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Green Activities in Pittsburgh!

Outdoor activities, events

Phipps Conservatory's Green Drinks

The new Phipps Cafe is hosting Green Drinks every first Friday of the month. Green Drinks are informal, forums where the green minded get together talk about working in environmental fields. To learn more about Green Drinks visit

www.greendrinks.org

For more info. on Phipps, visit www.phipps.conservatory.org

Enjoy the Sun!

At last the sun has found Pittsburgh and what better way to take advantage of the weather than to spend your weekend outdoors. To find out about some amazing recreational opportunities right here in Pittsburgh, check out:

www.ventureoutdoors.org

New House featured in Organic Style

Carnegie Mellon's own New House was featured in the most recent issue of Organic Style. The article discussed the activities of various colleges' efforts to be more green. To read the full story, search on 'college' at www.organicstyle.com

What's Happening at Carnegie Mellon

Awards, Green Graduation, Green Practices Recognition

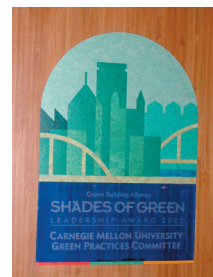
Carnegie Mellon Awarded

The 2004 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence recognizes the university's commitment to green buildings for all new construction on campus. The New House residence hall was the first building at the university to pursue LEED™ Certification. The awards ceremony took place April 1, in New House with Kathleen McGinty, the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Green Pledge

The Graduation Pledge Alliance (GPA) was founded at Humboldt State University in California (USA) and is currently coordinated by Manchester College. The pledge has been put into practice at over one hundred schools around the country. The pledge serves to remind students of the ethical implications of the knowledge and training they receive, and establish a more socially conscious citizenry. Students and faculty of Carnegie Mellon are currently trying to get this pledge established here. For more info. on the GPA, contact Erik Michaels-Ober at pres@cmu.edu or visit www.graduationpledge.org

Green Practices Committee Recognized



Carnegie Mellon's Green Practices Committee was recognized at the 2005 Shades of Green Leadership Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, April 7th. The committee

received the award for the Green Initiative (team award) category. The award, fabricated locally with green building materials, will be on display in the Recycling Education Center in the University Center. This is the first year that the Green Building Alliance has recognized regional leaders who have significantly contributed to Pittsburgh's environmental transformation.

"Carnegie Mellon has won a number of awards for green 'things' on the campus. This award is especially exciting in that it applauds the PEOPLE behind the 'things.'"
- Deborah A Lange Executive Director of the Steinbrenner Institute

Carnegie Mellon Eco-Reps Wanted

Eco-Reps are students living in the CMU housing system who teach other students the skills they need to live in a more sustainable way. The Eco-Reps program is designed to encourage action and to help students recognize the systemic nature of environmental problems. This will be Carnegie Mellon's first year implementing the Eco-Reps program and it will be lead by 5th year scholar, Diane Loviglio. For a 2005-06 application, email dloviglio@andrew.cmu.edu



Places to Shop Organic and Local

Enliven your sense of sustainability as well as your taste buds by checking out these fabulous green produce options!

- Farmers Market, May 16 - October 23

Offering the best fresh, local food around, from meats and cheeses to vegetables and fruit. For a complete listing of markets, visit www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/States/Pennsylvania.htm

- East End Food Co-Op

Pittsburgh's only member-owned and organic market is a great place to shop for all natural products while supporting the local community. To learn more, visit

www.eastendfoodcoop.com/about.html

- Whole Foods

This nationwide chain offers a variety of organic and eco-friendly products and consumer goods. Visit their site @ www.wholefoods.com

Also In this Issue:

(Almost) All You Need To Know To Recycle

**Check out 2005 Recycle Mania results at

www.recyclemaniacs.org

"The Green Practices Committee will strive to develop university practices that improve environmental quality, decrease waste, and conserve natural resources and energy, thereby establishing Carnegie Mellon as a practical model for other universities and companies."
Learn more at www.greenpractices.org

Recycling Myth #1

Recycling Causes More Pollution Than It Prevents

False

- Recycling is one of the best environmental success stories of the late 20th century. Manufacturing with recycled materials, with very few exceptions, saves energy and water and produces less air and water pollution than using virgin materials. A
- It takes 95% less energy to recycle aluminum than it does to make it from raw materials. Making recycled steel saves 60%, recycled newspaper 40%, recycled plastics 70%, and recycled glass 40%. A
- In 2005, recycling is projected to save the amount of energy used in 9 million homes (900 trillion BTUs). A

Recycling Myth #2

If Recycling Makes Sense The Free Market Will Make It Happen

False

- Scrap steel has become the steel industry's single largest source of raw material because it is economically advantageous. B
- For glass manufacturers, recycling makes economic sense because it extends the life of furnaces and reduces energy costs. C
- Unlike most public services, recycling does function within the market economy, and quite successfully.
- If the market were truly free, long-standing subsidies that favor virgin materials and landfills would not exist, and recycling could compete on a level playing field.

"From the National Recycling Coalition's Media Advocacy Toolkit. Visit www.nrc-recycle.org to learn more."

Statistical Sources:

(A) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (B) Steel Recycling Institute (C) Glass Packaging Institute

Want to recycle, but get confused about the how's and what's? Let these recycling guidelines fill in those gaps.

What Kinds of Containers?



Plastic: Only #1 and #2 bottles can be recycled in the beverage containers with cans and glass. Rinse food residue but don't worry about the labels.

#1 plastic bottles examples: soft drinks, water, ketchup, and salad dressing bottles

#2 plastic bottles examples: milk, water, juice, cosmetic, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent

Glass: Glass containers should be rinsed but as with plastic bottles, don't worry about the label. However, remove the lids!

glass examples: clear, brown, green and blue containers

Metal: Cans should be thrown into beverage recycling containers with plastic and glass. Don't forget to rinse away food residue.

metal examples: aluminum, steel, bi-metal (tin) cans

Paper: Mixed office paper can be recycled by taking these items to the recycling bins located throughout campus and housing. Paper should have no paper clips or excessive tape or glue.

Staples may remain. Shredded paper can be recycled in separate bags.

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| white and colored | cash machine receipts |
| white and colored envelopes | NCR/carbon-less forms |
| CMU phone directories | post-it notes/envelopes |
| booklets/manuals | fax/telex copy paper |
| manila folders | greeting cards |
| tab/time cards | adding machine tape |
| soft-cover books w/ white pages | |

Cardboard: Flatten cardboard. No pizza boxes. No packing materials. Corrugated cardboard should be placed inside the recycling dumpsters located outside most residence halls.

What Kinds of Paper?



You Can Recycle That?

Toner, Laser and Ink-jet cartridges drop off locations: UC Recycling Center, Hunt Library, CEE-Porter Hall 107, EPP-Baker Hall, Mellon-3rd. Floor Store Room, Cyert-Computer Store hallway, Tepper School, rear entrance, Pittsburgh Technology Center

Compact disks, Jewel cases, Transparencies can be recycled in the "Green Room," across from McConomy, in the University Center (UC) or sent in campus mail to Facilities Management recycling. Batteries can be recycled at the UC Info Desk...or sent in campus mail too.

Other recyclable items: Fluorescent light bulbs, computers and monitors, aerosol and paint cans, clothing, Styrofoam peanuts, Phone books, Newspapers, Magazines. Go to www.greenpractices.org to learn where these items can be recycled.