

Our vision is to build a city and region in which the growth of today fosters the economic, social, and environmental prosperity of tomorrow.

News

The Allied Alternative Energy Bowling GREEN Tour a huge success! 45 people participated in the day, including the bus tour, several who joined the tour for the afternoon session, and three on the bicycle tour. A special thanks to all who helped to sponsor and host the event, including Heather Age, Vice President of Allied Alternative Energy; Valerie Brown, President/CEO and Rob Atnip, Facilities Manager of Service One Credit Union; Marissa Butler, Public Relations Director BG Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; Don Sargent, Communications Specialist, Warren Co. Public Schools; Molly Kerby and Benita Bartley, Owners, Greener Groundz Café; Crystal Harrison, BGGreen Partnership; Dr. Kevin Schmaltz, Engineering faculty and host for WKU Biofuel facility; Christian Ryan-Downing, WKU Sustainability Coordinator; Forrest Halford, WKU Bookstore Dept. Manager and coordinator of the bicycle tour; Montie Brown MGB General Contracting; and Trish Sowell and Dr. Terry Wilson, Center for Environmental Education and Sustainability.

[White House Leading the Way in Sustainability: Blog post by Nancy Sutley, October 5, 2009](#)

President Obama has signed an Executive Order on Federal Sustainability which challenges agencies to lead by example in energy and environmental performance and gives them 90 days to set a 2020 greenhouse reduction goal. It also sets targets for efficient, sustainable buildings, petroleum use reduction in fleets, water efficiency, waste reduction, purchasing green technologies and product, and supporting sustainable communities. By fulfilling this Executive Order, the Federal government will demonstrate that economic performance and a healthy environment go hand-in-hand. And by putting Federal purchasing power to work – more than \$500 billion per year in goods and services – the government can build on the momentum of the Recovery Act to help turn good entrepreneurial ideas into great American enterprises that create jobs.

Crystal Harrison, our new Communications and Outreach specialist, has been developing BGGreen's Facebook and Twitter pages; she discovered that Governor of CA Arnold Schwarzenegger is now following us on Twitter!

Events

This Weekend

[Kentucky Conservation Committee Annual Meeting](#) on Saturday October 17th in the Green Building, 732 E. Market Street in Louisville. Representative Joni L. Jenkins (D House District 44 and Representative Mary Lou Marzian (D) House District 34 will be speaking and taking questions at the KCC annual meeting at the The topic of their talk will be the new Kentucky Environmental Legislative Caucus. There will also be panels on Land Stewardship Conservation and Sustainable Energy in Kentucky. To register visit www.kyconservation.org.

[Kentucky Waterways Alliance Annual Meeting](#) After KCC's annual meeting, you can drive a short distance to the Louisville Nature Center, 3745 Illinois Avenue, Louisville to enjoy a nice walk around the trails until 5:30 when Kentucky Waterways Alliance will begin their annual meeting. Join KWA for a social reception with beer and wine, followed by dinner catered by Wiltshire Pantry. Cost for dinner is \$25. The evening will feature a panel discussion about the Kentucky Aquatic Resource Fund – a partnership that will provide funding for priority projects aimed at protecting aquatic resources within the state. Click [here](#) for directions and to download a printable registration form.

The [Bluegrass Bioneers Conference](#) is a unique 3-day festival for innovation in sustainability that will take place at U of L's Rauch Planetarium (108 W. Brandeis Avenue) on October 16-18. The festival includes three days of speakers (both live and simulcast from the main Bioneers Conference in California), interactive workshops, films, and great performances to **inspire, enlighten, and transform**. Sessions will cover issues like mountaintop removal and other mining issues, green media, sustainable agriculture, land use & transportation, green building, environmental education, policy & activism. Visit www.bb2009.org for more information and a complete schedule. The event is FREE.

Director Tom FitzGerald of the Kentucky Resources Council will be speaking on Sat. 11-11:50 am on "*Environmental Policy 101: Mining, Energy and A New Power Policy*" and on Sunday afternoon KRC will facilitate a half-hour policy action event on how the public can help in curbing radical mining abuses and cause a shift in energy policy in Kentucky.

Sa Oct. 24 International Day of Climate Change. See 350.org for more information.
Sa-Su Oct 24-25 Bluegrass GreenExpo, Heritage Hall at Lexington Center Workshops, Sustainability Street, renewable energy exhibits, kids' expo, art, music food, bluegrassgreenworks.org/bluegrass-greenexpo
F-Sa Nov 6-7 Healthy Foods, Local Farms Conference www.healthyfoodslocalfarmsconference.org/
Th Nov 12 Grand Opening Service One Credit Union LEED Building, details to come

Articles

[Annual tour explores BG's 'green' achievements](#) BG Daily News, 10/4/09

[Horse Cave gets state's first foam recycling drop-off](#) BG Daily News, 10/9/09

As communities across the nation embrace recycling, Horse Cave is the first area in the state to go foam.

[Cleansing the Air at the Expense of Waterways](#) By Charles Duhigg, NY Times, 10/13/09

Coal plants are moving to scrub pollutants from their smokestacks, but the contaminants are increasingly finding their way into water instead.

[The Farm Bill's Clean Energy Programs](#) The 2002 Farm Bill created programs to help farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses invest in wind power, biofuels, solar power, energy efficiency improvements and other clean energy technologies.

[Electric Cars You Can Buy Now](#), Solar Today, Fall/Winter 2009

[Senate Boosts REAP and Biorefinery Funding for Next Year](#)

[Four Degrees of Devastation](#), commondreams.org, 10/9/09

Resources

[Play the Great Green Web Game](#). See how much you know about how your choices affect the environment.

[Click here](#). Created by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

BGGreen Partnership for a Sustainable Community is a diverse network of citizens working together to build a sustainable community in BG and the region. We support environmental stewardship, economic prosperity, social equity, and citizen empowerment through community collaboration and education.



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