

# Fitchburg's Green E-News Blast #57

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- 1. Fitchburg Green Thursday Event: Genetic Roulette: Thursday, Oct. 2 – 6:30 – 8:00pm; Fitchburg Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Children's StoryTime Room** – Evidence points to genetically modified (GM) foods as major contributors to rising rates of disorders, allergies, diseases, infertility, and other health problems in humans, especially children. Join us in a Free Film Screening for this insightful documentary. Note: Green Thursday events will return to Fitchburg Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room on November 6 with a Free Film Screening of "If a Tree Falls."



- 2. Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area's 2014 Harvest Moon Event: Friday, Oct. 3, 6 – 9pm: Lussier Family Heritage Center, 3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, WI** – Held Rain



or Shine. Features: torch-lit trail through Capital Springs prairies, natural world and interpretive presentations, hands-on activities such as Kids Tree Climb and stargazing telescopes with UW Universe in the Park. Enjoy a Howlin' Bonfire, s'mores and music by Brandon Beebe's Beatle Band. Bid on wonderful silent auction items (6 – 8 p.m.) inside the Lussier Family Heritage Center. NEW! SLIDE, SoHo and Cupcakes-A-Go-Go food carts. All proceeds go toward recreational facilities and educational programs at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, Capital City State Trail, and Capital Springs Recreation Area.

- 3. Clean Lakes Alliance's Yard Care Survey** – CLA's online yard-care survey is up and running! The survey can be accessed directly ([www.cleanlakesalliance.com/homeowner-survey](http://www.cleanlakesalliance.com/homeowner-survey)), or you can find it under the *Renew the Blue* section of CLA's website ([www.cleanlakesalliance.com/resident-lawn-care-survey](http://www.cleanlakesalliance.com/resident-lawn-care-survey)). Please participate by October 31<sup>st</sup> (Pumpkin Day) and encourage your friends, family, and coworkers as well. Paul Dearlove, Watershed Program Manager for the Clean Lakes Alliance can be contacted at 608-255-1000 if you have any questions on the survey. We hope to include results in a future Green E-News Blast.



- 4. FREE COMPOST at the City of Fitchburg Recycling Drop Off Site, 2373 S. 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](mailto:Rick.Eilertson@fitchburgwi.gov) or 270-4264. Shredded mulch is also available for free at the Recycling Drop Off Site.



**5. 2014 Bike Commuter Challenge Results are In!** – The [www.NationalBikeChallenge.Org](http://www.NationalBikeChallenge.Org)



Commuter Challenge wrapped up on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Fitchburg's staff and elected officials placed 371<sup>st</sup> in national workplaces with 53,205 points/employee and 14 riders) and outrode Sun Prairie staff and elected officials (478<sup>th</sup>, 25,955 points/employee, and 5 riders), to retain the traveling trophy for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year. Top riders were: Fitchburg: Steve Arnold, David Hill, and Becky Baumbach: Sun Prairie: Nate Vergin, Tim Semmann, and John Krug. Nationally, Wisconsin kicked major tires this year. Madison was the top "community" (generally, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) with population over 200,000, Appleton was top in the 50,000-200,000 category, and Waterloo and Lake Mills were the top two in the 5000-50,000 range. Wisconsin surged to the top of the states, edging out Nebraska and Vermont!

Please note that Fitchburg's web page converted to a new format on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>®</sup>" 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!

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