

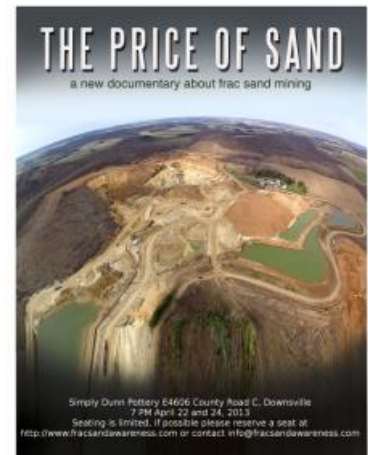
Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #51

(Released Wed., April 25, 2014)

- 1. ONLY SIX DAYS LEFT!!! TAKE THE PLEDGE FOR WATER CONSERVATION!!!** – There are only 6 days left to participate in the national challenge to conserve water. Support Fitchburg in becoming a leader in water conservation! Visit www.mywaterpledge.org and TAKE THE PLEDGE! On April 3rd Fitchburg's Resource Conservation Commission (RCC) held it's annual forum focused on water. Topics included a discussion of Dane County's Groundwater, Indoor Water Efficiency, and Outdoor Water-Wise Landscaping. You can watch this event on FACTv at:
<http://factv.city.fitchburg.wi.us/Cablecast/Public/Show.aspx?ChannelID=2&ShowID=3087>
- 2. FREE COMPOST at the City of Fitchburg Recycling Center Drop Off Site, 2373 South Fish Hatchery Road** – This compost material was generated from an aerobic windrow process which utilized residential yard waste (grass clippings, leaves and twigs/branches smaller than thumb size). This material is the result of a pilot test only and material will be limited. If you have any questions and/or feedback please contact Rick.Eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov or 270-4264. Shredded mulch is also available for free at the Recycling Center Drop Off Site.



- 3. The Price of Sand – Fitchburg Green Thursday Event, May 1 from 6:30-8:00, Fitchburg Public Library** – The Price of Sand shows the silica frack sand boom in Wisconsin. What is the "real price" of this commodity bonanza, not just in dollars, but in friendships and the health of our communities?

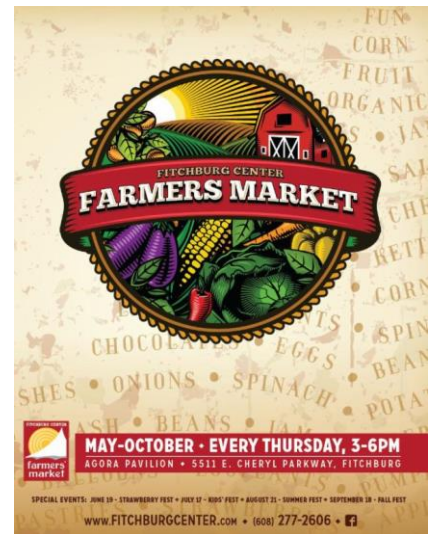


4. **Fitchburg Farmers Market Opens May 1st from 3-6pm** – The Fitchburg Farmers Market opens May 1st at the Agora Pavilion (5511 East Cheryl Parkway). The first 100 customers will receive a free flowering annual for their garden! New vendors will include Cupcakes A-Go-Go, Prairie Inn Gourmet Dips, and Paeleon Olive Oils.

5. **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.



6. **2014 Earth Day, Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day Events:**

- 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)

7. **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.



8. **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!



9. **Agriculture Past and Present Bike Tour May 17th, 10:00am.** The City of Fitchburg's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will be hosting the Agriculture Past and Present Bike Tour on the Badger State Trail again this year. The bike tour will highlight the importance of agriculture to the City's and region's history, identity, and economy, and also showcase some of the City's existing agriculture enterprises/businesses. The tour is free...and most importantly, ice cream, courtesy of the Fitchburg Dairy Queen, will be provided at the end of the tour. To register for the tour please visit: https://apm.activecommunities.com/fitchburg/Activity_Search/agriculture-past-and-present-bike-tour/2602 If you have any questions, contact Wade.Thompson@fitchburgwi.gov or 608-4258

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:

- Visit Fitchburg's "Notify Me[®]" web page: <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/list.aspx>
- Type your email address in the box and select "Sign In"
- If you want to receive text messages enter your phone number and select "Save"
- 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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