Get out your planners, I have some important dates for you.

Do you know how you are going to celebrate Earth Day? On Saturday, April 19th, Clean Air Council will host its 35th annual SK Run for Clean Air and Earth Day Celebration. The Run is the first in a series of very special events the Council is planning for 2014. Next, May 22nd will be the inaugural Dine Out for the Environment. Dine Out for the Environment is the first annual city-wide restaurant event highlighting the most sustainable restaurants in Philadelphia. Finally, you can stretch your summer fun by attending Greenfest Philly on September 7th. Greenfest, held at Fairmount Park in Philadelphia, is a one-day festival with sustainable food, vendors, exhibitors, music, and more.

These special events are not only a great time, they also generate critical revenue for the Council’s general fund. Revenue from special events and membership support new ideas and programs, and grow the Council’s flexibility to respond quickly to pressing issues. Much of the Council’s most important work in helping neighborhoods, educating the public about indoor air pollution or using the government for not implementing the Clean Air Act requirements is not covered by grants and is paid for directly through event revenues and membership contributions.

Special events raise the Council’s profile in the community, build awareness for the Council’s mission, and act as a fun and memorable platform for our constituents.

Concurrent with Clean Air Council’s mission, our events are produced as sustainably as possible. Both the Run and Greenfest compost and recycle waste, promote sustainable transportation, are powered completely by solar energy, and provide important educational experiences. The 5K Run for Clean Air has been a certified “Green Run” since 2010. It features reusable paper bags, medals made from recycled and demolished houses by a local artist, and free registration for all participants who switch their electricity to a PA wind or solar provider. Dine Out for the Environment is working with Philadelphia’s most sustainable restaurants — those who source locally, take efforts to reduce waste, and come up with creative solutions to make their operations environmentally-friendly. Greenfest Philly features over 100 exhibitors who demonstrate to festival-goers how to be more sustainable in their daily life, and also includes a clocking swap, waste bottle refilling stations, and a bike valet.

For more information on volunteering or the Run, please contact Bobby Szwarczak at 267-567-4004 ext. 122 or email him at bszwarczak@cleanair.org.

To register for the Run or Walk, visit www.myrunorwalk.com.

The Race has made some striking changes for 2014. The Run’s course, starting near and Earth Day Celebration will be held at the base of the historic Art Museum steps. This picturesque location provides an expanded space for more activities, exhibits, food, and fun. Participants can look forward to being greeted by informative vehicles, complimentary refreshments including cold-brewed coffee from Joe Coffee and prize from Beto-Pita, and more.
PA's Outdated Building Codes

Governor Corbett has been a major roadblock to the update. Prior to Governor Corbett, Pennsylvania automatically updated its codes to match national standards. Now, the committee requires re-empowering resi- dential energy efficiency appliances, and replacing old inefficient boilers with LED bulbs at work is financially and has a lower electricity consumption. The latter process has been a more efficient process, saving energy and money.

The Council is proud to announce its new no-smoking campaign, and initiating anti-smoking activists to help us with it. The Council has partnered with Textiles to create a real-time monitoring system to report on smoking-related to participating agencies in Philadelphia. If you would like to volunteer for this campaign please email us at IdleFreePhilly@cleanair.org.

Cobb's Creek Connector Trail Begins Final Design

The final design is an exciting step before the construction process begins. Cobb's Creek is the southern end of the Creek Park Trail in Southeast Philadelphia. A new section will connect the creek to the Creek Pathway to the Creek Park Trail in Northeast Philadelphia. The construction of this trail section will advance the existing Cobb's Creek Trail to the southern end of Cobb Creek Park and at the site of the historic Blue Bell Canal. This is an important project of the Creek Corridor, and the Creek - the regional trail network.

Protect Our Children

Protect Our Children is a coalition of parents, concerned citizens, and advocacy organizations dedicated to educating parents about smoking and the dangers of secondhand smoke. The coalition has been working hard to make schools safer places for children. They have recently begun listing children's health safety. The current goal is to ensure all flying infrastructure remains at least 50 feet from schools.


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