

SUSTAINABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUSTAINABILITY ACTION NETWORK, Lawrence Chapter

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ECO RADIO KC » WEEKLY ECOLOGICAL ISSUES RADIO SHOW

Tuesday, **9 June 2009**, 12:00noon

KKFI-FM 90.1, Kansas City Community Radio

On this week's **EcoRadio KC**, host John Kurmann will interview Amanda Graor, Senior Air Quality Planner for the Mid-America Regional Council, about the causes of **air pollution in the metro-area** and how we as individuals and as a society can create a clean air future. At 12:30, the *Bioneers Radio Series* will present "A Thing Unseen: The New Superpower of Global Popular Movements". Listen by radio, or on web-streaming at <http://www.kkfi.org/>

LAWRENCE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, **10 June 2009**, 5:30pm

Recycling and Resource Recovery Annex, 320 N.E. Industrial Lane, Lawrence KS

The June agenda will include discussion on: the S.A.B. recommended 50% recycling rate by 2015, the Environmental Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, grant application to hire a Sustainability Director, tour of the Wakarusa Wetlands, the Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair, and more. The S.A.B. meets monthly to discuss any and all aspects of furthering sustainability policies and practices by the City of Lawrence government and private persons. The public is welcome. Minutes are finalized in about a month after each meeting <http://www.lawrencerecycles.org/envadvisoryboard.shtml>

KANSAS CITY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, **10 June 2009**, 4:00-6:00pm

Mid America Regional Council, Rivergate Center 2nd floor, 600 Broadway, KC MO

The Environmental Management Commission promotes environmental awareness and resource efficiency to the City's leader and staff, to assist the progress of Kansas City toward sustainability. Members of the general public are encouraged to attend and observe meetings and to join and participate in its efforts. They recently published [Sustainability in Kansas City - guidebook](#) detailing the progress of "greening Kansas City". More information and the EMC April 2009 minutes are available at <http://www.kcmo.org/manager.nsf/web/emc>

CLIMATE MISINFORMATION BY CORPORATE INTERESTS

How did climate disruption ever get to the current critical stage? How could the science have been overlooked? In 1971, the science was good enough for the EPA to issue an [EPA Endangerment Hearing on CO2](#). From 1979 onward, projections and warnings have been issued by comprehensive thinkers like Buckminster Fuller, Lester Brown, and Amory Lovins,

saying that humanity has but 20 years to take corrective steps. But these were disregarded by governments more than willing to accept the "inconclusive data" because of confusion put forth by corporatists. **As Van Jones has said:** "The pro-polluters tried to confuse us whether global warming was a problem. But we beat them on that. Now these 'dirty greens' are not trying to confuse us about the problem, **they're trying to confuse us about the solution**". [Climate Greenwash Awards 2009](#).

As the maxim says, "if you can't convince them, confuse them". And the misinformation campaign has been going on for some time. In the May 2009 Hightower Lowdown, Jim Hightower relates how **fifteen years ago a corporate front group** posturing as climate advocates, the **Global Climate Coalition**, ran a multi-million dollar campaign to debunk climate science. This in spite of the fact (or because of it) that their own consultants revealed that the science on human greenhouse emissions is well established and cannot be denied. Hightower comments that "surely there's an especially hot spot in hell awaiting such people". [Hiding Facts on Climate Change](#). More to the point, humans are on the verge of turning this unique planetary paradise into hell on earth. The "go slow" compromise approach has failed for decades, and it's time for action. Lobby local officials, walk and bicycle more, grow your own food, join local Transition Initiatives, and sign congressional petitions like this from Move On [Strengthen the clean energy & climate bill](#).

GRASSLAND HERITAGE FOUNDATION PRAIRIE WALKS

Wildflower Walk at Olathe Prairie Center

Saturday, **13 June 2009**, 8:30am

26235 W 135th Street, Olathe, KS

Join the Grassland Heritage Foundation to explore the 300 acres of prairies at the [Olathe Prairie Center](#). **Dr. Glenn Fell will lead the outing** discussing the colorful flowers of early summer. Directions from I-35, take Santa Fe (Hwy 150) west 6 miles to Cedar Niles Rd., and turn south to the parking lot. For more info, contact Sue Holcomb <sholc2003@yahoo.com> or 913-449-3621.

Prairie Walk at the Guess Prairie Property

Saturday, **13 June 2009**, 10:00am

523 North 1700Rd., Lawrence KS

The Guess Prairie has a population of Mead's Milkweed, a species listed federally as threatened. **Frank Norman will be leading the walk** on this property which is protected by a Kansas Land Trust easement. Directions from the US-40/K-10 interchange, go west 4 1/4 miles on US-40, go south 1/2 mile on County Rd-1029, and go west on 1700 Road 1/4 mile to the Guess land. For more info, contact Ruth Guess <draguess@sunflower.com>, or 785-887-6611.

Long pants, sturdy shoes, and bug repellent are recommended for any walk on the prairie. Please visit <http://www.grasslandheritage.org/>

CANNING AND PRESERVING WORKSHOP SERIES

A series of 2009 workshops sponsored by [Badseed Farm and Market](#)

Making Jams and Jellies

Saturday, **13 June 2009**, 10:00am-3:00pm -- fee required

1909 McGee St, Kansas City MO

This class will teach you how to make traditional jellies and preserves with techniques that can be applied to other seasonal fruits. Feel free to bring some berries, and any other local goodies you would like to experiment with. Join "canning guru", Lori Watley, for a hands on experience filled with chopping, mixing, mashing and more as you create delicious concoctions from seasonal organic produce.

PERMACULTURE & SUSTAINABLE SOILS ▫ LECTURE #4 IN THE SERIES

Tuesday, **16 June 2009**, 7:00-9:00pm

Douglas County Co-op Extension Office, 21st & Harper Ave, Lawrence KS

In this fourth of seven seminars, **Steve Moring** of the **Kaw Permaculture Collaborative** will examine living and biologically diverse soils that support abundant life. We will examine basic soil types, their chemistry, nutrient cycling, and dynamics of interaction of life in the soil. We will learn the basics in creating productive soils without the use of petrochemical inputs, an imperative for the coming Peak Oil cost inflation. Pre-registration is required by contacting Steve prior to 13 June.

More info available from Steve Moring at (785)863-4102, <smoring@grasshoppernet.com> or Bill Wood at (785)843-7058, <bdwood@ksu.edu> **KPC** is a project of the **Sustainability Action Network**.

CONSUMING KIDS ▫ FILM ABOUT TRILLION DOLLAR MARKETING

Saturday, **20 June 2008**, 10:00am

Prairie Moon Waldorf School, 1853 East 1600 Rd., Lawrence KS

This is an eye-opening account of the **pervasive and pernicious effects of children's advertising** on the health and well-being of children. Adults have a difficult enough time resisting sophisticated advertising, but children are especially susceptible, not yet having the experiential or judgmental context to evaluate ads.

TV advertising out paces programming content in two ways. The programming-to-advertising ratio in the 1970's was 50minutes-10minutes, whereas today it is 40minutes-20minutes; production dollars spent on advertising is ten times greater than spent on the program, and most of that is spent on psychologists! But these ratios are even losing their meaning, because anymore, the program has become mostly a product-placement ad itself. Read more at [Advertising Run Amok | Kator Legaz](#) and [A Quarter Century of TV Food Advertising Targeted at Children](#).

Consuming Kids zeroes in on the often shocking practices of the multibillion-dollar youth marketing industry, exposing how marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. Watch the trailer at [Consuming Kids film](#)
TICKET PRICE: FREE, RSVP required at [Consuming Kids RSVP](#)

KANSAS CITY URBAN FARMS & GARDENS TOUR

lead up events: Thursday-Saturday, **18-27 June 2009** (various venues)

the tour: Sunday, **28 June 2009**, 11:00am-5:00pm

For ten days leading up to the Farm Tour, there will be many events focusing on how food is being grown within the city of Kansas City. The **kick-off event** is a panel of urban farmers at the KC Central Library on 18 June at 6:00pm. Ensuing days will have farmers' market mini tours, urban homesteading classes, children's events, and more. Then on 28 June, the **Farm Tour** will include small and large **personal gardens, urban farms, and community supported agriculture** (CSA) operations. For more info, a list of events and tour sites, and tickets, go to [KC Urban Farms and Gardens Tour](#)

MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR » 20TH ANNUAL

Summer Solstice, Friday-Sunday, **19-21 June 2009**

MREA Grounds, 7558 Deer Rd, Custer, WI 54423

Each summer the Energy Fair transforms rural central Wisconsin into the global hot spot for renewable energy education. The Energy Fair is the world's largest renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living educational event of its kind. 2008 saw a record 22,500 attendees, an all time record! For more info, and registration materials go to [Midwest Renewable Energy Association](#).

SUSTAINABILITY ACTION NETWORK SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Sunday, **21 June 2009**, 3:00pm-????

Vajra Farm, Oskaloosa KS

The June meeting of SAN will actually be a shared get together with SAN members and KPC members. The **Kaw Permaculture Collaborative** is one of the most active of our projects, for we consider permaculture to be a major vehicle for transition to a post-carbon economy.

The gathering will begin at 3:00pm with informal sharing of stories, resources, successes, proposals, and plans by both groups. At 6:00pm will be a pot luck dinner and social time. And at 9:00pm we will light the Solstice bonfire, and party until the embers have died. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets, bug repellent, a pot luck dish, and dinner service. If you plan to come, please RSVP at <smoring@grasshoppernet.com> and you will receive directions.

LOCAL FOODS » CELEBRATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TALK

Wednesday, **24 June 2009**, 7:00pm

Liberty Hall, 642 Massachusetts St., Lawrence KS

Eight pioneers of local food will be honored at this celebration, which will feature a presentation by Ken Meter of [Crossroads | Local Foods Economy](#). Preceding the talk will be music by local band "Is an' I Ain't", and h'ordeurves by the Community Mercantile and Local Burger. Tickets may be purchased at either of these local businesses or at Liberty Hall.

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED for the **SUSTAINABILITY ACTION NETWORK**. Please send checks to P.O.Box 1064, Lawrence KS 66044

The SUSTAINABILITY ACTION NETWORK, Inc. is a Kansas not-for-profit organization

Our mission is to **advocate and organize societal scale action** to address sustainability issues. The triple crises of Energy-Ecology-Economy, the global "3E Trifecta", are building so rapidly that large scale action is needed immediately and methodically to overcome institutional barriers and advance public policy that preserves ecological sustainability. Our focus is to **build a relocalized economy-ecology** in concert with the Transition Town movement in many other communities. **To join** the Sustainability Action Network (until our website is operational) please contact us at [<paradigm@ixks.com>](mailto:paradigm@ixks.com)

Our current projects include:

- 1) **Peak Oil Action & Relocalization** - initiating municipal level Peak Oil response planning and transition to a relocalized post-carbon economy.
 - 2) **Kaw Permaculture Collaborative** - developing skills and resources for sustainable food production.
 - 3) **Energy Conservation & Renewables** - advancing a green economy through decentralized technologies and regulations, for conservation and renewable energy.
 - 4) **Land Consortium** - organizing interested stakeholders to acquire prime farmland in the urban fringe for land-based economic development and regional food security.
 - 5) **Water Rights and Watersheds** - protecting the water commons, the source of all life, from privatization and contamination, and restoring our watersheds.
 - 6) **Small Vehicles: Electric & Human Powered** - promoting neighborhood electric vehicles and utility tricycles, including infrastructure and pro-active regulations.
 - 7) **Weekly Sustainability Announcements** - informing and encouraging others to become active in our Sustainability Action Network, or other such action driven groups.
 - 8) **Collaboration with sister organizations** - such as: The Light Center eco-village; Kaw Valley Food System farm-based economic development; Citizens for Responsible Planning; Films for Action; Kansas River Valley Growers fighting for local water rights; national efforts by the Sustainable Energy Network; KC Metro groups like the Kansas City Food Circle and the All Species Project, etc.
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We welcome suggestions for items to be included. Please send items to [<paradigm@ixks.com>](mailto:paradigm@ixks.com)

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