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Climate Change and the City of Davis

(Information from the City of Davis website (<http://cityofdavis.org/cdd/sustainability>) and click on "Climate Change) and an update by Judy Moores)

In 1999, Davis joined a small group of cities calling for local action and a national policy on climate change. In 2006, the city joined the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement that called for local and national action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). In a clear action in spring 2007, the Davis City Council unanimously adopted a strategy to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions. Copies of the city council resolutions related to these actions are found on the city actions web page.

Based on this council strategy, the city has joined the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) program along with hundreds of other communities across the globe to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the local level. The program is designed to educate and empower local governments to take action on climate change. The CCP is a performance-oriented campaign that offers a framework for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve livability within their municipalities. The framework includes the following 5 steps:

1. Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast.
2. Adopt an emissions reduction target for the forecast year.
3. Develop a Local Action Plan.
4. Implement policies and measures.
5. Monitor and verify results.

The city has completed the first three steps and is in the process of implementing the last two.

In March 2010, by unanimous vote, the Davis City Council voted to work on global warming and other sustainability issues – in order to achieve total carbon neutrality by mid-century, and on June 1 2010, the City of Davis approved the Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan designed to place the community on a path to achieve its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, conserve natural resources, protect the environment, address global warming and reduce the carbon footprint of Davis.

In order to help implement the Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, the City of Davis initiated the formation of the Cool Davis Initiative (CDI). 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. The group decided that “having fun” was also important to their work. The work of the CDI is well underway. Since its formation in the Spring of 2010, the CDI has enlisted 43 Partner organizations that support the CDI mission, started several working groups, held the Cool Davis Festival 10-10-10 and a Day of Service last October, hosted several other events, such as, No Impact Man, the “How Much is Enough?” with William Powers and is in the throes of planning Cool Davis Festival 2011. A great start for a new organization!

Davis Food Coop Announces - Eat Local Fare Friday, September 23, 6 to 8 PM (at the Coop)

FOOD & FARMERS FROM WITHIN 100 MILES OF DAVIS

Join us in our parking lot on Friday, September 23 from 6 to 8 for tasting, live music, a raffle, an ice cream sample, and other fun! We will have representatives from several Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms, here to answer your questions about this subscription-based model, where a box of season fruit and veggies (or just one or the other) is delivered to a drop-off point in your neighborhood.

Three Twins Organic Ice Cream will be bringing Carl, the Green Bus back from Sonoma County. He was a big hit at our July member party, and we expect you'll enjoy an ice cream sample. There may be lines, but there should be delicious organic ice cream for all. Rancho Llano Seco will be bringing organic pork, so meat-lovers can enjoy a warm sample.

We'll look forward to seeing you!



Plan a no waste picnic! *Tidbit found in 'Living Green!'*

Picnics and eating out are often a time when consumers use a great deal of disposable items. Make a difference by going waste-free. It's a great lesson for family members and easy to do. Here's how:

Pack a real tablecloth, napkins, reusable cutlery, plates and water bottles. When packing food items, be sure to bring enough, but not too much. The goal is to take only the

amount of food you will eat. If you have leftovers, don't throw them away, take them home to compost. Not currently composting? Learn more at www.cityofdavis.org/pw/compost.

And don't forget to bring fun activities such as a frisbee, card game or a good book. It's a chance to do something nice for yourself and the environment.

Enjoy!



Calling all volunteers who like to sew:

Cool Davis Veggie Bag Project

Cool Davis is once again looking for volunteers to sew veggie bags to give away at the Cool Davis Festival on October 16. The handy cotton bags hold everything from celery in the produce section to beans in the bulk aisles of the grocery store. One bag with directions inside will be given to each family at the festival, on the theory that once they try a washable cloth bag, they'll abandon their plastic bag habit and sew or buy a set of reusable bags to use every time they shop.

Admittedly, replacing a few plastic bags each week is a small action, but when many individuals take a small action and make it a regular habit, it can have a huge impact. Nancy Schweitzer joined the Veggie Bag Project enthusiastically after sewing some for the festival last year when a knee injury prevented her from her usual outdoor activities. She enjoyed

having a small task to help protect the natural world while she recuperated. This year she's out recruiting others to sew and is excited by the positive responses. She believes individually and collectively, we can change ourselves.

Sewing colorful bags is a fun way to contribute to the Cool Davis Festival. Judy Moores has sewed dozens of bags for herself. She appropriates them for multiple purposes, such as carrying a table setting she routinely brings to outdoor events to avoid wasting "consumable" paper and plastic ware. Others become gift wrapping.

Already some church groups, Jeanne Pettigrew's Davis High School sewing classes, and some individuals have committed to sewing vegetable bags for the festival. Volunteers who help with Quilts for Kids and Project Linus have enthusiastically answered the call to make veggie bags and contribute fabric, too. In addition, Morgan Anderson at the Craft Center will open the UC Davis Craft Center on the October 15 Cool Davis Day of Service, for volunteers to drop in and sew bags for the festival.

The longer range plans include continuing to sew bags and give them away at Cool Davis events long after the Festival. This fall, watch for the Try Veggie Bags posters in the produce and bulk aisles of the grocery stores as constant reminders to change habits one bag at a time.

To sew veggie bags or donate fabric for the Cool Davis Festival, please contact Nancy Schweitzer at nanschw@sbcglobal.net or 792-8293. She will email sewing directions. Also, check out www.cooldavis.org.

Drop off donations of cotton cloth and/or shopping bags at two locations:

- At the UC Davis Craft Center main lobby in the Veggie Bag Project box (Summer schedule: 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Monday -Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday, and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday)
- Or at the Davis Art Center in the Veggie Bag Project container in the lobby.

The Veggie Bag stamp and Wanted and Try Veggie Bag posters were created by two UC Davis Interms in Ann Savageau's design class, Lucy Carrousel and Jamie Cooper.

To subscribe to future editions of the Cool Davis Initiative Newsletter visit www.cityofdavis.org/email. If you are not currently enrolled to receive email communication from the city, you may create an account at this time. Once complete or if you are a current user, log in and simply check the box for 'Cool Davis' to subscribe.

CDI and Village Homeowners Association invite you to walk, bike or rollerblade to
A 350.org Moving Planet Event - An Evening in Honor of the Earth

By Lynne Nittler

The Cool Davis Initiative and The Village Homeowners Association are presenting An Evening in Honor of Planet Earth featuring readings by internationally-acclaimed author Kim Stanley Robinson and songs by local musicians. On Saturday, September 24 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., guests will sample home-made desserts and enjoy some heavenly music and compelling storytelling in the Village Homes Community Center at 2661 East Portage Bay.

Kim Stanley Robinson, a local science fiction writer who often delves into ecological and sociological themes, has won 11 major science fiction awards.

On this 350.org evening, Robinson has chosen to read from his climate change trilogy, *Science In the Capital*, which is composed of *Forty Signs of Rain*, *Fifty Degrees Below*, and *Sixty Days and Counting*.

The Evening in Honor of Earth is registered as a Davis 350.org Moving Planet event.

On September 24, people from all around the world will be joining together in a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis. The focus is on how to move beyond fossil fuels, so folks are encouraged to come on bicycles, on skateboards, and on foot. 350 parts per million is what many scientists, climate experts, and progressive national governments are now saying is the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere. Our planet's atmosphere has now climbed to 392 parts per million with troubling results for our climate.

Robinson remains hopeful, saying, "350.org sets an atmospheric goal that allows us to properly understand and envision our responsibility to our children and all the generations yet to come. It's a goal that is achievable, and in the process of achieving it we will make huge advances in social and economic justice, because a just and ecologically aware civilization is even more important in coping with climate change than are technical advances. All of them will come, because the climate crisis is Nature's way of telling us to get our act together, and we will."

The evening's musicians have voiced their concern for the well-being of Planet Earth in their original songs. George Haver's song, was inspired to compose "How Big is Our Print?" based on the growing human population and its demands on resources. Andrew Corbett drew his lyrics from a photograph of the earth revealing "that all of our precious earth was in that small, bright, blue ball."

Eve Bessier, James Williams and Scarlet Huber will also perform earth-friendly songs.

Guests curious about Village Homes may come at 6:00 for a walking tour emphasizing the sustainable features of the planned community including an inside view of a passive solar home.

The suggested donation of \$10-20 will support the Cool Davis Festival on October 16, a free public celebration of healthy pathways to a low carbon life.

Please **register at <http://350goal.eventbrite.com> to reserve a space**, and indicate if you wish to take the walking tour. Space is limited.

Endorsements: Church & Society Committee of Davis United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Green Sanctuary Committee, Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Putah Creek Council, Sierra Club Yolano Group, Tuleyome and Unity Center of Davis

The art work is provided by UC Davis art intern, Larissa Wilcox.



Mark Your Calendars! 5th Annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival on Tour in Davis

The 2011 Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival is back in Davis! The festival will feature inspirational films that share stories about the environment and community participation. This year's event will include a silent auction and raffle.

The festival will be showing on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Richard Brunelle Theater at Davis High School, 315 W. 14th Street in Davis. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the films beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 plus a nominal processing charge and are on sale on line at <http://2011daviswildandscenicfilmfestival.eventbrite.com>. Tickets will also be for sale at the door the night of the event.

The 5th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival on Tour, hosted this year by Tuleyome, the Sierra Club Yolano Group and the Cool Davis Foundation brings together award-winning environmental films about a variety of environmental issues in a spirit of inspiration and education.

Join us on Thursday, October 13th for a great evening of films and festivities. Additional information can be found at www.tuleyome.org or www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/Yolano or www.cooldavisfoundation.org.

*** Note that we are striving for a "zero waste" event this year so all attendees are urged to bring their own drink cups, snack bowls and cloth napkins.



Cool Davis Day of Service: Saturday, October 15th

Cool Davis will coordinate environmental, climate mitigation, and eco-justice activities for volunteer participation. Projects scheduled this year include planting flowers for bees (Davis Bee Charmers), transplanting seedlings for habitat restoration (Putah Creek Council), learning about local farmers and seasonal produce (Davis Food Coop), preparing winter gardens to feed the hungry (Davis Community Garden and F.A.R.M), maintaining hiking trails (Tuleyome/Sierra Club), sewing reusable Veggie bags (UCD Craft Center), and learning about gardening and planting seedlings (Sodexo). All of these organizations welcome volunteers and invite other groups to plan projects, too. For information about adding a project or signing up for one those scheduled go to www.cooldavis.org or contact Judy Moores at jemoores@aol.com, or 530 756-4639 or Manny Rin at jerin@ucdavis.edu.



CDI PARTNERS

Cool Davis Initiative Partners include local area groups, such as, businesses, non-profits, faith groups, school committees, city committees, and others. The initial requirement of Partners is that they support and agree with the mission of CDI: to inspire our community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to a changing climate, and improve the quality of life for all. (And have fun, too.) Beyond the mission requirement, CDI partners are welcome to attend special CDI Partner activities to network and learn from each other. Partner representatives are also welcome to attend CDI Meetings.

Cool Davis Initiative welcomes the following new Partners:

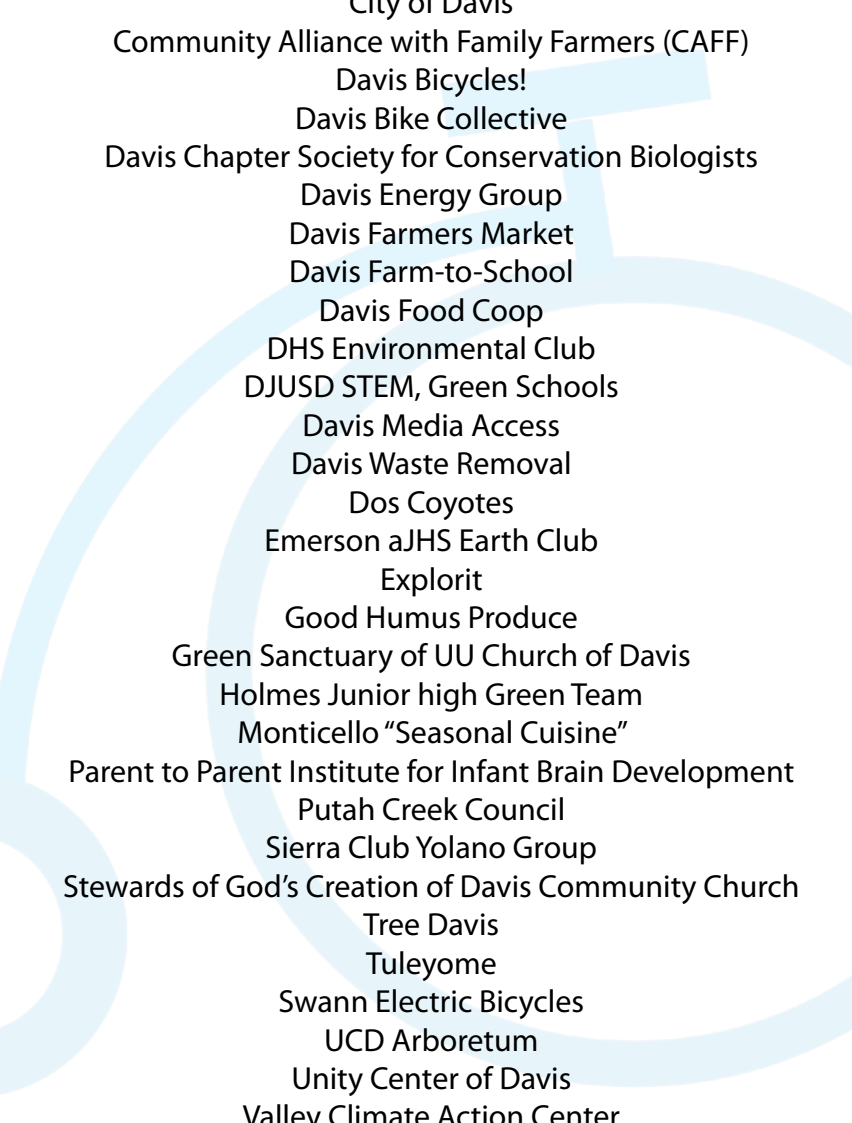
Unity Center of Davis, a faith group partner, honors the divine in all and expresses it in loving service. With regard to Earth, the church seeks “to create a spiritual awareness of our oneness with all life” by offering practical ways to care for the planet. The church makes a point of using place settings of “greenware” for UCOD potlucks and dinners. They also offer “Green Aware” action displays with ideas on such topics as green gardening and E-waste recycling. Yearly, the congregation has a CareFree, CarFree Month of May encouraging all to bike, walk, carpool, take transit, or work at home. Rev. Larry Schellink, Spiritual Leader of Unity Center, finds raising awareness and encouraging people to participate in planet-friendly lifestyles takes time and repetition. He expects that being aligned with CDI will bring a broader foundation and credibility to the church’s efforts and activities inside and outside of the organization. Already, members of the congregation have formed a Community Team to sew veggie bags for the Cool Davis Festival.

Swann Electric Bicycles, a new business partner, provides quality electric assist bicycles to help individuals reduce their environmental impact and live a healthy lifestyle. Owner John Swann, the first e-bike dealer established in Davis, is pleased to have been able partner with Ken’s Bike & Ski for their mutual benefit. He and his wife Diane are very energy conscious. They were the 4th house in Davis to put up solar panels. They ride bikes as much as possible and average no more than a tank/month in their car. He notes that Diane even commutes by ebike to

her office in Sacramento once a week. Her ebike shortens her commute by 45 minutes compared to her regular bike. The Swanns find that recharging their ebikes uses about 10 of the 200 kwh per month it takes to power their house. With PV panels and a time-of-use meter, they have no electric bill other than the fee for the tie-in to the grid. John looks to CDI to help promote biking and discourage the use of cars. He believes that rather than build a new parking structure that Davis would be better served to make it easier for folks to ride their bikes downtown. He says, “We need to look forward now.”

Blue Thumb Household Water Resources, also a new business partner, helps people lighten their global footprint through better use and conservation of on-site water resources including rain-water, grey-water, groundwater, drainage, and storm-water. Owner Gus Yates does home water audits (indoors and outdoors) and helps his customers implement the conservation and supply measures that appeal most to them. He says that while his business is just getting underway, he was a professional hydrologist for 27 years before starting this new business. Personally, he used his expertise for his family when they moved to a house on 12th Street in Davis. He was able to cut the property’s water use to 45% as much as the previous occupants had used during the same months of the year. He notes, “That’s was 55% decrease in water use, while living a normal lifestyle.” One of the ways he decreased water usage was to develop a low-cost refinement of using a rain barrel to flush one of the toilets in the house. He found that the rain barrel generates 19 times more yield on an annual basis than using the rain barrel for irrigation. Gus believes that his business will be helpful to the mission of the CDI to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Davis. He states, “To the extent that water supply and wastewater treatment are among the largest consumers of electricity in California, every incremental decrease in municipal water use saves energy and decreases the rate of climate change.” He likes to make his initial calls on clients by bicycle, and only uses a vehicle if he needs to in order to transport supplies.

Cool Davis Initiative Partners



B & L Bike Shop
Blue Thumb Household Water Resources
Caffé Italia
Care for God's Creation
Church & Society Committee of Davis United Methodist Church
Ciocolat
City of Davis
Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
Davis Bicycles!
Davis Bike Collective
Davis Chapter Society for Conservation Biologists
Davis Energy Group
Davis Farmers Market
Davis Farm-to-School
Davis Food Coop
DHS Environmental Club
DJUSD STEM, Green Schools
Davis Media Access
Davis Waste Removal
Dos Coyotes
Emerson aJHS Earth Club
Explorit
Good Humus Produce
Green Sanctuary of UU Church of Davis
Holmes Junior high Green Team
Monticello "Seasonal Cuisine"
Parent to Parent Institute for Infant Brain Development
Putah Creek Council
Sierra Club Yolano Group
Stewards of God's Creation of Davis Community Church
Tree Davis
Tuleyome
Swann Electric Bicycles
UCD Arboretum
Unity Center of Davis
Valley Climate Action Center
Yolo Basin Foundation
Yolo Clean Air
Yolo County Housing
Yolo Federal Credit Union
Yolo Food Bank
Yolo Land Trust Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

Submitting articles

If you have a carbon reduction or energy efficiency related announcement or article to share please let us know. Cool Davis Initiative Partners enjoy special benefits in announcing their special events and activities in our newsletter. The 15th of the month is the deadline for submitting fully edited articles. Send to: Chris Blackman at cblackman@yolofcu.org.