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no impact project

The Cool Davis Initiative is Sponsoring a Showing of the "No Impact Man" Film

By Alan Pryor

On February 23, the Cool Davis Initiative will co-sponsor a free showing of the delightfully funny film, "No Impact Man", at 7:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Theater, 203 E. 14th Street, Davis - next to Davis High School. The Sundance-selected film chronicles the year-long adventures and foibles of a young New York City couple and their toddler as they attempt to reduce their carbon footprint to the lowest possible level.

For Colin Beavan, the decision to completely eliminate his personal impact on the environment for a full year means eating vegetarian, buying only local food, and turning off the refrigerator. It also means no elevators, no television, no cars/buses/airplanes, no toxic cleaning products, no electricity, no material consumption, and no garbage. No problem – at least for Colin – but he and his family live in Manhattan. So when his espresso-guzzling, retail-worshipping wife Michelle and their two-year-old daughter are dragged into the fray, the family's No Impact Year has an unforeseen impact of its own.

The evening will include a short program hosted by Davis Mayor Joe Krovoza followed by the film. RSVP for free tickets: <http://noimpactproject.org/news/events/>.

While the program and screening are free, those who RSVP will be accommodated before those without a reservation. FYI: Email addresses will only be used for ticket delivery and follow-ups for this project. No addresses will be sold or spammed.

The film is the kickoff to the Cool Davis Low Impact Week Challenge, a community wide effort to encourage everyone to practice some simple, concrete, and positive steps every day for a week that can help them live happier, healthier lives and reduce their carbon impact, too. To learn more about the Challenge, go to www.cooldavis.org

or look for daily articles in the Enterprise in late February.



The mission of the Cool Davis Initiative - created by a network of residents, businesses, the City of Davis, and local groups - is to inspire our community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to a changing climate, and improve the quality of life for all, while having fun.

Global Climate Change is the most pressing environmental problem facing our planet. Come and see the inspiring film and participate in the follow-up events. No Impact Man will make you laugh and feel really good about taking the steps we all need to undertake in order to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Co-sponsors include the City of Davis, Cool Davis Initiative, No Impact Project (noimpactproject.org), and others yet to be announced.

CDI Core Group Member Honored

In December, the Brinley Award Committee announced that Dorothy Peterson, a Core Group member of the Cool Davis Initiative, was the recipient of the Brinley Award 2010 which goes to a Davis resident for outstanding service in a particular area, such as arts, education or health. After serving a dedicated career as a teacher, Dorothy explained, "Once retired, I felt that I was entering the most productive part of my life and feeling that I had contributions yet to give the community. Taking my love of nature and agriculture to the next level has been a passion that



Dorothy at the Cool Davis Green Living Festival 10-10-10 Photo by John Johnson

was recognized by the committee for the 2010 Brinley Award. I am humbled and I feel so valued." In addition to joining the CDI, Dorothy has been involved with Project RISE (Recycling is Simply Elementary), the Davis Farm To School Connection (which helps bring fresh produce from local farms into school lunches), Davis Farmers Market Foundation, Green Schools Initiative, and other efforts. Her networking abilities have been invaluable to the CDI.



Tips for a sustainable Valentine's Day

As many of us run off to purchase flowers, sweets and that sentimental card for the one we love, most of the items purchased will simply end up in the landfill a week later. So how can you reduce waste but still keep your sweetie feeling loved and remembered? Valentine's Day can be both romantic and sustainable. Here's how:

1. Purchase organic flowers and compost them
2. Plant a tree together
3. Buy organic , fair trade chocolate
4. Hand make a card or better yet a coupon for a massage that can be regifted
5. Make dinner using fresh produce from your local farmers market

Your thoughtfulness will be remembered by both your loved one and the environment.

More Plastics Accepted for Recycling in Davis

By Jennifer Gilbert - Conservation Coordinator

Davis Waste Removal (DWR) has expanded their facility and will now accept all rigid plastics #1 - #7 in the recycling carts!

Not long ago, plastic recyclers categorized a new group of plastics called rigid plastics. Davis Waste Removal took advantage of this new market, and in 2007 started accepting these rigid plastics for free drop-off at their recycling center 2727 2nd Street. Once the market proved to be long term, DWR started looking into expanding their recycling center. They recently purchased new sorting machinery to allow them to process rigid plastics. Now they can accept rigid plastics in the recycling carts.

"This is a big leap forward for the recycling program," said Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator for the City of Davis, "this is very exciting." A RIGID PLASTIC is any plastic that is stiff, as opposed to FILM PLASTICS, such as plastic bags, film and wrap. The plastics that are now acceptable for recycling include all plastic containers with a #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 or #7 recycling symbol, as well as other rigid plastic items such as toys, laundry baskets, buckets, caps & lids, food storage containers, flower pots, nursery trays, children's outdoor plastic toys (sandboxes, slides, play kitchens), plastic clothes hangers, CD cases, CDs, DVDs, disposable plastic utensils, large reusable water bottles, clean PVC pipe (no dirt), plastic outdoor furniture, and other household items.

In order to produce a clean recycling product, please recycle only clean plastics without metal, ceramics or dirt. The lid of the recycling cart must be able to close; any item that cannot fit in the cart should be taken to the recycling center at 2727 2nd Street for free 24/7 recycling drop off.

Not everything made of plastic can be thrown into a recycling cart. "Film plastics" such as plastic bags, plastic film and plastic wrap should NOT be placed in the recycling carts. Some plastic grocery bags have a #2 recycling symbol on them, but this does NOT mean that they are recyclable in your recycling cart. The number in the recycling symbol on a plastic product only indicates what type of plastic the item is made from, not whether or not it's recyclable. Most municipal recycling systems do not accept plastic bags for recycling. The bags clog the sorting machinery and are easily contaminated by other materials in a recycling cart. "Plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery stores," says Gilbert, "but even they do not want wet or dirty plastic bags." Styrofoam™ Brand Foam and other expanded polystyrene items such as packing peanuts and take-out food packing cannot be placed in the recycling cart. These items will often have a number 6 recycling symbol on them, but unlike regular polystyrene #6 plastic, the expanded polystyrene is not considered a rigid plastic and is not accepted for recycling in the recycling carts. Other plastics not accepted for recycling include hoses, tires, electronics, and biodegradable or compostable "plastic" items (cups, plates, utensils, etc. made of corn, potato or other material that is designed to be compostable or biodegradable).

Davis Waste Removal continues to offer free 24-hour drop-off of the following recyclables at their 2727 2nd Street Recycling Center: cardboard, plastics #1 - #7, aluminum cans, tin foil, paper, glass bottles, steel cans, scrap metal and used motor oil and oil filters.

If you have questions about what material you can place in your recycling cart, check out the online Recyclopeda at www.davisrecycling.org, or contact the City Recycling Program at pwweb@cityofdavis.org or 757-5686.



You Never know...

Last Spring, Eldridge and Judy Moores hosted the MacQueens, their Canadian friends, and took them on a tour of Davis including the Farmers Market, Glacier Circle, and Village Homes. In December, the Moores received a note that the MacQueens had gone home to Calgary so inspired by Davis, that they joined a co-housing initiative of 20 couples and hope to build a community using sustainable ideas they learned here. Chalk one up for "green" Davis.



Holiday Trash by Judy Moores

The last few years when we opened presents on Christmas morning at our daughter's home in Virginia, the living room soon became a paper recycling bin. This December, we deliberately brought our gifts in cloth bags, and my daughter's family wrapped theirs in cloth. So on Christmas Day, after opening a great pile of presents, we accumulated only one bag of wrapping to recycle rather than the usual eight. Instead, we collected a small sack of ribbons and a pile of cloth and cloth bags all for reuse next year. The difference was striking.

Greenest Presidents in History

Politicians and environmentalists don't often see eye to eye but sometimes it helps to remember that some of our past presidents have made significant contributions in the protection of our environment. In honor of the upcoming President's Day holiday here are a handful of president's that are worth remembering.



Jimmy Carter: Mr. Carter's passion for the environment lives on today. He was a role model for many of us to try to emulate. During office, Carter installed solar panels on the White house, he created the Department of Energy with the hope that he could encourage the use of alternative fuels and signed the Soil and Water Conservation Act, Endangered American Wilderness Act and the Superfund Act into law.

Teddy Roosevelt: His love of nature inspired him to push congress to set aside and protect 150 million acres of timberland, turning these areas into public domain. In addition, he helped create 50 wildlife refuges and 5 National Parks and created the US Forest Service.

Richard Nixon: No, Watergate had nothing to do with the environment but he did create the Environmental Protection Agency and Clean Air Act as well as the Endangered Species Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act.

Woodrow Wilson: Wlson may not have accomplished or passed as many green initiatives as some Presidents but he did found the National Park Service and also supported and pushed the Smith_Lever Act of 1914.

Our current President may very well be included on the list in the near future with his own work on the sustainability standard he is setting for Federal agencies. To read about this executive order by President Obama visit www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office

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