



November 15th America Recycles Day

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The Ecology Action Center is sponsoring a variety of activities for this year's seventh annual America Recycles Day, Saturday, November 15th. Leading up to the event date, kids will get involved with recycling activities through the Girl Scouts patch program, junior high recycling contest, K-6 and 7-12 grade art competitions, and high school battery collection contest. Winners will be announced on Saturday, November 15th at the



America Recycles Day Fair, to be held at the Eastland Mall, 1-4 pm. The America Recycles Day Fair will also feature information and displays on programs such as the new paint, battery, and EZ-D recycling programs. An assortment of kid's activities, crafts, and projects will occur throughout the day. Everyone will also have a chance to fill out America Recycles Day pledge cards, vowing their commitment to recycling throughout the year which may also win you state and local prizes.



Get "Charged Up" About Recycling

The EAC, in conjunction with the Town of Normal, has recently launched a new battery recycling program through Batteries Plus. Since only a small percentage of batteries purchased for household use are rechargeable, thousands of them are thrown away everyday. Once they reach landfills, these batteries often leak or begin to decompose, allowing hazardous wastes such as nickel, mercury, lead, and alkalines to seep into the soil and, potentially, groundwater resources and rivers. These chemicals have been linked to such serious health problems as cancer, developmental disorders, and immune system deficiencies. To participate, take your used batteries to Batteries Plus, located at 2109 N. Veterans Parkway in Normal. Accepted batteries include: alkaline; AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt batteries; zinc-carbon and zinc-air batteries; lithium batteries; button cell batteries and rechargeable Ni-Cad batteries. Automobile and other lead-acid batteries are not accepted in this program, but are accepted by Batteries Plus. Batteries Plus is open 8 am-7 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am - 6pm on Saturday.

New Paint Recycling Program



The Illinois EPA now has a local partner helping in its "Partners for Waste Paint Solutions" program. For a small fee, area residents can drop off their unwanted or unused latex paint products at the Paint Depot, located at 2407 G.E. Road in Bloomington. Reusable paint will be reformulated by the Paint Depot for resale or donation. Any waste paint will be disposed of by the Illinois EPA in an environmentally sound manner. Paint can be dropped off at the Paint Depot from 7 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday. Fees are \$1 per quart or gallon can, and \$3 per 5 gallon can.

What's Happening at EAC...

Sugar Grove Nature Center Chautauqua

On October 11 and 12 Sugar Grove Nature Center will be sponsoring a Chautauqua from 10 am - 4 pm. This educational event is entitled "Voices from the Prairie," and will focus on the daily life of the woodland American Indians and French settlers from the 18th and 19th centuries. The grounds contain replicas of an early American Indian wigwam and wattle-and-daub hut. Activities include storytellers, stage performances, demonstrations, crafts, and lectures. Admission is \$5.

John Knoepfle to Read at Illinois Wesleyan

On Wednesday, November 19, the EAC will be sponsoring an event at which poet John Knoepfle is set to appear and read from his own poetry. Knoepfle has a long and distinguished career as a writer, a teacher, and a mentor to young poets. His work has been described as touching, incisive, and often humorous. The event will take place at 4:30 pm in the Bates-Merwin Reading Room of the Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University. Parking is available along Park Street, or in the lot east of it.

Yard Smart Program

The Yard Smart Campaign is planning to offer two certification categories for homeowners who use ecological practices in their yards. To be certified as "Safe from Harmful Chemicals," lawns must meet several criteria. Homeowners must avoid use of synthetic pesticides on lawns by implementing other organic practices. They must also conserve the use of natural resources like water and fossil fuels needed to maintain the lawn. To be certified as a "Healthy Habitat," lawns must meet all the qualifications for a "Safe from Harmful Chemicals" certification, as well as offer animals proper food, water, and shelter, through the use of a diverse range of plants.

Meet the Interns

Ericka Wills is finishing a double major in environmental studies and English literature as a senior at Illinois Wesleyan University. As an EAC writing intern, Ericka is working on articles and publications, while also making time to assist with the after-school programs

Brad Meyer is senior marketing major at ISU and a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. As a marketing intern at the EAC, Brad spends the majority of his time here working on preparations for January's Community Energy Expo, as well as creating fliers, making important phone calls, and updating everyone on Cubs scores.

Jamie Palmer is a senior biology major at Eureka College. Jamie is volunteering at the EAC through an internship at Mackinaw River Partnership. While here, Jamie will be working to develop programs for the EAC.

Jessica Satorius is a sophomore English studies major and a Presidential Scholar at ISU. While volunteering at the EAC, she has been assisting with the after-school programs, in addition to working on various newsletters and publications.

'03-'04 Board of Directors

At the September meeting of the EAC Board of Directors, new officers were voted in. Thanks to all the members who are willing to serve on our Board. Jo Porter, outgoing President was acknowledged for her many years of service.

Nancy Armstrong, President	
Linda Fuller, Vice-President	
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News from the Network...

Calendar of Environmental Events Fall 2003

- Living Upstream meetings are the first Monday of the month 5 pm at the EAC
 - EAC Board meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month 5 pm at the EAC
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October

- 2** Environmental Discovery Programs—
“Mount Everest Environmental Expedition”
Circus Room, Bone Student Center, ISU 7 pm
- 4** Deadline for JWP Audubon birdseed order forms and payment
- 5** JWP Audubon Sibley Grove field trip
Meet at Northeast corner of Menard’s parking lot off Veterans. 7 am
- 11** ParkLands Oak and Hickory Nut Collection
Meet at the Lexington Preserve. 9 am
- 11-12** Sugar Grove Nature Center Chautauqua
At Sugar Grove Nature Center, Funks Grove 10 am-5 pm
- 26** JWP Audubon trip to Rock Springs Park and Nature Center, Decatur
Meet at Highland parking lot. 7 am
- 31** JWP Audubon birdseed pickup
Pickup at east side of old Eureka plant (now Stahly’s) 1-5 pm

November

- 1** JWP Audubon birdseed pickup
Pickup at east side of old Eureka plant (now Stahly’s) 9 am-4 pm
- 8** ParkLands Exotic woody plant control
Meet at Merwin South Gate. 9 am
- 9** JWP Audubon Comlara Park field trip
Meet at Fairview Park parking lot. 7 am
- 15** America Recycles Day

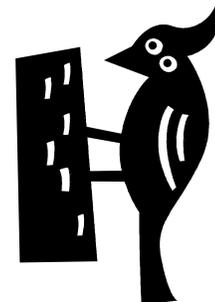
December

- 6** ParkLands Exotic woody plant control
Meet at Ridgetop Hill Prairie. 9 am

John Wesley Powell Audubon Bird Seed Sale

JWP Audubon is now conducting its annual bird seed sale. Proceeds from this sale go to support conservation and environmental education programs.

You can request an order blank and instructions by calling 454-3169 or 452-8086, or by downloading the forms from the website www.jwpaudubon.org. The deadline for orders and payment is October 4th. Pick-up will be on the east side of the old Eureka plant (now Stahly’s) on October 31 from 1-5 pm and November 1 from 9 am-4 pm.





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Community Energy Expo January 30, 2004



This free one-day expo is geared toward providing the community with information on a wide variety of energy issues. A series of seminars will be offered to educate business owners and residents about energy efficiency. Also, vendor displays will offer information about energy providing suggestions about what individuals and businesses can efficient products. The expo will focus on illustrating the financial benefits of energy efficiency, demonstrating how to evaluate energy use, and do to reduce energy use. For more information about the Community Energy Expo call Julie Elzanati at 454-3169.

Recycled Hand Chairs for Sale

Through November 15, the EAC will be taking orders for hand chairs such as the one which can be seen in our front lobby. These chairs can be used indoors or outdoors, come in a variety of colors, and make fantastic conversation pieces. And best of all, each one is made from 100% recycled plastic! Each chair costs \$75 for EAC members, and \$95 for non-members. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required with your order. Choose from purple, red, pink, blue, black, yellow, green, neon green, or dark granite. Delivery to the EAC is expected around December 14, so be sure to add one to your holiday gift list!

