

Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #54

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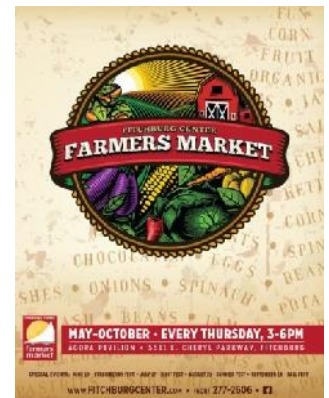
- Bat Houses and Dilly Bars: Thursday, July 24th – 5:30 – 7:30pm; McKee Farms Park Shelter; Families Welcome** – Bring your family out to the McKee Farms Park Shelter and learn more about Wisconsin Bats. Attendees will be treated with Dilly Bars courtesy of Dairy Queen. Heather Kaarakka of the WDNR will talk about the importance of bats in our ecosystem. At the event, watch a bat house get constructed and one attendee will walk away with their own bat house. If you are not they lucky winner instructions will be available for those wanting to build their own bat house.



- 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.



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.



- 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 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.



- 5. 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:

- 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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