



DEHC Newsletter

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MISSION: To tackle urban environmental health concerns with community-based education and organizing, leading to measurable improvements and a healthy environment for people who live and work in Dorchester.

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- St Marks Area Main Street
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- Torrey Street Neighborhood Group
- The Urban Ecology Institute
- Viet-American Initiative for Development
- State Representative Martin Walsh

Environmental Events in May

Here are just some of the activities in May...

Leaf Collection Saturdays May 1, 8, 15, and 22. Put leaves in open barrels or paper leaf bags, out on curb by 7 am, no plastic bags.

Neponset II Launch, May 6, seven-acre contaminated site, will be public greenspace. See www.dotnews.com for more.

Parks Action Resource Center (PARC) Forum, Saturday May 8, 8:30-2, Bunker Hill Community College. Keynote: Steve Frillman, Exec Dir, Green Guerillas of NYC. Call 617-426-7980 or smeehl@greenspacealliance.org.

LeadSafeHomes.info Website Rollout Event, Friday May 14, 10-12, Codman Square Tech Center, 450 Washington St. All invited.

Neighborwalk Kick Off, Saturday May 15, 8-10, Franklin Park near Shattuck Hospital. Music, refreshments. Call 617-534-5690 for more, or check www.bphc.org for groups walking near you.

Building Partnerships to Improve Air Quality, Saturday, May 15, 9-3, 830 Tremont St. A Conference to Promote Partnerships for Environmental Health, NO REGISTRATION FEE. Childcare available. RSVP by May 7, to Joyce Johnson at: joyce_johnson@hms.harvard.edu, (617) 432-1847

Urban Ecology Institute forum, "Improving Your Community through Education and Outreach", May 21, 10-1, Shirley-Eustis House.

RSVP to 617-552-0672, brokopp@bc.edu.

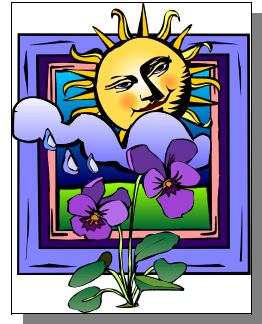
Boston Shines 2004, May 22, 8:30 to 2, rain or shine. City-wide neighborhood clean-up. Call 617-635-4500.

The Science of Environmental Justice Conference, May 24-26. Presented by EPA New England and the Boston University School of Public Health. For more information, call 617-918-1013 or Science_of_EJ_Conference@epa.gov.

Red Line Station Rehab Project Begins: Savin Hill to close for 8 months beginning May 9; shuttle bus between Ashmont and JFK/UMass on Memorial Day weekend only. Project involves Savin Hill, Fields Corner, Shawmut. Ashmont construction advertisement later this spring. See mbta.com or call 617-222-6757.

Community Foresters Program This summer, DEHC Youth EJ peer leaders will become active stewards of street trees along a one-mile stretch of Dorchester Avenue. Call 617-474-1478.

And save the date for ...Plant Yourself in the Park Day, Saturday, June 5th 9-3. Boston GreenSpace Alliance-sponsored city-wide event. Call 617-474-1442 for Dorchester locations where Plant Yourself in the Park events are planned, or visit www.bostonparks.org.



Facts about Water

- = 97% of the earth's water is salt water found in oceans and seas.
- = 38 billion gallons of water per day are processed for domestic and public use. Only 1% of the earth's water is available for drinking water, 2% is frozen.
- = A person should consume 2 1/2 quarts of water per day to maintain health.
- = You can refill an 8 oz. glass of water 15,000 times for the same cost as a six pack of soda!
- = 75% of the water used each day is used in the bathroom.
- = Some simple but important steps you can take to save water every day!
- = Fix leaky faucets, pipes, showerheads and plumbing fixtures. A dripping faucet wastes about 100 gallons of water a day.
- = Low-flow showerheads can save 20 to 40 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.

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