

sustainability committee 2010: Off to a great start! Read the announcements and take a pledge!

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Hello SustCapHillers! Thanks to all of you who came out for last night's potluck and meeting - it was fantastic! A great event with some new faces that we were happy to see. For those of you who missed the event, here were the *announcements*:

- Come out to the *Emergency Preparedness* meeting next Monday at Bluebird! We'll be talking about why it's important to be prepared, and ways to meet and help one another now and later. You can find the event details here: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=216873816035&ref=mfand> here:
- <http://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2010/01/06/save-the-date-first-capi...> - The *Sustainable Capitol Hill Planning Committee* is an *open* committee - we're always looking for more to join! If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please e-mail us at sustcaph...@gmail.com. We will be sure to announce the date of our next meeting as soon as it is set.
- *Office Nomads is having an open house this Thursday, January 14 from 6-9pm!* Beer, ice cream, and a photo booth will all be here to keep the fun rolling along. We're also a part of the Capitol Hill Art Walk (Blitz!), and will have new art featured in the space. To see more about the Blitz Art Walk, visit their website here: <http://blitzcapitolhill.com/>. To RSVP for the Office Nomads open house, please check out the event page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=211426279242&ref=ts>
- *Capitol Hill Community Council's January Meeting is on January 21st from 7-9pm at Cal Anderson Shelter House.* Going over goals for the new year and prepping for elections, which are in June.
- Seattle Greendrinks <<http://www.seattlegreendrinks.org/>> is tonight, January 12! Re-Vision Labs <<http://re-visionlabs.com/>> co-hosting. All \$5 suggested donations collected at the door during this event will be invested in Oikocredit to enable entrepreneurs in the developing world to start a business. The event is at Evo in Fremont. Please go to the SGD website for more details.
- If you are a member of the *Central Co-Op* <<http://www.madisonmarket.com/>>, Tuesday the 19th at 4pm, the Sustainability Squad is meeting to talk about how to make the co-op more sustainable. All are welcome to join!
- Next Monday, *MLK day, is a day of service*. If we are interested in doing a day of service together, Alexis is hosting. Interlaken Park is doing a forest restoration (removing invasives). Work is happening between 9am and 3pm. If you're interested in helping out during the day, please e-mail sustcaph...@gmail.com and we'll direct you to the appropriate person.
- Baily Coy closed. So has Septieme. If you love a store, be sure to go there rather than somewhere else these days - it can really make a difference! Take a hint from the 3/50 Project <<http://www.the350project.net/home.html>> and go out and support your Capitol Hill businesses. They need you! If you're interested in joining in a special effort with Sustainable Capitol Hill for the next month, we encourage you to *take a sustainability pledge with us*! We announced 6 pledges last night and we'd love for you to take part in them. If you are interested in a particular pledge, please e-mail sustcaph...@gmail.com, let us know which one, and we'll direct you to the appropriate pledge leader. This is a *great way to kick-off a more sustainable 2010*! With that, here are your pledge opportunities:

1. I pledge to make a worm bin for my home or apartment. (Worm bin plans and materials will be collected and we will plan a worm bin building day!)
2. I pledge to buy nothing new for a month. (excludes food and toiletries)
3. I pledge to increase my use of reusable bags and help others do the same. I will do this by making a reusable bag, giving a bag to a friend, placing a reusable bag in a handy spot so I remember to use it more, or by committing to take no new paper or plastic bags for an entire month (even if I forget to bring my reusable bag with me!).
4. I pledge to promote waste reduction for a month in my home or in my apartment building.
5. I pledge to go on a Low Car Diet for a month, minimizing my use of my personal vehicle.
6. I pledge to take the City of Seattle's One Ton Challenge to reduce my carbon footprint.

Again, if you'd like to take one of the pledges or to learn more about each pledge, e-mail sustcaph...@gmail.com and we'll get an answer to you. One last request: *Become a Fan of Sustainable Capitol Hill on Facebook!* We're trying to amp up some of the communication we do with the neighborhood through Facebook, and would love your input and voice represented there. So become a fan of our page! The page location is here: <http://www.facebook.com/SustainableCapitolHill>. Thanks in advance! Thanks so much, and be sure to mark your calendars for the next monthly meeting on *Monday, February 8*. All the best, SCH Planning Committee _____ Sustainable Capitol Hill <http://www.sustainablecapitolhill.org>

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