the Center, helping us to receive significant financial support. Tom's hobbies include marathon and ultra-marathon running, as well as competing in ironman triathlete events.

Please join me in welcoming Marc and Tom to our Board.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

by Susan Winans, Volunteer Coordinator

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Susan at x110 or swinans@urbanecologycenter.org to sign up for the following opportunities

Do you find yourself telling others about the Center?

Become a Center Community Ambassador and share your excitement with participants at events and festivals around Milwaukee. Interested volunteers can join us for an Ambassador training Monday, March 10th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. After the training you can sign up to volunteer at events. To RSVP, contact Nikiya at nharris@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505, x104.

Annual Pancake Breakfast! Join us for our annual pancake breakfast, featuring maple syrup from trees tapped in Riverside Park! Volunteer on Sunday, March 16th for a shift between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to set up, cook, greet attendees and clean-up. Please contact Chad, cthomack@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505, x115, if you can help.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Saturday April 19th

- **For teens:** Between 9 a.m. and noon, clean up the banks of the Milwaukee River by canoe! Contact Chad, cthomack@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505, x115, for more information.
- **Help eliminate the invasive species garlic mustard** from Riverside Park between 9 a.m. and noon during the Annual Spring Weed-Out. Call the Center to register.
- **Be a festival volunteer** during the afternoon, greeting participants, serving food, or assisting with children's activities. Contact Susan, swinans@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505, x110.
- **Join the Washington Park team** for a lagoon restoration and park clean-up between noon and 4 p.m. Call 344-5460 to register.

GETTING FRESH IN MILWAUKEE

by David Kozlowski, UEC Member

In the 1980s, when the environmental movement was struggling to survive, local food was not a big issue. Yet defiant small farms were popping up on the east and west coasts providing produce grown without pesticides or chemical fertilizers. The taste was out of this world. Fresh food was gaining converts quickly.

One type of farming in particular was gaining steam — community supported agriculture: CSA. A CSA is like having your own personal farmer. In a CSA, you become a member of a local farm by purchasing a “share” in that farm. In return, you receive weekly deliveries of fresh produce throughout the growing season, typically late May to November. Members benefit because they receive fresh products delivered conveniently to a

drop site nearby. Farmers have improved cash flow in the beginning of the year and a guaranteed market for their products. Everyone benefits because there are local farms, viable jobs viable and a healthy food supply.

In 1988, Wisconsin became home to its first CSA. Peter and Bernadette Seely began Springdale Farm on a small farm near Plymouth. Trained on an east coast farm, the Seelys, now in their 18th CSA season, not only helped introduce the Milwaukee area to CSAs and organic produce, but they have been helpful in the intervening years in getting new CSA farmers started.

Since these humble beginnings, food and CSAs have become an important

environmental issue. **You are invited to see just how big the CSA movement has grown in the Milwaukee area at the Milwaukee CSA Initiative's 6th Annual Open House on Saturday, March 15th, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Urban Ecology Center.** The Open House will host a dozen farms offering CSA programs. You will be able meet the farmers and find out how owning a share can work for your lifestyle. There will also be an opportunity to win \$300 toward a CSA membership.

This family event is free, offers activities for children and is co-sponsored by the Milwaukee CSA Initiative, Urban Ecology Center & Slow Foods WISE.

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a good question. The kind of question that we ask ourselves at the Center all the time. But frankly, despite all my “green” experience, I didn't have a clue. Who does?

That's when we discovered the world of the Energy Audit. Focus on Energy (focusonenergy.com) lists many companies in the area that seemed to do what we were looking for. After comparing prices (which varied widely), and emailing a few pointed questions, we picked one. We could have spent upwards of \$800 but instead found someone for \$225, with a \$75 instant rebate from Focus on Energy. The resulting \$150 was the best money we ever spent on our house. I just wish someone had told us about this service years ago when we first became home owners!

It took three hours to do a thorough head to toe evaluation of our house. The first visual evaluation showed us that our wonderful enclosure that we call home was full of holes. Holes next to each duct vent, holes where the exhaust vents from our bathroom, holes in our duct work, and holes behind each electrical socket. We also learned that we were heating all

impossible-to-get-to crawl space under the family room better than our bedroom, thanks to a partially disconnected duct. How were we to know?

Next came the fun part, running around the house with an infrared device that looks like a police radar gun. Pointing it at a wall, one sees what looks like an x-ray on a four inch square screen. Where cold air is leaking the image is dark, where it is not it is white. We saw that every 2 x 4 stud that holds up our house was white and in between them it was black ... meaning practically NO insulation! I thought there were holes before! Man, we have leaks all over this house -- every corner, around every window (not so much the window itself). The top cinderblocks in our basement were solid black. In Wisconsin the ground freezes three feet down, meaning there is essentially a block of ice right next to the top three feet of cinderblock. This problem, it turns out, can be solved with just a little insulation.

It got even more depressing when we sealed our front door with a special tent that fits around a large circular fan. With this fan blowing out (creating a negative pressure in the house) it accentuated all

the places that cold air could leak in from the outside. Now the infrared device picked up even more leakage. Heck, who needed the device, you could feel it with your hand.

The whole time we followed our advisor around we were offered tips about how to make our home more airtight such as what weather stripping works best, why replace the window locks, the value of caulking, etc. A few days later we received in the mail the “Report”. This was a prioritized list of projects and products, specific to our house, which would save energy, reduce fossil fuel use, fit our budget and ultimately save us money! It became crystal clear that for much less money we could accomplish what we thought replacing the windows would do.

Once again I learned the incredible value of investing in knowledge. The more I know, the better decisions I can make, be it with my vote, my pocketbook, or my time. This kind of knowledge gain and knowledge sharing is what the Center is all about. It is empowering. Thank you for investing in us.

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wilderness of Milwaukee's public lands. I challenge you to get involved!

Here's how: 1) become a Challenge sponsor, 2) share this article with high school students so that they can form a team, 3) volunteer to help run the event or 4) come cheer on the participants. This year's event kicks-off at 9 a.m. (registration at 8) on Saturday, June 7th.

FORM A TEAM

At last year's challenge, 60 high school aged students represented their schools, churches and youth groups and 30 volunteers helped maintain a safe and challenging course, while family and friends cheered them on. Here is what some of last year's participants had to say about this event:

"It was my third one... I love them" says Tina, from Alliance High School. Grace from Heritage Christians was "hot, wet and sweaty [and she] had a grand time!"

Mario from Neighborhood House exclaimed "it was awesome and super

fun." "The rain was heavy and the mud was thick" says Xavier from Strive Media, but still he agreed with the most common response, "I had fun!"



If you are connected to high school students, please contact Chad at cthomack@urbanecologycenter.org. Teams are made up of four coed high school students and one brave adult. Each school or organization can enter up to two teams. Early bird registration is only \$40 if received by March 15th (\$60 after that until April 15th).

BECOME A CHALLENGE SPONSOR

Funds raised through sponsorship of the Teen Adventure Challenge support the Urban Ecology Center's programs. If your business, sports team or group

is interested in becoming a Challenge sponsor, please contact Ginger Duiven at gduiven@urbanecologycenter.org. Not only do sponsors receive recognition for their support, they are invited to come and cheer on teens as they push their bodies and minds to accomplish the challenge. If you are a business owner interested in donating prizes for our participants, contact Ginger as well.

VOLUNTEER

Finally, if you'd like to support this event through the gift of time, please contact Susan at swinans@urbanecologycenter.org. Volunteers get to meet an amazing group of teenagers and feel the buzz created by the challenge. Volunteers ensure a safe challenge by bringing EMT skills, staffing a check-station and providing outdoor skills guidance on the trails. At the beginning and end of the challenge, volunteers create a welcoming atmosphere by helping at the registration tables, handing out lunch and acting as the "communication hub" for the event.

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June 15: Finding Your Way. Kids and parents will work together to learn to use a compass and navigate to a hidden treasure in the park.

July 13: Nature Journaling. Explore Riverside Park through writing and drawing in your own recycled journal.

August 17: Outdoor Cooking. Learn how to cook over a fire in Riverside Park's amphitheater.

September 27: Fall Festival. This event is fun for the entire family with arts and crafts, entertainment and fun outdoors.

October 19: Costume Creation Party. The final program in our family series is a party where we will create masks!

LETTERBOXING

This age-old pastime is coming to Riverside Park in March. Letterboxing

is a "treasure hunt" style of outdoor quest that will challenge your family to solve a riddle and navigate through the park to a specified destination. Find out more about letterboxing at letterboxing.org

BACKPACK OF FUN

Also in March, a backpack full of outdoor activity ideas and equipment will be a new addition to our lending equipment program. Borrow the backpack for a day or a weekend of exploring in nature.



NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY? VISIT US!

by Mike Larson, Executive Assistant

Did you know that our building is open seven days a week? Here are some ideas of what you can do for free at the Center:

- Have a picnic - rain, shine or snow!
- Take advantage of our free Wi-Fi internet to study or work on a project.
- Have a family game night. Borrow one of our games or bring your own!
- Come relieve your stress and play our guitar, mandolin or autoharp.
- Curl up with a good book by the fire.
- Check out the art exhibit on display in our Community Room.
- Slide down our slide (come on, you know you want to!)
- Build our huge Milwaukee Aerial Puzzle.

MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise indicated, participants meet at the Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park Place. Scholarships are available for all fee-based programs. For general information call (414) 964-8505 or visit www.UrbanEcologyCenter.org Programs marked with an * are not accessible for persons with physical disabilities. All others have limited accessibility. Call if you have accessibility concerns.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CSA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 15
Noon - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Come learn about community supported agriculture (CSA), meet the farmers who produce this food and sign up for a weekly delivery of fresh, organic produce. Stay for children's activities and win a \$300 certificate toward a CSA share! Co-sponsored by the Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee CSA Initiative, and Slow Foods WISE.

21ST ANNUAL EARTH POETS & MUSICIANS

Friday, April 18
7 - 10 p.m.
For everyone
\$5 per person, \$10 per family (Members - free, donations appreciated)
Call to register, 964-8505

Featuring Jeff Poniewaz, Suzanne Rosenblatt, Harvey Taylor, Louisa Loveridge-Gallas, Jahmes Tony Finlayson, Holly Haebig and a special guest.

7 p.m.: Interactive music and poetry for the whole family. Feel free to bring along your own poem or song for Mother Earth!

8 p.m.: Earth Poets and Musicians.

AUTHOR'S SERIES: MICHAEL FROME

Thursday, April 24
7 - 8:30 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

"My personal experience and readings convince me that preservation of wild places is the best of American traditions. Wilderness is at the heart of the nation." - Michael Frome

The late Senator Gaylord Nelson, father of Earth Day, once said: "No writer in America has more persistently argued for the need of a national ethic of environmental stewardship than Michael Frome." Come join us to hear this champion of the environment talk about Earth Day and his latest books *Rebel on the Road: And Why I Was Never Neutral* and *Heal the Earth, Heal the Soul: Collected Essays on Wilderness, Politics and the Media*. You can purchase a copy of these books at the Center or at some Schwartz Bookshops.

RIVERSIDE PARK EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Noon - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

Enjoy Music by Ken Lonquist,
Demos by Milwaukee Biodiesel Coop,
Rock Climbing,
Nature Walks in Riverside Park,
Shuttle to Washington Park's Festival,
Crafts, Carriage Rides, Games,
Food & Resource Booths

RIVER CLEAN UP BY CANOE*

9 a.m. - noon, Riverside Park
For teens
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Take part in Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers annual Spring River Clean Up. We will use canoes to get to sections of the river and river bank that are hard to clean up from the shore.

RIVER TO LAKE WALK*

9:30 a.m., Riverside Park
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

Join us on our traditional 4-mile hike from Riverside Park to the lakefront. Enjoy the beauty of two of Milwaukee's park gems and learn natural history.

New!

EARTH DAY FOR AFTERNOON NAPPERS

10:30 a.m. - noon,
Riverside Park
Special for kids ages 5 & under
accompanied by an adult
Free - donations appreciated
Space is limited
Registration is required by
April 17, call 964-8505

Little kids can celebrate the earth too with activities including crafts, stories, and a short nature hike.

SPRING WEED-OUT!

9 a.m. - noon, Riverside Park
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Help eliminate the invasive species garlic mustard from Riverside Park.



ECO-HOME AUDIT

9 a.m. - noon, Riverside Park
For adults
\$40 (Members - \$30)
Call to register, 964-8505

How eco-friendly is your home - really? We'll walk through a checklist you can easily apply to your home so you can find out where you can improve the problem areas. Or, if you're looking to buy an eco-home, find out what questions you should be asking your realtor. Bring your checklist back Monday, April 21st, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Library of Sustainability for a free review!

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

New!

WASHINGTON PARK EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Noon - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

Help kick off of the lagoon restoration project,
Visit the Center and meet the staff,
Clean up the park,
Learn how Program Manager
Joey Zoicher's car
runs on vegetable oil
& have fun with your
neighbors!

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY SERIES:

DRAWING POCO THE PARROT

Sunday, March 9
1 - 2 p.m.
For kids ages 6 & up accompanied by an adult \$8 (Members - \$5)
Accompanying adults free
Call to register, 964-8505

Join artist Kristin Gjerset as you learn to draw a real live parrot! Poco the Parrot's personality is as colorful as his feathers. Everybody in the family will meet Poco, learn some facts about parrots and draw this beautiful bird.

PLANTING A THREE SISTERS GARDEN

Sunday, April 27
2 - 4 p.m.
For families of 2 or more \$30 (Members - \$20)
Call to register, 964-8505

Learn about the interesting history, culture and botany of the Three Sisters Garden and plant corn, beans and squash that same day. You can watch the garden grow all summer and then we will harvest our crop in the fall!

MAPLE SUGARING IN RIVERSIDE PARK*

Sundays, March 2 & 16
3 - 5 p.m.
For everyone
Adults: \$8 for both days, \$5 for one (Members - \$5 for both days, \$3 for one)
Kids: \$6 for both days, \$4 for one (Members: \$3 for both days, \$2 for one)
Maximum of \$15 per family
Call to register, 964-8505

Participate in the classic Wisconsin winter activity of collecting maple sap and boiling it down into syrup. On the 2nd we will tap trees and on the 16th we will boil our collected sap into delicious syrup.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 16
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
For everyone
Adults \$5 (Members - \$3)
Children: \$3 (Members - \$2)
Call to register, 964-8505

Come join us for a pancake breakfast to celebrate the coming of spring. Pancakes will be served with 100% maple syrup made from trees in Riverside Park. Sausage, coffee and juice will also be provided.

NEST QUEST WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 22
7:45 a.m. - noon
For adults & accompanied children ages 8 & up
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Cornell University and the Urban Ecology Center are looking for individuals and families to participate in a national pilot program funded by the National Science Foundation to monitor birds nesting in your neighborhood. Participants become "citizen scientists," learning how to collect valuable data that will be used by some of the world's most renowned bird scientists.

NEST BOX BUILDING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 22
1 - 4 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children ages 8 & up
\$15 or \$45 for family of four or more
(Members - \$10 or \$30 for family of 4 or more)
Free for Nest Quest Workshop participants
Call to register, 964-8505

Build a nestbox to attract cavity-nesting birds to your property.

NATURE DETECTIVES

Sundays, March 30 & April 20
2 - 3:30 p.m.
For everyone
\$7 or \$24 for families of 4 or more (Members - \$4 or \$12 for families of 4 or more)
Call to register, 964-8505

Discover the natural world as we explore Riverside Park using magnifying glasses and doing scavenger hunts.

YOUNG FORESTER

Saturday, April 5
2 - 4 p.m.
For kids ages 6 & up
\$16 (Members - \$10)
Accompanying adults free
Call to register, 964-8505

Kids will get an introduction to Wisconsin's trees as they take a walk through the park. They will explore the age and anatomy of trees, competition between different species and the role of fire in Wisconsin forests.



YOGAKIDS*

Sundays, April 6 - May 18
(excluding April 13 & May 11)
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
For kids ages 6-9
\$58 (Members - \$50)
Call to register, 964-8505

In YogaKids your child will experience the traditional benefits of yoga (strength, stamina, flexibility, concentration and relaxation) in fun and playful ways. Games, ecology, music, and learning about the body and mind are all part of YogaKids classes. Bring a mat or beach towel and wear loose or stretchy clothing.

ANIMAL FEEDING TIME

Saturdays
1 - 2 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

Do you know what a snake has for lunch? Help feed the Center's resident turtles and snakes as you learn about the animals that inhabit the river valley.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

Drop in program
Saturdays,
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sundays,
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Discover the world of science through self-led interactive activities and crafts.

March: Recycling. Learn how nature recycles and how you can recycle too.

April: Fruits and Vegetables. Learn about fruits and vegetables and then search for some fruiting plants out in Riverside Park.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORERS

NIGHT OUT WITH THE OUTDOOR LEADERS

Saturday, March 29
5 - 7 p.m.
For teens
\$5
Call to register, 964-8505

Hike out to the amphitheater with the Urban Ecology Center High School Outdoor Leaders and make desserts over the fire. Then come back to the Center to play ping pong and hear stories.

RIVER CLEAN UP BY CANOE*

Saturday, April 19
9 a.m. - noon
For teens
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Take part in Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers annual Spring River Clean Up. We will use canoes to get to sections of the river and river bank that are hard to clean up from the shore. It is a fun way to serve the community and the river.

YOGATEENS*

Sundays, April 6 - May 18
(excluding April 13 & May 11)
3 - 4:15 p.m.
For teens ages 13-17
\$65 (Members - \$58)
Call to register, 964-8505

It's not your mother's yoga class! Experience the traditional benefits of yoga (increased strength, stamina, flexibility, concentration and relaxation) in a fun, dynamic class. Flow from posture to posture to music that inspires, energizes and calms body, mind and spirit. Bring a mat or beach towel & wear loose or stretchy clothing.

ADULT LEARNING

ECO-HOMES SERIES:**COOKING UP AN ECO-KITCHEN**

Monday, March 10
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
\$20 (Members - \$15)
Call to register, 964-8505

Looking to remodel your kitchen? Learn how to create a healthy, eco-friendly kitchen. We'll look at countertops, cabinetry, flooring, furniture, appliances and accessories. Bring your questions!

COLLECT APRIL SHOWERS IN A RAIN BARREL

Monday, April 14
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
\$20 (Members - \$15)
Call to register, 964-8505

Help keep the rain out of our sewers! Learn how to set up a rain barrel and learn the basics for setting up a rain garden.

LIBRARY OF SUSTAINABILITY OPEN HOURS

Sundays, Noon - 2 p.m.
Mondays 4-7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Remodeling, adding on, or building a new home? Visit the Center's Library of Sustainability for ideas to beautify your home while honoring the environment. This is a hands-on library of sample products for home construction and interior decorating. Resource person available during open hours.

BROWNFIELDS, REDEVELOPMENT, OPEN SPACE & SUSTAINABILITY

Speaker: Christopher DeSousa, Associate Professor, Geography and Urban Studies, UW-Milwaukee
Tuesday, March 11
7 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
\$5 (Members - free, donations appreciated)
Call to register, 964-8505

Concerns over urban blight, environmental degradation, climate change, inner-city unemployment and a host of other socio-economic and environmental problems have forced policy makers, planners and others interested in the future of our planet to take a closer look at ways to foster more sustainable urban development. This talk examines the role that brownfields redevelopment is playing and can play in our quest for sustainability, focusing primarily on efforts in the US and Canada to build better places for urban dwellers to live, work and play.

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, March 29 & April 26
10 - 11 a.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

The Urban Ecology Center Bookclub meets once a month to discuss an environmentally themed book. Newcomers and ongoing participants are invited to come enjoy the conversation and refreshments.
March: *The Great Work: Our Way Into the Future* by Thomas Berry.

April: *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search Across Italy, India, and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

BAIKAL, SIBERIA'S SACRED SEA

Speaker: William Volkert, Wildlife Educator/Naturalist, Horicon Marsh
Tuesday, April 8
7 - 8:30 p.m.
For adults
\$5 (Members - free, donations appreciated)
Call to register, 964-8505

Lake Baikal, located deep in the heart of Northern Asia, is known among Russians as the Sacred Sea. Although its surface area is smaller than Lake Michigan, it holds more water than all five Great Lakes combined, is more than 1,000 times older and nearly 70% of its plant and animal life is found nowhere else on Earth! However, like our Great Lakes, it is facing increasing degradation at the hands of man. Since 1991, Bill Volkert has been working with the Russian government and local institutions on management of human activities and impacts in the watershed. Hopefully we can use the lessons we learned from the Great Lakes to sustain Lake Baikal as a natural wonder for future generations.

BIRD BANDING

Tuesdays, April 15 - May 20
Early mornings
For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call Tim at 964-8505, x116, for information or to register

Few experiences compare with feeling the rapid heartbeat of a bird in your hand while releasing it back to the wild. Join us for coffee, bakery treats and an up-close and personal look at birds during spring migration.

DNR FROG & TOAD SURVEY

Saturday, April 19
7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
\$5 (Members - free, donations appreciated)
Call Tim at x116 for details
Call to register, 964-8505

Come out for a late night of froggin' and help add to the Wisconsin DNR's statewide database of frogs and toads. Dress for the weather and wear footwear that can get muddy. We will cover western and southern Milwaukee County. .

**BIRD WORKSHOPS: BEHAVIOR AND INTELLIGENCE - HOW BIRDS SEE THE WORLD**

Part I: Wednesday, March 26
Part II: Wednesday, April 2
5:30 - 7 p.m.
For adults
\$10 (Members - \$5)
Free for regular birding volunteers
Call to register, 964-8505

"If [people] had wings and bore black feathers, few of them would be clever enough to be crows" (Beecher). This lecture will explore the "bird brain" and how birds sense the world. The lecture will be followed by a dusk stroll through Riverside Park. Binoculars provided.

ART AT UEC

MILWAUKEE'S CENTRAL PARK ART SHOW

Opening: Sunday, April 6
2 - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505
Show runs through late April

View winning photos from the Milwaukee Central Park Photography Contest, sponsored by the Urban Ecology Center Photography Club. Artists captured images from the Milwaukee River corridor between North Avenue and Silver Spring Drive, an area of the city the Milwaukee River Work Group is aiming to protect.

THE TOOLS THREE ARTISTS USE TO EXPRESS THEIR VISION

Opening: Sunday, May 4
2 - 4 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505
Show runs through late June

Carolyn Snow uses vivid acrylic paints layered with materials found in nature, sometimes expressionistic, often primitive. Leanne de Muijnck's "Icescapes" is an amazing series of black and white abstract nature photography. Nancy Aten has realigned her work with her ecological passions and crafts small monotypes, using materials from nature and watercolor field sketches.

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER TOURS

WEDNESDAY WALK WITH KEN

Wednesdays
9 a.m. - UEC Building
10 a.m. - Riverside Park
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call ahead to confirm (414) 964-8505.

You're invited to a special tour as you explore Riverside Park and/or our green facility with Executive Director Ken Leinbach (staff substitution on occasion).

BETH'S BUILDING TOUR

Wednesdays
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
For adults and accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505.

Explore our green facility and learn about its secrets and stories with Director of Education Beth Fetterley. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about the Center's innovative educational programming (staff substitution on occasion).

URBAN ADVENTURES

Advanced registration required for all Urban Adventures. Payment due at time of registration. Cancellation Policy: When payment is required in advance for a program, you may cancel up to 48 hours in advance without penalty. If the Center cancels a program for any reason, the payment will be refunded or can be used toward a future program. Call the Center at (414) 964-8505 to register at least two days before the trip. Trips run as scheduled, rain or shine.

OPEN CLIMBS ON THE TOWER WALL*

Sundays, March 2 - April 27

2:30 - 4 p.m.

For everyone

Adults: \$10 (Members - \$7)

Children: \$8 (Members - \$5)

Call to register, 964-8505

Test your skills on the Center's Tower climbing wall. Harnesses and belayers provided. All climbers must have a completed and signed waiver before climbing, available at the Center's reception desk and at www.urbanecologycenter.org. Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome.

INTRO TO BACKPACKING

Saturday, April 5

10 a.m. - noon

For everyone

Adults: \$10 (Members - \$7)

Children: \$8 (Members - \$5)

Call to register, 964-8505

Interested in some serious camping this summer? Learn the basics of backpacking including trip planning strategies, hands on demonstrations as well as what to pack and examples of these supplies. Gain expertise from a veteran backpacker who has traveled diverse landscapes from the deserts of California to the northwoods of Wisconsin.

SPONTANEOUS SNOW OUTINGS

Snow-play enthusiasts: this idea for you! Sign up to join others interested in snowshoeing or skiing this winter. These spontaneous outings will be planned at short notice when the weather is right. Invitations will be sent by email. Email Chad at cthomack@urbanecologycenter.org to add your name to this list. Beginners welcome!



Photo by Beth Miller

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BURDOCK BRIGADE

Tuesdays and Saturdays, March 1, 15, April 5 & 19

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Free - donations appreciated

For adults & accompanied children

Have a direct impact on our natural world by helping increase the biodiversity within the outdoor classroom of Riverside Park.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Saturdays, March 1 & April 5

10:30 - noon

Wednesday, March 19

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

6:30 - 8 p.m.

For adults and accompanied children ages 12 & up

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505

Learn about the Center's programs and how to get involved.

MIGRATORY BIRD MONITORING VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 2

2 - 4 p.m.

For adults & accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505

Please call Tim at

x116 for details

Come learn about how you can become involved in an award-winning bird migration monitoring program hosted by the Milwaukee County Avian Migration Monitoring Partnership.

SATURDAY STEWARDS

Saturdays, March 8, 22, 29,

April 12 & 26

9 - 10:30 a.m.

For adults &

accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505

Kick off your weekend by volunteering at the Center! Everyone is welcome. Please sign-up.

NATURALIST OUTINGS

For Urban Ecology

Center volunteers

Free - donations appreciated
Contact Sarah Rohe at srohe@urbanecologycenter.org to be put on the email list

Volunteers are invited to join educators for professional development outings.

COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Monday, March 10

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For Urban Ecology

Center volunteers

Free - donations appreciated

Contact Nikiya at nharris@urbanecologycenter.org or 964-8505, x104, to register.

Do you find yourself telling others about the Center? Become a Center Community Ambassador and share your excitement with participants at community events and festivals around Milwaukee.

Light refreshments will be served. After the training you can sign up to volunteer at events.



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BIRD BANDING TRAINING

Tuesday, April 8

1 - 2:30 p.m.

For adults &

accompanied children

Free - donations appreciated

Call to register, 964-8505

A biologist once said, "A bird in the hand is worth thousands on the Discovery Channel." Learn how you can help us monitor migratory birds at the Urban Ecology Center.

TEACHERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

EDUCATIONAL LENDING MATERIALS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For adults

\$10)

Call to register, 964-8505, by March 31

Teachers, scout leaders and homeschoolers – would you like to bring the Urban Ecology Center to your classroom? Learn how to use our Urban Wildlife Trunk, Bird Mentoring Kit and Energy Bike to connect your students with nature in Milwaukee. Lunch will be provided!

INTEREST GROUPS

UEC PHOTO CLUB

Thursdays, March 6 & April 3
6:30 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated

Explore nature in an artistic light and develop new skills.

FRIENDS OF REAL FOOD

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9
6 - 8 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated
Call to register, 964-8505

Share a potluck dinner and join the enthusiastic, informative discussion.

March: Heirloom Seeds and Heritage Breeds. We'll host a panel of local sustainable farmers who have experience raising heirloom food plants and heritage animals. These farmers represent a growing number of people interested in preserving agricultural variety and protecting biodiversity. Discussion will also cross over into seed saving and national programs that work to preserve a rich food culture.

April: Genetically Modified Foods. We'll begin with a presentation about which of our foods are being genetically modified (GM) and what GM entails. We'll also explore why and how people are trying to eliminate GM foods from their diets and what they are doing to influence government action.

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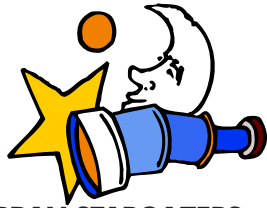
Sundays, March 9 & April 6
3 - 4:30 p.m.
For everyone
Free - donations appreciated

If you are new to knitting or an experienced knitter, please join us for a cup of coffee, good conversation, and knitting.

URBAN ECHO POETS

Thursdays, March 13 & April 10
7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated

Our purpose is to observe and experience nature, then to express these observations in poetry and essay. We will read and write and appreciate poetry with images from nature at its core.

**URBAN STARGAZERS**

Thursdays, March 13 & April 10
7 p.m.
For adults
Free - donations appreciated

Join us for information and stargazing

PATHS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Tuesdays, March 18 & April 15
6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults
\$5 (Members - free, donations appreciated)
Childcare available: \$6 (Members - \$4)
Call to register, 964-8505

March: Green For All. Learn about two exciting initiatives to bring renewable energy jobs to urban youth and adults in Milwaukee.

April: Car-Free in Milwaukee. It started as a one year experiment, but more than four years later, Bill Sell is still car-free. Hear his story and learn about alternative transportation options.

VEGETARIAN POTLUCK

Thursdays, March 20 & April 17
6:30 - 8 p.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Bring a plate and fork along with your meatless dish to share at our picnic style meal.

EARLY MORNING BIRDWALKS*

Thursdays
8 a.m.
For adults & accompanied children
Free - donations appreciated

Interested bird watchers of all ability levels are invited to explore bird life with us. Binoculars available.

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LOOK TO THE SKY

by Jon Bales, Community Volunteer, Urban Stargazers

The March award for the most interesting sky attraction must go to the planet Mercury. The smallest and nearest planet to the sun, Mercury's surface is much like that of our moon. Its distance from the sun is only about one third that of Earth, and it will be observable both at the beginning and at the end of the month before the sun comes up.

Only recently having emerged from the glare of the sun, Mercury reaches its greatest elongation on March 3rd. On the 5th, Venus and the Moon will join Mercury before sunrise. Expect to see them rise about an hour ahead of the sun. Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are terrestrial (rocky) planets. Among these, Mercury is a planet of extremes. It is the smallest, the densest, the one with the oldest surface, the one with the largest daily variations in surface temperature and the least explored.

The tiny planet was recently visited by the Messenger satellite. Messenger was launched back in 2004, and had to follow an unusual path through the inner solar system including one flyby of Earth and two flybys of Venus. It passed close by Mercury this past January and snapped a few photos, including the first photo of the backside of the planet. It will fly by Mercury twice more to slow down and finally, in 2011 it will be slow enough to find its orbit around Mercury. This impressive journey will return the first new spacecraft data from Mercury since the Mariner 10 mission over 30 years ago.

On March 9th daylight savings time begins.

March 20th is the Vernal Equinox. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is the date when night and day are the same length and this is the first day of spring.

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Thursday, April 24

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Friday, April 18

21ST ANNUAL EARTH POETS & MUSICIANS

Also in April

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Saturday, April 19

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MARCH 2008

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Science Saturdays (every Saturday, 9:30a-4:30p) topic: Recycling 9a Burdock Brigade 10:30a Volunteer Orientation 1p Animal Feeding Time
2 Science Sundays (every Sunday, 12:30-4:30p) topic: Recycling 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 1p Dirty Rocks! 2p Migratory Bird Monitoring Volunteer Workshop 2:30-4p Open Climbs Maple Sugaring	3 Library of Sustainability Open Hours	4 Burdock Brigade	5 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour	6 8a Birdwalk 6:30p Intro to T'ai Chi Photography Club	7 9a Saturday Stewards 1p Animal Feeding Time	8 9a Saturday Stewards 1p Animal Feeding Time
9 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 1p Family Series: Drawing Pocco the Parrot 2:30-4p Open Climbs Knitting Circle 3p	10 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 5:30p Community Ambassador Training 6:30p Eco-Homes Series: Cooking Up An Eco-Kitchen	11 9a Burdock Brigade 7p Brownfields, Redevelopment, Open Space & Sustainability	12 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour Friends of Real Food	13 8a Birdwalk 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi 7p Urban Echo Poets 7p Urban Star gazers	14 9a Burdock Brigade 1p Animal Feeding Time	15 9a Burdock Brigade 1p Animal Feeding Time CSA Open House Noon-4p
16 11a Pancake Breakfast 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 2:30-4p Open Climbs Maple Sugaring 3p	17 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours	18 9a Burdock Brigade 6:30p Paths to a Sustainable Future	19 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour Volunteer Orientation	20 8a Birdwalk 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi 6:30p Vegetarian Potluck	21 7:45a Nest Quest Workshop 9a Saturday Stewards 1p Nest Box Building Workshop 1p Animal Feeding Time	22 7:45a Nest Quest Workshop 9a Saturday Stewards 1p Nest Box Building Workshop 1p Animal Feeding Time
23 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 2:30-4p Open Climbs	24 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours	25 9a Burdock Brigade 6:30p Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting Murray Hill Neighborhood Association meeting	26 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p How Birds See the World Part I Beth's Building Tour	27 8a Birdwalk 5:30p Intro to T'ai Chi	28 9a Saturday Stewards 10a Book Club 1p Animal Feeding Time 5p Night Out With the Outdoor Leaders	29 9a Saturday Stewards 10a Book Club 1p Animal Feeding Time 5p Night Out With the Outdoor Leaders
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6 Science Sundays (every Sunday, 12:30-4:30p) topic: Fruits and Vegetables 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 12:30p YogaKids Art Show Opening: <i>Milwaukee's Central Park</i> 2p 2:30-4p Open Climbs 3p YogaTeens 3p Knitting Circle	7 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours	8 9a Burdock Brigade 1p Bird Banding Training 7p Baikal, Siberia's Sacred Sea	9 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour Friends of Real Food	10 8a Birdwalk 6:30p University Neighborhood Association meeting Urban Echo Poets 7p Urban Stargazers	11 Earth Poets & Musicians 7p	12 9a Saturday Stewards 1p Animal Feeding 2p Young Forester
13 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 2:30-4p Open Climbs	14 11a Naturalist Outing 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 6:30p Eco-Homes Series: Collect April Showers in a Rain Barrel	15 9a Bird Banding Burdock Brigade 6:30p Paths to a Sustainable Future	16 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour	17 8a Birdwalk 6:30p Vegetarian Potluck	18 Earth Poets & Musicians 7p	19 Earth Day! See pg. 6 for full schedule 10:30a Earth Day for Afternoon Nappers 12-4p Riverside Park Earth Day Festival Washington Park Earth Day Festival 1p Animal Feeding 7:30p DNR Frog Survey
20 12-2p Library of Sustainability Open Hours 12:30p YogaKids 2p Nature Detectives 2:30-4p Open Climbs 3p YogaTeens	21 4-7p Library of Sustainability Open Hours	22 9a Bird Banding Burdock Brigade 6:30p Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting Murray Hill Neighborhood Association meeting 7p	23 9a Building Tour with Ken 10a Walk with Ken 5:30p Beth's Building Tour	24 8a Birdwalk 5:30p Volunteer Orientation Author Series: Michael Frome 7p	25	26 9a Saturday Stewards 10a Book Club 1p Animal Feeding
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