

Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #49

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1. **TAKE THE PLEDGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION!!!** – During the month of April you can participate in a national challenge to conserve water. Support Fitchburg in becoming a leader in water conservation! Visit www.mywaterpledge.org and TAKE THE PLEDGE!
2. **Yahara Lakes 101 Presentation: “Lawn Care, Soils, and Water Quality” – Thurs., April 10, 7:30-9am, The Verex Bldg (Bluephies Café), 150 E. Gilman, Madison** – Dr. Doug Soldat (Associate Professor of Soil Science at UW-Madison) will discuss how green lawns and clean lakes can coexist, how soil properties and turf over-management can lead to environmental degradation, and describe the primary pathways of nutrient losses from urban environments.

Yahara Lakes 101 is a series of educational events open to the public that occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The series is a great chance for residents of the Yahara Watershed to get involved with the lakes by learning more about the science behind the issues in a relaxed and interesting way. Each month CLA will bring in a different expert to make the science accessible and interesting to non-technical audiences through a presentation and Q&A over coffee and a light breakfast provided by Bluepie's cafe with beautiful Lake Mendota as the backdrop. To sign up for the event or get more information, please visit:

<http://www.cleanlakesalliance.com/events/yahara-lakes-101/>



3. **New Seed Library Available at the Fitchburg Public Library** – The Fitchburg Public Library is participating in the Dane County Seed Library! Located on the 2nd floor of the library, near the gardening section, this new resource was made possible by the Madison Community Foundation and the John A. Johnson Fund. Check out seeds, take them home to plant, harvest at the end of the season, and return a portion of the seeds you harvest (by ~Sept. 1, 2014) to restock the seed library. For more details, please contact kate.hull@fitchburgwi.gov or 608-729-1763.



4. **2014 Earth Day, Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day Events:**

- Sat., April 19th, 9am-Noon – **Dunn's Marsh Waterway Cleanup** –Meet at Apache Pond, 4491 Crescent Rd.
- Sat., April 19th, 9am-Noon – **Yarmouth Waterway Cleanup** –Meet at Yarmouth Greenway Drive, just north of McKee Road (County PD).
- Fri., April 25th, 4-5pm – Plant a Tree! – Celebrate Arbor Day at Fitchburg Library - Reading a few stories, do a craft, and learn how to plant a new sapling that you get to take home with you. For kids 3 – 8 years old. Register at: 729-1762, space limited.
- Sun., April 27th, 1-3pm – **Schumann Greenway Cleanup** with All Saints Lutheran Church – Meet at McKee Farms Northwest Pond near the Splash Pad, 2930 Chapel Valley Rd.
- Sat., May 3rd, 7:30am – 10:30am - **Shred Day Event** for shredding and recycling confidential paper documents,

- ♻️ Sat., May 3rd, 8:30am – 11:30am - **Electronics Recycling Event** for computers, monitors, etc.
- ♻️ Sat., May 3rd - **Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale** at the Alliant Energy Center
- Sat., May 3rd, 8:30am-12:30pm - **Arbor Day / International Migratory Bird Day Celebration – Birding & Tree Planting** in Fitchburg Parks, McKee Farms Park Tree Walk & Migratory Bird Day Celebration – (<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/707/Arbor-Day-Migratory-Bird-Day-Celebration>)
- Fri., May 9th, 6:30pm - **Nine Springs Birding Event** – Nine Springs E-Way parking lot, 1947 Moorland Rd. (www.madisonaudubon.org)
- Sat., May 10th, 10am-Noon – **Fitchburg Bike Rodeo** (<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=323&month=5&year=2014&day=31&calType=0>)
- Sat., May 17th (morning) - **Community Orchard tree planting** at Senior Center
- Sat., May 17th - **Harlan Hills Prairie Planting** (www.fitchburgwi.gov/1145/Volunteer)

5. 2014 State Trail Passes Now Available at Fitchburg City Hall – With special thanks to a new partnership between the City of Fitchburg and the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area, 2014 State Trail Passes are now available at Fitchburg City Hall from 7:30am-4:30pm Mondays through Fridays.



6. 2014 Bike Commuter Challenge Begins May 1st – [The Bike Commuter Challenge](#) begins once again May 1 and will last through September. Stay tuned for more details on how you, your friends, your family and co-workers can participate in this summer long event! Do your part and help make Fitchburg a GOLD Bicycle Friendly City!

Please note that Fitchburg’s web page just converted to a new format on March 27th, which includes a new subscription mechanism to mailing lists such as Fitchburg’s “Green E-News.” If you’d like to subscribe to future Fitchburg Green E-News updates, please:

- a. Visit Fitchburg’s “Notify Me[®]” web page: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/list.aspx>
- b. Type your email address in the box and select “Sign In”
- c. If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select “Save”
- d. Click  (to subscribe/unsubscribe to emails) and/or  (to subscribe/unsubscribe) next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe / unsubscribe (e.g. “Green Fitchburg” is the mailing list for environmentally friendly suggestions or events)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions on future Green E-News topics.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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