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Join the Green Team!

The Mayor's Green Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Green Fair set up and break down on Friday, June 12, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. and/or 8 - 10 p.m. Call Christine in the Mayor's office to sign up now: 794.6161, ext. 41602. Volunteer t-shirts and other goodies will be supplied!



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ANN ARBOR MAYOR'S 9th ANNUAL GREEN FAIR RETURNS TO MAIN STREET ON JUNE 12 FROM 6 TO 9 PM

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 12, 2009 — The City of Ann Arbor Mayor's Office is hosting the 9th annual Green Fair on Main Street on Friday, June 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. to celebrate our community's environmental leadership as exhibited by citizens, nonprofits, government, and businesses. Ann Arbor's Downtown Main Street will be closed to regular automotive traffic, but will be open for walkers and displays of environmental information, "green" products, bicycle events, live music, and general enjoyment of the urban outdoor environment. Information, entertainment, and hands-on activities for all ages will be provided. Main Street between East Huron and William will host three related events:

- **The Environmental Leaders Area** showcases over 50 environmental nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and participating businesses that have earned the "Waste Knot*" partner designation from Washtenaw County. Many of the exhibit areas will provide information and host hands-on activities for all ages, such as environmental information and crafts, live birds of prey demonstrations, live music on two stages (amplification provided through solar energy). This year food vendors will sell organic "light fare" on Washington near Main.
- **The Clean Energy Expo**, coordinated by the local nonprofit organization Clean Energy Coalition, provides a forum for innovative energy-saving designs and actions, including displays of alternative fuel vehicles, demonstrations of green building materials, solar energy installations, renewable energy installations, and more! During the Green Fair, special guided walking tours will be offered of the A3C (Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative) retrofitted downtown building, showcasing the use of geothermal energy, solar roofing, energy-efficient and low-waste construction, as well as demonstrations of several green roof prototypes.
- **The Green Commute Area, sponsored by the getDowntown Program**, showcases a variety of ordinary and innovative sustainable transportation choices—ranging from AATA's new buses to Zipcars. The American Institute of Architects, Huron Valley Chapter will lead guided walking tours of the downtown area periodically throughout the event. 826 Michigan will provide great activities for kids.
- **BikeFest 2009** will return for a fourth year with freeride bike skills demonstrations, games, maintenance clinics, rides on the multi-seat "conference bike" and information from local bike shops and area biking/walking organizations. Attended free bike parking is included.

For more information on the Green Fair as an attendee or participant, please call the City of Ann Arbor Mayor's Office at (734) 794-6161 or consult the Web at www.a2gov.org/green.

**Waste Knot business partners demonstrate practices that promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recycled-content purchasing. The Waste Knot program was developed in 1998 in cooperation with area chambers of commerce and municipalities to recognize voluntary environmental practices in the business and nonprofit sectors. For more information on the Waste Knot business recognition program, contact Washtenaw County at (734) 222-6889 or consult <http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>.*

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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