

Earth Day 2012 – DC Area

Week of April 16 – 20

Department of Energy: Several events/activities. Information coming soon.

April 18

Joint Office of Personnel Management/Dept of the Interior/General Services Administration: OPM in partnership with DOI and GSA will host an annual Earth Day event in Rawlins Park located between the DOI and GSA buildings [18th and E Streets, NW] on Wednesday, April 18 (rain date April 19) from 11:00 – 1:30. There will be Educational Exhibits* Green Products* Games* Music* Alternate Fuel Vehicles* Personal Electronic Collection* Refreshments and much more!

April 19

Department of Transportation: DOT is hosting a major Earth Day event (bigger and better every year) April 19th from 10 am. To 2 p.m. The event will be kicked off by brief speeches by our Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration and an EPA official. We'll be giving away Dogwood seedlings and have many interesting booths.

Week of April 23 – 27

Department of Energy: Several events/activities in the Germantown area. Information coming soon.

April 25

Environmental Protection Agency:

You are invited!

The Potomac Yard Green Team's Earth Day Celebration and Green Team Support Roundtable

**April 25, Wednesday, from 11:45am – 3:30 pm,
Room 4360, Potomac Yard South, 2777 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA**

The Potomac Yard Green Team is a volunteer group of employees representing 6 USEPA offices, USAID, and Jones, Lang, LaSalle, LLC, our building management company at One and Two Potomac Yard, Arlington VA.

Our mission is to reduce our LEED Gold and Platinum Certified buildings' environmental footprint, using our Environmental Management System goals and targets.

We at Potomac Yards have joined the Federal Green Challenge which challenges

Federal Agency offices and facilities to reduce their environmental footprints in order to meet or exceed the requirements of our environmental statutes and Executive Orders.

The Potomac Yard Green Team sponsors events for Earth Day in the spring and America Recycles Day in the late fall, among its other work in outreach and education of its employees and managers. This is our Spring event!

Please come join us for a Pot Luck Luncheon, hear speakers on food waste recovery, sustainable practice food initiatives, and food safety and security.

In addition, we would invite you to stay for a **Green Team Roundtable** discussion from **1:30pm – 3:30 pm** on how we can support each other as we implement our plans to meet environmental requirements. If you have a Green Team, Sustainability Workgroup or an EMS team, you are welcome to bring members, too. We are all working toward the same goals!

Please feel free to come participate in any and all the activities on April 25. Also, please let me know of any discussion topic you may want to specifically address if it is not mentioned below and we will try to accommodate that.

The draft agenda is below:

1. April 25, Wednesday

- a. **11:45 – 12:30 pm Pot Luck Bring your favorite Spring Salad –**
We supply the sandwiches (salads are main courses, too – not just lettuce!)
- b. **10:30 – 11:30 am Spring Plant Swap** (until plants are gone) bring in those plants that you had to thin out and “recycle” them to loving gardens
- c. **noon – 1:30 pm Speakers –**
 - i. **Introduction** to the event and setting the objectives for the day (SMM, FGC, Green Team, Sustainability) – 5 minutes (depends on VIPs present)
 - ii. **Management Welcome SMM** (5-10 minutes)
 - iii. **Whole Foods (local community segment)** – concept of sustainability and business model, local store happenings (15 minutes)
 - iv. **Federal Agency** – Speaker from Food Safety Division or Food Recovery
- d. **1:30 – 3:30 pm**
 - i. **Green Team Forum (federal segment)** – introductions, 5 minutes each then talk about questions below. GSA as our partner will be there, too.
 - Who they are (members) and when they started?
 - What accomplishment each is most proud of?
 - Where do they get the most support?
 - Where do they need more support?
 - What are the 3 things they would most like to accomplish in the next year?
 - What ideas do they have for our collaboration?
 - ii. **Q & A and discussion of how we can support each other.**