



THE **Eco Mosquito**

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS AND EVENTS AT HARVARD AND BEYOND

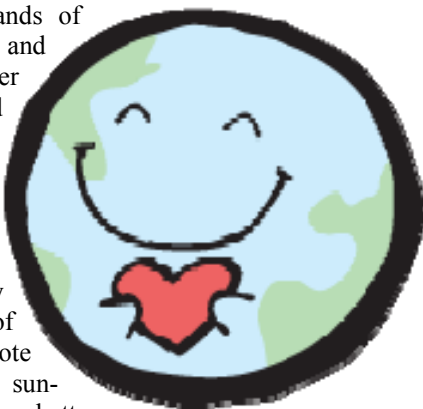
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Love and snow are in the air! What a great combination for Valentine's Day. Ahhh, the perfect weather for curling up with your sweetie on the couch—and by “your sweetie”, we mean Netflix!

Love, and Other Such Things

Here at the Eco Mosquito, we're not exactly suckers for Valentine's Day, but we do appreciate the reminder that now and again it's a good idea to demonstrate one's love. But, no doubt like many past or present lovers, we let the date slip away from us this year. Instead of making it up to you with discount roses, how about some warm thoughts about love to make your bathroom break a bit more enjoyable? Here are the thoughts of astronomer Carl Sagan, upon seeing an image of Earth from 6 billion kilometers away:

“Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer,...every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there—on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam...There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.”



DID YOU KNOW?

We'd like to send a shout-out to the Harvard University Police Department, who in 2013 transitioned its fleet of marked patrol cars to fuel-efficient Ford Fusion hybrids and electric vehicles. In doing so, they raised their average fuel economy to an impressive ~40 MPG! HUPD also purchased two 3-wheelers which are basically “zero emissions all-electric scooters” that cost about 10 cents a day to use and look like a lot of fun. Beyond just saving money, the new green fleet takes environmental awareness to a very visible level. The fleet conversion was funded by a Harvard Green Revolving Fund interest-free loan administered by the Office for Sustainability and Campus Services, which supports cost-effective, environmentally beneficial projects on campus.



Hey, Hardcore Bikers!

We know you're out there. We've seen you on the snow-clogged streets of Boston, plowing through the slush with your fat winter tires. We salute you! Your bravery and immunity to the cold deserve to be rewarded, so here are a few contests you should enter:

FOLLOW MASCO ON TWITTER (@MASCOLMA)

They are giving away a \$50 gift card each month to a new Twitter follower. Maybe it will be you? Maybe it won't, but you'll enjoy their tweets nonetheless.

SUBMIT A STORY OR VIDEO TO KARMA COMMUTING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AIRLINE TICKETS

Go on, get outta here—go someplace warm! See www.karmacommuting.com for contest details

SUBMIT WINTER CYCLING PHOTOS TO THE MASSCOMMUTE BICYCLE CHALLENGE

Email winter cycling photos to bicyclechallenge@masscommute.com throughout February – they'll be posted to the [MassCommute Bicycle Challenge Facebook](#) page, and the two photographers with the most ‘likes’ at the end of the month will win five extra raffle tickets at this year's Bike Bash in May. That means you could win something awesome!

