

Our speaker for the April 5th Gathering [one week early due to Easter Sunday] will be Susan Casey who has been involved with P-Patches, composting, transportation issues and parks since 1985 in the Seattle area. She served on Friends of P-Patch [including as chair] for over 10 years.

<http://www.urbansparks.org/inspiration/profiles/susan.php>

Please check our website for updated information about upcoming Gatherings and other events, plus lots of helpful links and information. <http://www.sustainableburien.org/>

Here's a brief recap of the March 8 gathering.

Our guest speaker was Diana Crane, Director of Sustainability at PCC Natural Markets. She talked about PCC's philosophy of sustainability and how it has 3 critical components for them. Environmental, economic and social responsibility. It needs to be cost effective, and PCC has been able to do some very impressive things. One of their stores that is in a remodeled building is Gold LEED certified, another that is new construction is platinum. http://www.pccnaturalmarkets.com/locations/ed_ecofeatures.html

Many of the methods involved will save them money in the long run. They also started and continue to work with the PCC Farmland Trust, an independent 501 (c) (3) land trust.

Community Garden:

We had some more discussion about getting one started, and an additional meeting was planned for Thursday March 19 to talk about it in more depth.

July 4th Bike Event:

We're going to contact the race coordinator for the Joe Matava Memorial Classic Criterium in Burien to see if we can utilize some of the race signage to organize a community bike ride on the new bike paths in the Burien area.

Logo:

Work is being done on some edits for the final 2 candidates that were selected for the Sustainable Burien Logo.

Strawberry Festival:

It looks like our booth will be 2-3 spaces.

Jean is collecting same 4" containers for the wild strawberries that we will pass out at the Strawberry festival. Please bring in containers to the monthly meetings between April and June.

Kelly is creating a sign-up sheet for volunteer shifts for the 2 days of the Festival, Saturday, June 20 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday June 21 10 AM to 5 PM.

Andrea volunteered to provide information pamphlets on Composting, Recycling and Native Plants.

Emelie will contribute information about backyard habitats.

Bob E. will contribute tables for the booth.

Suzanne will coordinate the Food Pod to do Lettuce Bowl demonstrations and information about gleaning fruit trees in the area.

Kevin will coordinate the Composting and Recycling Stewards.

Several people will be creating an interactive map of Burien.

Other items:

Jacqui announced an upcoming Earth Hour on March 28th that promotes climate change. This is a worldwide effort. For additional information visit: <http://www.earthhourus.org/main.php>

Burien Meaningful Movies - Becca is hosting a monthly movie night at her home on the second Friday of each month starting Friday April 10. She is requesting suggestions for movies. See the movies section of the website for details and contact information. <http://www.sustainableburien.org/events.html#movie>

The Green Festival will be in Seattle March 28-29: <http://www.greenfestivals.org/seattle/>

Northwest Seed is having a series of Solar related classes in the next few months. The Solar Primer Class will be held in Burien at the ERAC on Thursday April 23. About half the seats are already taken, the class is free but registration is required. <http://solarprimerapril23.eventbrite.com/>

Help save our parks from invasive plants. There are work parties from 10 AM to Noon in Shorewood Park on the third Saturday of each month and in Seahurst Park on the fourth Saturday of each month. Details and exact locations are on this page: <http://www.seahurstpark.org/volunteer.html>