



## HARTFORD CELEBRATES

### APRIL: EARTH MONTH 2010

#### Saturday, April 17

*Kick Off - Keep America Beautiful Hartford Cleans Up - City Wide Spring Cleaning!*  
Knox Parks Foundation is collaborating with the City of Hartford and Telemundo Hartford/Springfield to organize and promote the cleanups this spring. The 2010 Cleanups will be held on four consecutive Saturdays: April 17, April 24, May 1 and May 8. Call Knox at 951-7694 or visit [www.knoxparks.org](http://www.knoxparks.org) for more information



#### Saturday, April 17

*Greater Hartford Green Team Earth Month Celebration West End Neighborhood Tree Planting and from 9 to 1. Meet at 140 Warrenton*

This project is a sponsored by the Aetna Foundation and Whole Foods Market. Call Knox to RSVP at 951-7694



#### Saturday, April 17

**“Using LED’s for Lighting”**

University of CT, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford at 2:00 p.m

Presentation by Ronald Bessette of Green-Earth LED Lighting, preceded by an introduction to the basics of LED’s and lighting by K. Raman

Please register in advance by calling 860-233-5684 or 860-649-9827. This event is presented by the Solar Energy Association Of Connecticut, a NonProfit Educational Awareness Organization

#### Wednesday, April 21

*Composting 2010-“Hartford Gold”*

Niles Street Community Garden (between Sigourney/Laurel Streets) at 12 noon.

A press conference will be held to announce the availability of free clean organic compost to city gardeners. The event will also focus on urban agriculture, and the value and benefits of fresh, healthy local food grown by local residents.

*All event attendees will receive a quart of fresh organic compost in compostable corn containers*

This project is a collaboration of the Mayor’s office, Department of Public Works, Health Department, GreenCycle and Knox Parks Foundation.



Thursday, April 22

*Earth Day At Hartford Public Library*

Receive an eco-friendly Hartford Public Library bag free when you visit the library on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day

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*To commemorate Earth Day "40" the Hartford Job Corp Academy students will be planting 2 trees at the Academy, 100 Shorty Campbell St. at 10:00 and 1 tree in Bushnell Park at 12 noon.*



Thursday, April 22

In the four decades since the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, Connecticut has made great progress in cleaning up our air, water and lands, preserving open space and protecting wildlife. This 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a time to highlight our state's environmental progress, while recognizing the critical challenges that we still face.

Earth Day on April 22 will be a special occasion and we look forward to celebrating it with you at the State Capitol and at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The following events will take place on Thursday, April 22, 2010. The afternoon will also be filled with special guests and special presentations.

*Youth Forum with the General Assembly's Environmental Committee*

Legislative Office Building (LOB), Room 2C

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Connecticut's young people speak out on environmental issues of concern.



*Displays by DEP and Environmental Organizations*

Legislative Office Building Concourse, Old Judiciary Room, State Capitol

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*Quinnipiac River Watershed Association*

A photographic exhibit featuring the Quinnipiac River, State Capitol, South Lobby

*DEP Vehicles at the State Armory*

Boating Safety - Emergency Response - Hunting/Fishing

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Tours of Bushnell Park with Urban Forester*

Leave from LOB Concourse

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Make a Statement*

State Capitol, Legislative Office Building

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Videotape your views on the environment

*Special Programs- Premier of CT Earth Day Movie and Panel Discussions*

Old Judiciary Room, State Capitol

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Earth Day Reception - Hosted by Environmental Organizations*

State Capitol

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



**Thursday, April 22**

DEP Commissioner Amy Marrella will welcome guests for the premiere of a special Earth Day 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary movie produced by DEP in cooperation with the Corporate Media Center at Middlesex Community College.

Following the movie there will panel discussions on key environmental issues and a look at the challenges we face in the next 10 years leading to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.

For further information, please call (860)424-4100.



**Thursday, April 22- Sunday, April 25**

*Our Piece of the Pie presents Global Youth Service Day 2010*

Come join us for our Kick-Off Celebration at the Old State House from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Thursday April 22 or come out to volunteer at one of our many projects on Friday, April 23 - Sunday, April 25. Contact Abbie Dym for more info 860-761-7322 [Abbie.Dym@opp.org](mailto:Abbie.Dym@opp.org)



**Saturday, April 24**

*Community Celebration of Earth Day and Global Youth Service @ CRT Generations 35 Clarke Street from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm*

Tree planting at Clarke Elementary and neighborhood clean up

Block party and BBQ after clean up 1 to 3 pm

Also featuring performers from Ringling Bros. Circus, UConn athletes, crafts. Family activities, live music, basketball with the Saturday Hoopsters and more....



**Monday, April 26**

*Frederick Law Olmstead Day, Celebration and Conference: The Hartford Park System- Past, Present & Future, at the Pond House in Keney Park, 323 Edgewood Street, Hartford from 1 pm to 4:30 pm*



Frederick Law Olmstead: Hartford Native, Father of the American Park Movement. Designed Central Park in New York, Keney Park in Hartford

Co-Hosts: CT Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, CT Olmstead Heritage Alliance, The City of Hartford, Friends of Keney Park. Contact person - Norma Williams; [norma\\_williams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:norma_williams@sbcglobal.net), 203-431-5866

Thursday, April 29

*Movie Premiere: Earth Day at 40"-A look at Connecticut's Environment-Past, Present & Future*

Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, 5:30 pm

Showing of the new DEP DVD/Movie followed by a panel and audience discussion of how we in Hartford, can work together to preserve and improve our community. Non profit and government agencies will be hosting information tables where attendees can learn how they can get involved



Produced by the Hartford Neighborhood Environmental Partnership (HNEP)  
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