

BGGreen News & Events 9/25/09

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News

The [Green Market Cooperative](#) will hold its second Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church located at 500 South Green Street in Glasgow. Only Owners/Members in good standing may vote on issues presented during the meeting, but the meeting is open to the public.

Don't miss the **Allied Alternative Energy Bowling GREEN Tour** on Saturday, October 3. Tickets are \$6 for the bus tour, box lunch, and free Green Products bag, or \$5 for the box lunch for bicycle or self-guided tour participants. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and can be picked up at any Service One Credit Union branch, the BG Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, or register online w/ mail-in payment.

"In a true free market economy, you get rational behavior, and rational behavior is efficiency, and efficiency is the elimination of waste. Pollution is waste," -Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

On Sept. 16, WKU staff and GreenToppers went to hear Robert F. Kennedy Jr. speak at UK on "Our Environmental Destiny." Here's a link provided by Ouida Meiers, Advisor to Greentoppers, that conveys his powerful message, kyvoice.com/winchestersun/newerworld/?p=741. I encourage you to read it.

[Volunteers needed for Mammoth Cave plant removal](#), BG Daily News, 9/24/09

Volunteers are needed to help with the removal of invasive plants Saturday in Mammoth Cave National Park.

[Posters for Peace exhibit to open](#) from the National Circulating Library of Students' Peace Posters will be on display beginning Sat. Sept. 26 at the Educational Resources Center (ERC) housed in Tate Page Hall Room 366 on WKU's campus during regular business hours.

"The next six months will test international cooperation more severely than at any time since 1945. That may seem strange to say after a year of global crisis that has demanded unity on an immense scale, yet five urgent challenges confront us and we cannot delay our responses....We cannot solve these problems immediately, of course, but momentous decisions are demanded now toward halting climate change, renewing economic prosperity, fighting terrorism, ending nuclear proliferation and overcoming poverty." - Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of Britain, [All Together Now](#), NY Times, 9/22/09

Job opening: The Upper Cumberland River Basin Coordinator position will be vacated on September 30th. DOW plans to fill it ASAP so it should be posted in the next 30-60 days. The position will be located in the London Regional Field Office. This a state merit position and is classified as an Environmental Technician III classification. Watch personnel.ky.gov/employment for a posting or contact james.roe@ky.gov for information.

[Appalachia Power Shift '09](#) is registering young people now. The event will take place at Marshall University in Huntington, WV on Oct. 23-25. "Decisions are being made now that will determine the job opportunities we have, the economy we live in, the health of our communities and the security of the world we inherit."

National News

Newport News, VA. The King Williams reservoir project has been officially terminated. While hydro will be an important source for expanded renewable energy, this project would have represented the largest permitted loss of "pristine nontidal wetlands in the Mid-Atlantic region in the history of the Clean Water Act", as well as Virginia's American shad population, and flooded Native American cultural sites. A law suit brought by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Alliance to Save the Mattaponi, Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club, Mattaponi Tribe, and Southern Environmental Law Center challenged the federal permit issued for the reservoir. A U.S. District Court ruled in March that the permit was arbitrary, capricious, and therefore invalid. As a result, the Newport News City Council decided to abandon the project. [Read the article.](#)

"We are entering the Anthropocene, a new geological era in which our activities are threatening the earth's capacity to regulate itself," -Will Steffen, co-author, professor at the Australian National University (ANU) and

Director of the ANU Climate Change Institute. From [Scientists Outline 'Safe Operating Space' For Humanity](#), Science Daily, 9/24/09

Upcoming Events

W-Th Sept 30-Oct 1 Governor's Conference on the Environment www.dep.ky.gov/govconference/
Sa Oct 3 Allied Alternative Energy Bowling GREEN Tour www.wku.edu/bggreen/event1.php
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

Resources

If you are an educator, here are some great suggestions for solar and other alternative energy resources: www.ases.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=629&Itemid=58

Articles

Peace is a major sustainability issue: [Obama Makes Gains at U.N. on Iran and Proliferation](#), by Helene Cooper, NY *Times*, 9-24-09 President Obama, in his first visit to the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, made progress on two key issues crucial to his foreign policy.

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