

Green Living Newsletter

Combining Community Living with Green Living



Welcome back to the fifth issue of the Green Living Newsletter! This month's issue focuses on the history of Earth Day and ECO's Earth week events. Also, check out the energy contest section, February's results are in!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Earth Day, A History

It took one person to say it, "What do we think we're doing?!" It took 6 years to come up with the idea and another year to put on the first demonstration. I'm talking about former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, the man who founded Earth Day.

In 1963, Senator Nelson began to worry about the direction we were heading in as a society and the effects it was having on the Earth. The President himself, John F. Kennedy, began a tour to speak out about conservation, but it was unsuccessful. Undaunted, Senator Nelson continued his own touring to speak about the environment and issues surrounding it.

Six years later an idea came to Senator Nelson...Earth Day. He announced that in the Spring of 1970, that there would be a nationwide demonstration on behalf of the environment and everyone was invited to participate.

Once the word got out the fire spread and Earth Day took on a life of its own. A living, breathing creature was born and it was not to be stopped.

On April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was held. Over 20 million Americans participated in the very first Earth Day of our nation. In 1990, Earth Day went global.



It took one person to say something and present an idea of change. Earth Day doesn't just have to be one day out of the year, everyday can be Earth Day.



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN River Falls

Earth Week

April 20-April 25

- Monday, April 20 **Earth Week Extravaganza**
11:00am-4:00pm in the UC
- Tuesday, April 21 **All Campus Cleanup**
5:00pm at the UC Entrance
- Wednesday, April 22 **"Drive to Not Drive"**
7:30am-4:00pm in front of the UC
Nate Hagens Presents
"The Oil Drum"
7:00-9:00pm in the UC Theater
- Thursday, April 23 **Prairie Grass Planting**
5:00pm at the UC Entrance
- Saturday, April 25 **Earth Day Event at Freedom Park**
in Prescott from 10:00am-4:00pm



February Energy Contest Results

Hall	Electricity	Water	Steam
Hathorn	-14%	-4%	-9%
Stratton	-9%	-12%	-12%
Prucha	-10%	-9%	9%
May	-15%	-17%	-5%
Johnson	-16%	-2%	32%
McMillan	-9%	21%	19%
Grimm	-14%	-18%	-10%
Crabtree	-13%	-5%	-12%
Parker	-3%	8%	-67%
South Fork	-8%	-4%	11%

Energy contest results for Spring semester will be added to a special edition of the Green Living Newsletter.

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