

THE Eco MOSQUITO

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS AND EVENTS AT HSPH AND BEYOND

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Take a stroll in Boston in April and you'll see people in flip flops and boots, tank tops and down jackets, all sharing the same sidewalk. Whether you're determined to get that first good dose of vitamin D, or you're waiting until the coast is really clear to put away your winter clothes, spring is finally here!

GREEN TIPSTER



An unoccupied elevator requires less energy to rise than a full one. That makes sense, but has it ever dissuaded you from hopping in since "it's going up anyway"? Next time you need motivation to take the stairs, remember that elevators account for up to 15% of an average building's energy use, and decreasing the weight they carry by half can result in up to 60% energy savings.

DON'T MISS THIS!

There are so many Earth Day events at HSPH that we decided it would be best to call it **Earth Week** instead! Here's what's in store:

Monday, **April 22**: For the love of delicious fish, Jake Kritzer treats us to a talk entitled "**Sustainable Fisheries in a Changing Climate**: On Cod and Coral Reefs" at 4 pm in Kresge 204.

Tuesday, **April 23**: Spend your lunch *brake* with Nicole Freedman, Director of Boston Bikes, as she presents "**Boston: The Road to Becoming Bicycle-Friendly**" at 12:30 pm in Kresge 502. *Wheel* promise you a good time!

Wednesday, **April 24**: Don't miss the annual **HSPH Sustainability Fair** outside the cafeteria from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. You'll find sporks for sale, CFL bulb collection, treats, and lots of great vendors and organizations. Take the Stairs participants can pick up their appreciation gifts and raffle winners can pick up their prizes.

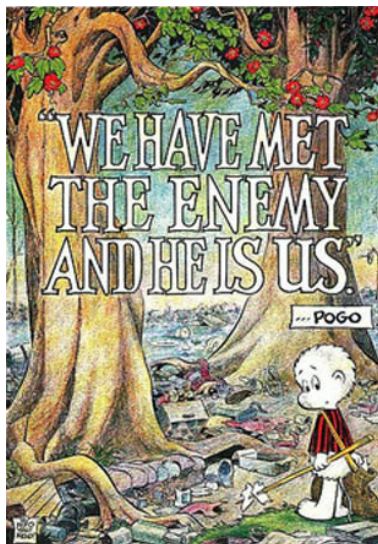
Thursday, **April 25**: In case you didn't get enough raffles, food, and cool stuff to look at, HMS is having their own **Sustainability Fair** in the Courtyard Café from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. HSPH crashers are more than welcome!

Friday, **April 26**: Alex Lu is generating a lot of buzz with his lecture on **Honeybees and Colony Collapse Disorder** at 12:30 pm in FXB G11.



After such a successful fair last fall, the Harvard Longwood Bicyclists are up to it again with a **Spring Bike Fair** on **May 7** from 12-2 pm on the Quad. Tune-ups, raffles, fun!

What's Round and Blue and Hosts Billions of Life Forms?



When we put it that way, don't you agree that the Earth deserves its own holiday? This April 22 marks the 43rd annual Earth Day. Seeing as how it was first celebrated in 1970, we may assume that Earth Day was started by a bunch of tree-hugging hippies, right? Wrong! The Earth Day movement was actually coordinated as a bipartisan effort by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. While Senator Nelson was surely an environmentalist, we didn't find much evidence that he was a hippie. The Earth Day movement stemmed from the general discontent from folks all

around the US over environmental issues like oil spills and air pollution. Democrats, Republicans, and environmentalists all came together (imagine that!) to coordinate and promote a national day of environmental observance in the form of teach-ins at thousands of universities and schools around the nation. More than 20 million people turned out to peacefully demonstrate in favor of environmental reform (and it's probably safe to assume that many of them were, in fact, hippies). The first Earth Day was a huge success and led to the formation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the later passage of the Clean Air, Clear Water, and Endangered Species Acts. Today, Earth Day is celebrated by more than a billion of your fellow Earthlings, so get in the spirit and show your home some love!

Heard Around the School

Last month we asked you to tell us what bad habit you're giving up for Earth Week, and here's what you said you're happy to go without:

- Plastic grocery store produce bags. I have reusable produce bags that I always forget to bring to the store with me. I vow to remember from now on!
- No more leaving chargers plugged in all the time, even when I'm not charging my phone or computer.
- Buying less new clothing and more second hand clothing from thrift stores.
- Unnecessary waste! I'll turn off lights when leaving an empty room, and stop running unnecessary water.
- I pledge to use my to-go mug when purchasing coffee.
- As cleaning supplies run out, I'll replace them with greener options.



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