

Energy Meeting Agenda

Sustainable Concepts: Energy conservation, air pollution, global warming, fossil fuels

10 minutes Welcome/Attendance/Announcements

Please announce the following:

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

SUSTAINABLE WORKS Blogger Beach Clean-up

October 24, 2009

Santa Monica Beach at Ocean Park, between lifeguard stations 26 and 27

Meet at 4 pm; cleanup begins 4:20 pm; more fun ensues 4:40 until ?

Sustainable Works has just partnered with Siel of green LA girl and Sara Bayles of The Daily Ocean for the Blogger Beach Clean-up. We will clean the beach for 20 minutes, then mingle and mix with like-minded green Angelenos over drinks and yummys while plotting out a plan for our sustainable future.

All you need to do is show up, ready to pick up trash. You'll clean the beach - but only for 20 minutes (why only 20 minutes? Learn more about [The Daily Ocean's project](#)).

After that, you'll hear very brief invitations from local nonprofits for the next event that lets YOU make a difference in this whole big problem of climate change you've been hearing so much about.

Then you'll get to chill out, drink, and eat with your new friends while waxing lyrical about pristine beaches, clean waters, local craft beer....

350 FOR A SAFE CLIMATE FUTURE

OCTOBER 24, 2009

3 PM - MANHATTAN BEACH PIER

Join the Amazing Waving Human Tide Line

Climate change is already happening and now puts our children's' future at great risk. We must reduce the CO2 in our atmosphere to 350 ppm to avoid the worst impacts to their health, safety & quality of life. We can do it if we wake up and start today.

Bring your family and friends & be part of the Amazing Waving Human Tide Line. Let our leaders know we need serious climate action now.

LEARN MORE AND RSVP TO BE PART OF CLIMATE HISTORY:

www.350.org/Southbay350

LECTURE ON "CALIFORNIA ENERGY SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS"

Peter Asmus - environmental activist, renewable energy expert and author - will give a free talk at Santa Monica College on "California Energy: Sustainable Solutions for the 21st Century."

Thursday, Oct. 15

11:15 a.m. HSS Lecture Hall 165 on the main SMC campus, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The lecture is scheduled for Asmus' latest book, "Introduction to Energy in California," published by the University of California Press, is a primer on energy in a state that continues to lead the world in finding sustainable solutions to one of the most pressing issues of the 21st century.

Call (310) 434-4303 or go to www.smc.edu/associates.

Santa Monica College Environmental & Urban Issues Lecture Series

All programs start at **6:30pm** on **Wednesday nights** at the [Bundy Campus](#) and last at least one hour, plus a question and answer session.

October 14, Bundy 217: Imagining Clean and Efficient Transportation Systems

Transportation and air quality expert Erik Neandross shows us the future of advanced transportation technologies, alternative fuels, AND cleaner air.

October 21, Bundy 123: Introduction to Permaculture Design

Traci Reitz and Westside Permaculture Group show us the basics of ecologically inspired design and how to create sustainable human habitats for our communities with an emphasis on local food production.

Wells Bring Hope: A Project to Help Villages in Niger

Join us to hear from a group of local women who created a program (in just one year) that funded 12 wells in remote villages in Niger, one of the poorest countries in the world. It is a remarkable achievement because it changed lives immediately and profoundly. There will be a video and a talk by Barbara Goldberg from Wells Bring Hope Project.

Tuesday, October 13th

Bundy 335, 5-6:15 pm

Free Compost Workshop

Saturday, October 17, 2009

9 a.m. - 12 pm

Virginia Park @2200 Virginia Avenue (where the Pico Farmer's Market is!) in Santa Monica!

For more info contact Wes Thompson @ 310-458-8546

The Commute Can Wait - Stay to Play!

On three more Thursdays this October (15, 22 & 29), why not let the traffic wait? Stay in town after work or school and experience exclusive performances and discounts at some of our city's finest restaurants and theaters. Simply visit www.cometoworkstaytoplay.com, click on any of our "participating destinations" and choose a restaurant and/or performance that best suits you. This program was designed especially for you, the daily commuter to Santa Monica. If you have any questions about the program or how to participate please contact program director Justin Yoffe at 310-458-8634 or justin.yoffe@smgov.net.

Community Service Opportunities:

Specific Events

- Ballona Wetlands Trust- Community Clean-up and Restoration of Ballona Northeast
 - Saturday, November 14th
- Friends of Ballona Wetlands - planting native plants and removing invasive non-natives
 - Saturday, October 24
- Surfrider Foundation Beach Cleanup- Help make Topanga Beach clean and beautiful by collecting trash!
 - Saturday, November 14th, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Santa Monica Bay keeper - Invasive vegetation removal
 - Saturday, October 17th
 - Saturday, November 21st
- Children's Nature Institute - Volunteers will be helping to plant native species in Griffith Park. Tasks will include, raking, weeding, mulching, planting and watering
 - Sunday, October 18th
- Tree People – Million Trees LA Community Tree planting
 - Saturday, October 17th
- Phi Theta Kappa - Help run and organize E-waste collection booth
 - Thursday, October 15th
 - Thursday, October 22nd
 - Thursday, October 29th

Arrange Your Own Time

- Children's Nature Institute
 - Contact Allison Fuller at (310) 860-9484 x105 or Allison@cni-kids.org
- Meals on Wheels
 - Contact Joanna Vasquez at (310) 394-7558 or joannavasquez@mow@yahoo.com

- Farmer's Market School Salad Bars & Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District School Gardens
 - Contact Dona Richwine at drichwine@smmusd.org

20 minutes Sharing Water Reflections

*****Please take 10 minutes now to confirm that your Crew has completed the “Before” section of the Sustainability Survey and to answer any questions.**

- Crew members share one response from p. 56
- Crew leader asks how implementing water went
- Crew Leader collects water reflections
- Do Water Sustainability Quiz (The Prize is a Shower Timer)

10 minutes Sustainability Quiz

- Prize this week: CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light bulb)

35 minutes Topic Overview, Key Statistics, Solutions, Toolkits

Use Workbook, current events articles or youtube videos (if you like) to review topics and statistics

- Participants share main issues discussed in the Energy chapter
- Participants share thoughts on what impact they have on these issues and/or what surprised them most
- *Please recall that you can ask participants to go around in a circle to share their thoughts, if you have a quieter group in which students don't speak much*

OR

35 minutes Watch “An Inconvenient Truth” Update (25 minutes)

- Use discussion questions to start conversation after movie (10 minutes)

10 minutes Solutions

Review Energy solutions

- Solutions provide ways for Crew Members to do something about their impact. Review each Solution with Crew Members.
- As you discuss Solutions, use toolkit items and displays to illustrate Solutions
- Offer hand-outs and brochures to those who want them

Picking Energy Solutions to Implement

- Crew Members share which Solutions they will implement

5 minutes Homework reminder

- Implement Energy Solutions
- Write what you did and fill in your Energy reflections
- Read the Waste Chapter and highlight things you want to do or discuss at the next meeting
- Attend your community service opportunity if you signed up for this week