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SMART GROWTH

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EARTH WEEK APRIL 16 - 21

By Bridget Schwarz, Executive Director

Join Friends as we celebrate Earth Week! With all the doom and gloom about climate change, is there something to celebrate? Yes!

Our city, our county, our state, and the west coast all lead the country in earth friendly laws, practices and businesses. There's a lot of good stuff happening.

SO, we have scheduled a series of community forums to tell you all about these successes. And, sent you this newsletter to tell you all about our community forums:

- Local earth friendly businesses;
- Sustainable agriculture, transportation and energy practices.
- Green built home and commercial construction programs;
- City, county and state earth friendly laws and programs.

Friends of Clark County took the lead in organizing these local events. The panelists we have invited are all eager to share their expertise with you. The co-sponsors we have enlisted are all eager to do their part to make these events a success.

We also have 2 special events—a screening of the documentary "The Great Warming" and a speaker on "A Legal, Political & Moral Frame for Global Warming."

NOW we hope you will make it all worthwhile with your participation! Complete information on our many Earth Week events is in this newsletter.

SAVE planet earth - it's the only one with chocolate!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Clark County is a nonprofit, membership-based organization creating, educating and empowering advocates for Smart Growth.

Our mission is to conserve and protect Southwest Washington's quality of life.

FoCC MEMBERSHIP

Please join/renew your membership using the order form in this newsletter. We need your support to help cover the costs of our meetings, newsletters, public forums, research and to continue our vital work protecting your quality of life in Clark County.

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**BUILT GREEN
COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007
@ NOON
Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital
2211 NE 139th Street Room C-D

Co-sponsor: Legacy Salmon Creek
FoCC host: Sydney Reibick

Moderator: Timothy Buckley
Greenstone Architecture

PANELISTS:

Annette Cleveland, Legacy Salmon Creek
Top 10 green built hospital in the US
Pete DuBois, Clark County
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Zero energy building project
Vicki Vanneman, Firstenburg Center
Firstenburg Center L.E.E.D. certification
Casey Wykoff, LSW Architects
Zero energy buildings

**BUILT GREEN
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007
@ 7 pm
Michael Servetus UU Fellowship
4505 East 18th Street

Co-sponsors: Michael Servetus UU Fellowship; Sierra Club
FoCC host: Linda Wolfe

Moderator: Patty Page
MSUUF Green Team

PANELISTS:

Bruce Carter, Clark Public Utilities
The Columbian Energy Advisor
Brandon Tauscher
Project Green Build

LOCAL EARTH FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007
@ NOON

Water Resource Education Center
4600 SE Columbia Way

Co-sponsor: Water Resource Education Center
FoCC host: Sydney Reisbick

Moderator: *TBA*

PANELISTS:

Lisa Beranek, Clark Public Utilities
Wildlife Stewards, Stream Team
Jennie Breslow, Burgerville USA
Nationally recognized practices
Pam Brokaw, ACE Executive Director
Affordable Community Environment
Sally Fisher, Clark County
Community events, i.e. recycled art
Jim LaLone, Bi-O-Kleen
Nationally distributed products
Casey Wykoff, LSW Architects
Zero energy building design

NATURE'S TRUST

Friends of Clark County
Clark Conservation Voters
Clark College Student Life
Sierra Club

Present Mary Christina Wood

Philip H. Knight Professor of Law
Morse Center Resident
Scholar 2006-07
University of Oregon School of Law

Nature's Trust: A Legal, Political and
Moral Frame for Global Warming

Saturday, April 21st, 3:30pm
The Fireside Room
Penguin Student Union Building
Clark College

Refreshments will be served;
Music by Spur of the Moment

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007
@ 7 pm

Clark County Licensing Office
1408 Franklin

Co-sponsor: WSU Master Gardeners
FoCC host: Val Alexander

Moderator: Dr Charles Brun.
Washington State University Extension

PANELISTS:

Vance Corum,
Farmer's Markets America
Community Choice 2010 food access
Bev Doty
Permaculture gardening
Anne Lawrence, Storytree Farm
Community Supported Agriculture
Sunrise O'Mahoney, Vancouver Co-op
Locally grown & organic foods
Kathi Silveria, Clark County
Master Composters

DOCUMENTARY: "The Great Warming"

Friday, April 20 at 7 PM
Clark County Public Service Center
6th floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin

EARTH WEEK RALLY

Saturday, April 14th
1:00—3:00
Esther Short Park
8th and Columbia Street
in downtown Vancouver

Jill Sughrue of Sustain NW, who has
been trained by Al Gore, will speak.

Recycleman (Pete DuBois) and the
Dumpsters Divers will provide lively
entertainment at this family friendly
event.

See you there!

KOOB DOOG A *

By Pat Jolotta

In a Sunburned Country
Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson, everybody's favorite travel writer, has taken on Australia in this new book.

I've just returned from there, and he has nailed it. Australia is today possibly the most ecologically minded country in the world because of the disastrous mistakes that they have made in their history.

As you read, the vastness and isolation of that continent country comes through. Their density is 1.8 people per square mile, but they're almost all around the edges.

He describes the end results of the rabbit importation in the south, but misses their plans for the future.

For instance, they have just outlawed incandescent light bulbs. They have five years to replace fixtures. Nonetheless, it is a terrific read for your summertime leisure.

Editor's note: Next time you see Pat, ask her about the Koala with chlamydia she rescued down under.

** OK, that's a good book spelled backwards.*

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Measure your household impact on green house gas emissions. Use this personal impact calculator:

<http://reference.aol.com/planet-earth/global-warmcalculator>

* a web site we recommend

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT EARTH FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007
@ 7 PM

Clark County Public Service Center
6th floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin

Co-sponsor: Clark County Public Works
FoCC host: Lora Caine

Moderator: Pete Capell
Director, Clark County Public Works

PANELISTS:

Cary Armstrong, Clean Water program
Gary Bock, Watershed Stewards, Nontoxic cleaning
Pat Lee, Conservation Lands program
Jim Mansfield, Hazardous waste, household recycling, C.R.E.A.M electronics recycling
Kendra Pearce, Naturally Beautiful Backyards
Kathi Silveria, Master Composters program
John Tyler, Endangered Species program

CITY OF VANCOUVER EARTH FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007
@ NOON

Vancouver City Hall
Council chambers, 210 east 13th Street

Co-sponsor: City of Vancouver
FoCC host: Derek Chisholm

Moderator: Tim Leavitt
Vancouver City Council

PANELISTS:

Steve Burdick, L.E.E.D.
Ryan Durocher, Urban Forestry program
Tanya Gray, Solid Waste program
Tim Haldeman,
Laura Hudson, US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement
Marian Lahave, Critical areas ordinances
Rhonda Morgan,

STATE OF WASHINGTON EARTH FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007
@ NOON

Clark County Public Service Center
6th floor hearing room, 1300 Franklin

Co-sponsor: Washington State University
FoCC host: Russ Freeland

Moderator: Jim Jacks
Office of the Governor

PANELISTS:

The legislature will not recess in time so staff will report on :
Climate change economic impacts study;
Climate change water supply impacts study;
Fuel economy and vehicle emission standards;
Electronics recycling;
Built green regs for state and school buildings

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, April 19, 2007
@ 7 PM

Clark Public Utilities
Meeting room. 1200 Fort Vancouver Way

Co-sponsor: Clark Public Utilities
FoCC host: Linda Wolfe

Moderator: Bruce Carter
Clark Public Utilities

PANELISTS:

Kathy Finkle, Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency
Impacts on clean air
Ronda Peck, C-Tran
Bio fuels bus
??, FlexCar
hybrid cars, flex cars
Quinn Fahey, SeSequential
bio-diesel & ethanol fuels
April Putney, FutureWise
Impacts of sprawl

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By Pat Jolotta

Collapse (How Societies Choose
to Fail or Succeed)
Jared Diamond

Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize author of *Guns Germs and Steel*, has done it again. He has juxtaposed similar societies, from the South Pacific to Greenland and demonstrates why some collapsed, others are still thriving. He also shows those places that are in danger of collapse, from Montana to Australia.

My favorite line in the book goes something like this..."Did the man who cut down the last tree on Easter Island exclaim, 'Is it trees or jobs?!'"

Food for thought is in those societies which came close to collapse. As did Japan. Due to the competition between the Samurai in building bigger and bigger houses, the forests of that country were vanishing. The emperor forbade any further construction and began replanting the destroyed forests. Hmmmmm.

* *OK, that's a good book spelled backwards.*

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How much productive land and water (i.e. nature) is necessary to support your lifestyle?

Take this ecological footprint quiz and find out:
<http://www.earthday.net/footprint>

* a web site we recommend

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... AND THEN THE MAGIC, POLKA-DOTTED OWL GATHERED ALL THE TOWN'S PEOPLE AROUND IT AND SAID:

"JOIN, NOW, OUR FLOATING CIRCLE OF WIND AND FIRE, REMEMBERING THE BEAUTY AND FRAGILITY OF THE EARTH EACH APRIL 22ND. HENCE FORTH, IT SHALL BE KNOWN AS EARTH DAY."

Wow!

THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED.— EARTH DAY WAS STARTED BY A SENATOR FROM WISCONSIN AND A BUNCHA HIPPIES.

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I HEARD THIS FROM HIPPIES.

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