Help Plan Georgia Tech’s 2015 Earth Day Celebration!

Georgia Tech hosts one of the largest Earth Day Celebrations in the Southeast, with live music, free organic popcorn, more than 100 exhibitors, a green market, alternative fuel vehicle displays, environmental awards, interactive green challenges, and more! Georgia Tech’s 18th Annual Earth Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 10 AM – 3 PM on Tech Walk and Tech Green.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to join the Earth Day Planning Committee. The committee is made up of about 25 members representing a wide variety of campus departments, student organizations, and majors.

If you are interested in joining the Earth Day Planning Committee, please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd (11 AM – 12 PM) in the Student Center, room 343.

To learn more about the event and see pictures from previous years, please visit the Georgia Tech Earth Day website: www.earthday.gatech.edu.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Cindy Jackson, Earth Day Planning Committee Chair at (404) 894-2004 or cindy.jackson@facilities.gatech.edu.
Georgia Tech’s Game Day Recycling program makes it easy for fans to recycle bottles and cans during home football games and tailgates. The program also incorporates cardboard from vendors in and around Bobby Dodd Stadium, as well as composting of food waste from the Stadium’s suites. Our 7th season is off to a good start! A total of 6,280 pounds of recyclables were collected at the season opener on August 30th.

If you are tailgating, you can place your bottles and cans in the blue bags that will be given out by volunteers, then just leave the bags on the ground. They will be picked up by Georgia Tech’s Recycling staff the following morning. Recycling bins will also be set up in and around Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Volunteer registration is now open!
It takes many people to reach out to the 40,000 or more fans who attend each game. Volunteers are the main reason the Game Day Recycling program is so successful. You can help by distributing blue bags to tailgaters or greeting fans as they go into the stadium. The volunteer commitment is one hour, and everyone is finished in time for kickoff. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt, and either pizza or a concessions voucher. For more information and to sign up visit www.recycle.gatech.edu/volunteer.

You can also connect with Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling on Facebook.

Question: I heard that Georgia Tech has a weekly Farmers Market. Where and when is it?

Answer: Georgia Tech’s fall Farmers Market is on Thursdays through November 20th from 11 AM – 2 PM at Tech Walk South (between the Student Center and Clough Building). The Farmers Market features vendors selling fresh produce as well as ready-to-eat items. You can purchase freshly grilled grass fed beef burgers, locally grown fresh produce, naan breads and Mediterranean fare, artisan popsicles, Cuban sandwiches, freshly baked biscotti, cupcakes, pies, cake pops, locally produced honey, soaps, hand lotions, tamales, empanadas, local apples, and more!

For additional information, please visit the Georgia Tech Farmers Market Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/GTFarmersMarket.
MedReturn Bin Enables Safe Disposal of Expired Medicines on Campus

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) has recently installed a MedReturn bin in the lobby at GTPD headquarters on Hemphill Avenue. Community members can drop off expired and unwanted medicines, which will be transported off campus for destruction and safe disposal. The bin is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A second drop-off bin will be installed at Stamps Health Services in the near future.

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Above Left: Heartense Hodges-Lawson, Administrative Assistant in the office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, drops off expired medicines. Center: (from left to right) Officer Bradley Latham, Captain Randy Barrone and Officer Brian Bonus prepare to transport donated medicines. Right: GTPD has created a short video with more information about the MedReturn box. Click on the image to watch the video.

Paper Recycling at Georgia Tech

How does Georgia Tech’s recycling staff collect 10,000 pounds of paper in less than 8 hours every Wednesday? Find out in this video one-minute video:
Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program, please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this newsletter. We are here to help, and together, we can work to benefit the environment.

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Visit Our Website

As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. Recycling guidelines and useful links can be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.

Upcoming Events

**Georgia Tech Game Day Recycling Volunteers Needed**
Georgia Tech’s Atlanta Campus
Saturday, September 13, 2014 (10-11am, or 11am-12pm)
Volunteer registration is now open for the 2014 football season and the Game Day Recycling program needs your help! Please join us to help give out blue recycling bags to tailgaters, or greet fans as they go into the Stadium. The volunteer commitment is one hour and all volunteers will be finished in time for kickoff. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt as well as pizza or a concessions voucher. Please go to http://www.recycle.gatech.edu/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

**Georgia Tech Community Garden Volunteer Workday**
Georgia Tech Community Garden
In the grassy area on the east side of the Instructional Center
Monday, September 15, 2014 (6:00 pm)
Join members of Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS) for the school year’s first volunteer workday at the Georgia Tech Community Garden. Help prepare the soil for the fall growing season. Meet at the garden at 6pm on Monday, September 15. The garden is located on the east side of the Instructional Center.

**Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable**
All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall
634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA
Friday, October 3, 2014 (7:30 – 9:00 am)
Cost: $10 - $20, includes continental breakfast and beverage
Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes on the first Friday of each month to discuss the region’s current environmental issues, from water to energy, urban planning to government policy, and much more. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. The October roundtable includes a tour of the Atlanta office of Perkins+Will, a LEED Platinum building.