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## McKibben to present at April Speakers Series

The Green Decade is proud to host nationally renowned environmental author and speaker, Bill McKibben, for the April Environmental Speaker Series. This special lecture will take place Saturday, April 16 at 1 pm. Please note the change of day & time from our other Speaker Series events!

He will speak on "Looking for hope in New England." It will be reflections on his new book, *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Region, Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks*.

McKibben is already familiar to many GDC members. His best-seller, *The End of Nature*, was the first book for a general audience about global warming. At that time, he—and anyone else who believed in climate change—was part of a small, mostly-ignored, minority. Now his views have entered the mainstream but he doesn't understand why we're still not as alarmed as science tells us we should be.

A frequent writer about sustainability, he is an enthusiastic participant in the renewable-energy revolution. He recently installed solar panels on his Vermont house, and one of his earlier *Mother Jones* stories, "It's Easy Being

Green" (July / August 2002), was inspired by his purchase of a gas-electric hybrid car. More recently, he has written, *Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age*. He is scholar-in-residence at Middlebury College in Vermont.

## President's letter

Dear Friends,

We open March with our GreenCAP's annual "alternatives to pesticides" month and the many pursuits to make our lawns, landscapes, and environmental surroundings be pesticide and chemical free. We're honored to have Ann McGovern from the Dept. of Environmental Protection as guest speaker at our March Speaker Series, and on our March New TV show. See articles and flyer for details.

It's time to address the larger issue of pesticide use. We are hearing from residents who are multiple-chemical sensitive and need help. We know that toxins permeate certain sectors of our surroundings. But are we aware of harmful cleaning solutions and other items sold in many a store, items that we all assume to be safe, items that we use every day? Share your interest with us if you would like to be involved with a LOCAL TOXICS ACTION COALITION to educate the public about all of these issues.

Also note that April 2, 2005 is the 19th annual Toxics Action Conference at Wentworth Institute in Boston. Green Decade members receive a substantial discount. For more details about our local toxics coalition or the conference, contact us promptly at 617 965-1995 or [info@greendecade.org](mailto:info@greendecade.org).

April 10 is the 5th NewtonSERVES Day of Community Service and I encourage you to turn out and volunteer at one of nearly 40 projects around the City to make our community better, including the Recycling Committee's 2nd annual exchange at the Rumford Ave Depot. For more details about NewtonSERVES, please contact me at work, 617-796-1290 or [bdroz@newtonma.gov](mailto:bdroz@newtonma.gov).

Please note the change of date to Saturday, April 16 at 1pm to hear Bill McKibben, renowned environmentalist, at our monthly Speakers Series at the Newton Library! Many thanks to our ESS coordinator, Barbara Herson, for this year's great line-up!

I have much more to report than space allows. Visit our website for updated information, important resources and links ([www.greendecade.org](http://www.greendecade.org)). If you have not yet renewed or joined for 2005, please do so today. GDC is only as strong as all of us working together to make a difference.

Thank you, *Beverly Droz*

The Green Decade Coalition/Newton  
Co-sponsored with the Newton Free Library  
**Environmental Speaker Series at  
Newton Free Library**  
Druker Auditorium

*Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm*  
**"Healthy Lawns and  
Landscapes Workshop"**

**Ann McGovern** is a specialist for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Learn how to have a beautiful yard without using chemicals that may harm children, pets and the environment.

(See article in this issue on the special page)

*Saturday, April 16 at 1 pm*  
**Bill McKibben: "Looking  
for hope in New England"**

Reflections on his new book, *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Region, Vermont's Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondacks*.

(See article on this page)

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For information call 617 965-1995

## Sign up for the Environmental Science Program!

"Envi Sci" needs year round support. It is a unique summer program that lets students enjoy exploring the wilderness while learning about the environment. Every year, students have fun hiking, biking, canoeing, and climbing Mt. Washington, the tallest peak in the Northeast. They also participate in an environmental clean-up

### Job Opportunity!

Green Decade Coalition/Newton, a non-profit environmental organization, is looking for an individual to coordinate an energy conservation program for individuals and businesses. The job includes marketing the program to home and building owners, identifying and encouraging quality contractors to participate, providing them with practical support, and awarding high performers. You will work with construction trades-people and technicians, volunteers and general public. Applicants must have working knowledge of energy conservation principles and measurement techniques. Technical writing and website development aptitude are helpful. A college degree in a related field is preferred. This is a one-year contract position, up to 20 hours per week. Candidates, please send your resume to GDC/N, PO Box 590242, Newton, MA 02459, or email it to: Margford@yahoo.com (with Kyoto position in the subject line).

### Newton takes ink cartridges & cell phones

Get a free postage mailer to mail in your Ink cartridge. Pick one up at the library or at the front desk in City Hall lobby. Drop phones at Dept. of Public Works, City Hall 1st floor, attention: Barbara Herson. For questions on either of these, call Barbara at 617-964-7463.

### How small businesses can lighten electricity loads

Incentives for Newton businesses to upgrade their lighting just got better. In recent years, small businesses in Newton and elsewhere in the state have benefited from an 80:20 split on cost-effective lighting fixture upgrades, through the rate-payer supported audit and upgrade program offered by NSTAR. But businesses have had to come up with their 20% portion all at once, leaving some owners unable to commit. The good news--as of January 1st, NSTAR pays for retrofits in full and then bills businesses the 20% portion in scheduled monthly payments. In effect the utility makes an interest-free loan, and then makes sure a business sees savings (in reduced electricity consumption) even as it pays off the 20% obligation. "Its really a no-brainer now" says Bill Frary, the auditor for the program who has been working with Green Decade's outreach efforts. Any Green Decade members who are not business owners themselves can help with this effort by mentioning the program to their favorite business owners. For more details call Energy Committee member Eric Olson (617-558-6866), or Bill Frary directly at 508-872-7676. *by Eric Olson*

project. Up to 30 girls and boys who will be entering grades 7, 8, 9, or 10 participate. For details, call 617-969-0288 or e-mail: contact@newtonenvisci.org. Support from individuals or organizations is needed! For information, visit our website at: www.newtonenvisci.org. *(This program is part of the Newton Conservation Commission.)*

### Media reminder

Remember to tune in to The Environmental Show on the NewTV Blue channel:

**Tuesday** 11:30 p.m.    **Thursday** 4 and 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday** 11:30 a.m.    **Saturday** 10:00 a.m.

The show is a partnership between The Green Decade and The Newton Conservators with each organization presenting on alternate months. The February program will be produced by the Conservators (topic: Dolan Pond). The March program, produced by the Green Decade, will cover organic lawn care and composting with guest Ann McGovern of the Department of Environmental Protection.

And remember to read (or write articles for!) the environment page in the TAB--always printed on the first Wednesday of the month. Submit articles to Françoise LaMonica, at franswas@juno.com. *by Françoise LaMonica*

### Thanks ! and . . . next deadline

For the next newsletter, please send submissions or requests by e-mail to Ira Krepchin, irapk@alum.mit.edu by Friday, March 11, 2005.

Thanks for making this newsletter possible go to Managing Editor Ira Krepchin, Co-editors Peter Smith and Louise Bruyn, and those who wrote articles. Many thanks to our Newsletter Collator Chairs Marcia Cooper and Frank Propp, and their team for the last issue, all high school students: Amanda Gross from Newton South; Jessie Alpert, Gal Tziperman Lotan, Sabrina Lunin, Abby Ryan, Ali Segal, and Yessanya Tapia from Newton North; and students from "Close Up."

*"Close Up" encourages community service for students. It is a nonprofit, nonpartisan citizenship education organization. Close Up works to promote responsible and informed participation in the democratic process through a variety of educational programs.*

A special thank you to all those who helped with our annual membership appeal: Rohna & Mel Shoul and Pat & Will Rand for the use of their homes as mailing sites; and to all who helped with the mailing: Phyllis Berman, Amanda Cheung, Shirley Isenberg, Françoise LaMonica, Betsy Leavitt, Brooke Lipsitt, Nancy Lopin, Russ McIntosh, Andy Martin, Frank Propp, Freda Rebelsky, Beth Schroeder & Brian Washburn, Anne Verhulst, Francine Vidockler, and Maeve & Bill Ward.

**THANKS to Andrea Lempel-Federmann and Benji Federmann, WSI Internet Consulting & Education** for their reduction in fees and help re-designing our website.

## Newton Community Farm

It was an exciting moment for all when the City purchased from the Angino family the last remaining farm in Newton. No matter what your viewpoint - as an historical, cultural or open space advocate - this purchase by the City is a wonderful achievement.

The group of volunteers who have worked on the Angino Farm project for the past year have now formed an entity: The Newton Community Farm Group. This group is in the process of applying for non-profit status (501c3), and is busy establishing its board of directors and mission statement. The most likely scenario to unfold will be for the City to create a panel of overseers for the farm, who will in turn lease the land to The Newton Community Farm Group. The farm intends, at least initially, to operate under the most secure financial model - Community Supported Agriculture, commonly referred to as CSA. Growing season shares will be sold for \$500, which will provide sufficient produce to feed a family of four for the season. Neighbors wishing to participate at a half-share level (estimated for a family of two) will be encouraged to buddy up with a friend to split the ample produce.

The Newton Community Farm Group will also provide membership opportunities for citizens who would like to support the cause and start-up costs, but who do not want to purchase a share. The impressive goals of the farm group are to:

- Preserve the cultural and historic landscape of the Angino Farm;
- Grow organic produce for the benefit of Newton residents;
- Provide a model and educational center for sustainable land use and energy practices;
- Use sustainable methods for renovation and operation of the farmhouse, the barn, and the fields.

### Opportunities for you to get involved:

Because of necessary legal, contractual & conservation easement review, it may well not be feasible for the farm to operate a full growing season in 2005. Therefore, CSA shares may well not be sold until 2006. However, there are a tremendous amount of start-up costs involved in making the farmhouse habitable (currently it fails code on many levels), and in conducting a feasibility study for potential sustainable land use and energy practices. For example, the group would like to use this site for Newton's first installation of a composting Clivus toilet. Therefore, we encourage you to get involved in two ways: 1. Consider volunteering for a committee or even a board seat with the NCF Group (contact Kerisa Perazella: kerisaperazella@yahoo.com). Especially needed are the following volunteer positions: ° someone with fundraising experience; ° someone with sustainable energy experience; ° someone with grant writing experience (esp. MTC grants); 2. Consider donating to the farm group to help shoulder the start-up expense costs. Tax deductible contributions can be made to Newton Conservators, Inc. P.O. Box 59001, Newton Centre, MA 02459. Indicate on the memo line "Newton Community Farm." We congratulate the farm advocates on their progress! *by Betsy Harper*

## Members save! at Toxics Action Conference

The 19th Annual Toxics Action Conference 2005 will be held on April 2, from 8 am - 5:30 pm at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts. The conference brings together more than 400 citizens from across New England who are working to address environmental and public health threats in their communities.

The event features keynote speakers and 40 workshops to learn skills and strategies on how to win the fight against toxic pollution in your community. Green Decade members get a 20% discount. For more info: 617 965-1995.

## Recycling CDs

The newest disposable media, the compact disc, is not only a staple of modern life, but is becoming a staple of the modern landfill as well. Each year some 773 million CDs and DVDs are manufactured in the US. That's not counting the hundreds of millions of software, game discs, and blank CDs and DVDs that are sold. According to the Worldwatch Institute, each month 45 tons of these various media become obsolete and head for the garbage dump.

Yet these items are made of largely recyclable materials: aluminum and polycarbonate plastic. Here are some tips from Seventh Generation to help reduce, reuse, and recycle CDs and DVDs:

- download software and music directly to a computer hard drive,
- rent movies rather than purchasing them,
- buy used discs when possible—available from local resellers or at on-line stores such as Amazon.com, Alibris.com, or eBay,
- Use DVDs instead of CDs—they hold a lot more so you'll need fewer of them to back-up files, store music etc,
- Ask to be removed from mailing lists that send junk mail that includes CDs (See [www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html](http://www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html) for more information.),
- Give unwanted discs to libraries or friends,
- Recycle unwanted discs; Seventh Generation lists the following companies: GreenDisk ([www.greendisk.com/default.html](http://www.greendisk.com/default.html)), Plastics Recycling Inc. 317-780-6100, NE-SAR Systems, 724-827-8172, MRC Polymers 773-890-9000.

*This article was condensed from "Disc-go Inferno: We're Buried in a Deluge of DVDs, CDs, and Other Shiny Happy Media," published in The Non-Toxic Times, Jan. 2005, [www.seventhgeneration.com](http://www.seventhgeneration.com), published by Seventh Generation.*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Reminder:** Please respond to the January 2005 membership appeal

### Our Mission

*The Green Decade Coalition/Newton is conducting a campaign to make a significant improvement in resource use by businesses, institutions, and residences in Newton. We establish goals and seek to achieve measurable results in energy and water use, waste disposal practices, and pollution prevention through research, education, and action. Our goal is to make Newton a model of ecological and environmental integrity in a sustainable world community.*

## Join a Newton EcoTeam

Do you want to have a positive impact on the environment in your everyday life? If so, join the Household EcoTeam that is being formed by the Newton Green Decade Coalition. You'll learn how to use less energy and water, cut your garbage output, use less fuel for transportation, and reduce your use of toxic products. The average EcoTeam member saves about \$300 per year by adopting these practices.

A team consists of five to eight individuals or households, and meets seven times over a four-month period. With the support of a coach, fellow team members, and a step-by-step workbook, members create a more environmentally sustainable lifestyle. Team members choose from a series of practical actions that make sense for them. Green Decade Vice President Dan Ruben will coach the team. He has led more than 20 teams with over 100 participants. If you need more information, call Dan at 617-527-7950, or read about EcoTeams by visiting <http://empowermentinstitute.net/files/SLP.html>.

To join the team, call Margaret Ford at 617-964-0606 or email [margford@yahoo.com](mailto:margford@yahoo.com). She will form the team after finding an evening of the week in which team members are consistently available. We hope to start the team this spring, so please contact Margaret soon.

**Good news!** Massachusetts next? *"Between San Francisco and Sacramento lies the High Winds Energy Center, a state-of-the-art wind farm expected to generate roughly 162 megawatts of electricity—enough to power 75,000 homes—and make wind power competitive with extractive energy sources. The turbines at High Winds represent a substantial improvement in technology: they are more efficient than previous models, and their blades revolve more slowly and kill fewer birds"* — "Blips on the Timeline: A Mighty Wind." Page 21, *TIMELINE*, a bimonthly publication of the Foundation for Global Community, January/February, 2005.

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## CALENDAR

- Mar 15-17** (Tues-Thurs) **Building Energy 05**, N'east Sust. Energy Assoc Conf, WTC Boston, [www.nesea.org](http://www.nesea.org)
- Mar 16** (Wed) 7pm **Green Decade Board Meeting**  
Call for info & location: 965-1995.
- Mar 28** (Mon) 7pm **"Healthy Lawns & Landscapes"**, Ann McGovern of DEP, Env. Speaker Series, Newton Free Library. Call 617 965 -1995
- Apr 2** (Sat) **Toxics Action Conf**, see article page 3.
- Apr 10** (Sun) All day **NewtonSERVES**, community service on a half or all day project. 617 796-1290, [bdroz@newtonma.gov](mailto:bdroz@newtonma.gov)
- Apr 10** (Sun) All day **Swap & Recycle Day**, at Rumford Ave. Recycling Center, Bldg Materials & more  
Info call Barbara Herson at 617 964-7463.
- Apr 16** (Sat) 1pm **Bill McKibben: "Looking for hope in New England,"** Env. Speaker Series, Newton Free Library. 617 965-1995, article p.1
- May 23** (Mon) 7pm **"Newton's State of the Environment 2005"** Mayor Cohen, Legislators, 965-1995  
Env. Speaker Series, Newton Free Library

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## The climate on the other side of the world

In December of 2004, Amelia Ravin of Clean Air-Cool Planet and Green Decade board member participated in an exchange project sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) and the City of Newton. The 10-day trip gave Amelia and her traveling companion Kim Lundgren, Environmental Agent for the City of Medford, Massachusetts, a first-hand look at greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts by municipal officials in Porto Alegre, Brazil—as well as a chance to participate in side events for local governments at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, the 10th conference of the parties (COP 10) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Amelia’s observations from this trip...

“In November 2004, the Environmental Secretary and the Cities for Climate Protection Liaison for Porto Alegre visited the Metro Boston area to learn about climate and energy initiatives, as did Laura Valente, Director of ICLEI’s Rio de Janeiro office. The trip that Kim and I took was the second half of this “twinning” effort between Boston and Porto Alegre, organized by ICLEI and Massachusetts State Representative Jim Marzilli.

“Given what we saw in Porto Alegre, we couldn’t have been more impressed or invigorated by the city’s environmental staff, projects and programs. In this city of 1.5 million, the municipal environmental agency manages to maintain a staff of several hundred, working on projects from park preservation and landscaping to air pollution, environmental education and recycling. Never having traveled to South America, I had the impression that developing countries would have far fewer resources to spend on environmental protection. But what I saw in Porto Alegre is that environmental programs are integrated into other social issues and programs there, resulting in far more sustainable solutions for the community. They also run environmental education programs that reach several hundred thousand residents annually. Here are just a few examples from our first-hand learning experience:

### **Parks & preservation:**

At the Lami Biological Reserve, a 179-acre municipally owned park on the outskirts of the city, Porto Alegre staff work with school children on environmental education programs and run an indigenous plant pharmacy for the community. Porto Alegre takes great care of its inner city parks too: the municipal nursery supplies all plant material for municipal parks, grown with compost from their recycling programs.

### **Solid waste and social inclusion:**

Porto Alegre runs several cooperatives to sort solid waste, compost materials, and recycle everything possible. These programs offer well-paid jobs to the city’s poor and provide a profitable environmental service. This is an excellent example of a truly sustainable program: combining environmental, economic and social issues to create a sound, politically feasible solution.

### **Driving towards cleaner air:**

Another example of a sustainable approach to environmental protection is the city’s system for reducing pollution from their public buses. Mini-computers on each bus measure the driver’s efficiency in real time, providing an opportunity to learn and correct fuel-inefficient driving habits. Financial savings are returned to the drivers with best ratings achieved with the computer data. Incentives like this have gone a long way toward improving fuel efficiency in the city’s bus fleet, saving money and reducing local air pollution – imagine the impact this kind of program could have in Metro Boston !

“After three days of touring with the city officials we were sad to leave and felt that we could have stayed another week to see all of their environmental projects. Both Metro Boston and Porto Alegre officials hope this relationship will continue between north and south because we still have a lot to share and to learn from each other.

“Kim and I returned to Buenos Aires for three more days of COP 10 events and ICLEI-organized seminars, tours and, of course, delicious Argentine meals and parties, along with government officials from all over South America. Also present were officials from Calgary and Abbotsford, Canada, who were participating in a similar twinning project with the City of Buenos Aires. Kim and I presented to a group of about 25 South American officials the projects and programs happening in the Metro Boston area, and heard many success stories of other twinning projects with South American cities.

“On the final day of our visit, ICLEI South America presented a panel of local government leaders on climate protection at the United Nations COP10 Conference. Mayor Anibal Ibara of Buenos Aires was flanked by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson; the Vice Mayor of Barcelona; the Deputy Mayor of Abbotsford, British Columbia; City Councilors from Palmas, Brazil, and Milan, Italy; and others. ICLEI also launched their new “Target ZERO” program at this event, a program seeking municipal commitment for eventual drastic reductions in carbon emissions.

“Now back in the chilly Northeast, reflecting on this experience, I am grateful for the opportunity to have met these community leaders and learned about so many inspiring projects on the other side of the world. I look forward to keeping this international channel of information open, continuing to build relationships with community leaders from other countries. Through Clean Air-Cool Planet’s (CA-CP) Communities program, with support from the Oak Foundation, we will be doing just that this spring with Canadian climate champion cities, bringing a delegation from Northeast cities to Toronto and Fredericton, New Brunswick to experience and learn first-hand of global warming solutions from our northern neighbors.”

*by Amelia Ravin*

## Healthy Lawns and Landscapes Workshop

The March Environmental Speaker Series is a workshop on Healthy Lawns and Landscapes, led by Ann McGovern, Consumer Waste Reduction Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Participants will learn how to have a beautiful yard without using chemicals that may harm children, pets and the environment. Pesticides and lawn chemicals have unforeseen impacts on human health and move through the soil into drinking water supplies, ponds, streams and rivers. Children and pets are especially susceptible to harmful effects because of their size. Birds and wildlife suffer injury and even death from long term exposure to traces of pesticides in the environment.

"With a few simple changes, you can have a beautiful lawn without the use of harmful chemicals," notes Ann McGovern. "By developing healthy soil, choosing plants that are appropriate for your site conditions and following some basic guidelines in caring for them, you can have a very rewarding, attractive landscape that contributes to the health of your family, neighbors, pets, wildlife and water quality." Come Monday, Mar. 28, 7 pm, Newton Free Library and learn some simple techniques you can use in your own yard. Working with nature, you can create conditions in which life in and beyond your yard can thrive. YOU can be part of the solution to pollution. Materials will be provided for volunteers who wish to promote sustainable landscaping in their neighborhoods.

## Swap & Recycle Day

On Sunday, April 10 on Newton-SERVES Day, you can bring appliances, bikes, and building materials (no windows) to the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center. For information call Barbara Herson at 617 964-7463.

## Thanks for donations go to:

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**ENERGY BENEFACTOR:** Charles River Neighborhood Foundation, John and Amy Mah Sangiolo.

## Plant & garden sale benefit

On Saturday, May 14 from 9:30am to 12:30pm the annual plant and garden sale will benefit the Green Decade's ongoing programs. The sale will be held at 87 Derby St., W. Newton, the home of landscape designer Betsy Leavitt.

We gratefully accept and need plant donations: annuals, perennials, vines, seeds, tree/shrub seedlings, decorative items: flower pots, baskets. Please drop off donations from May 9th-13th to the address above. Place plants on the left side of the driveway on Cherry St. Tables will be set up to receive your donations. All plant donations must be labeled but do not have to be in containers.

## Our "Green House" goes to a design convention

The creators of the "Green House" will present a workshop at the Build Boston Residential Design Convention and Tradeshow on Thursday, April 7, 1-2:30 pm, at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. (The model Green House was displayed from Sept. to Dec. 2004 at the Newton History Museum.)

The workshop will focus on developing a market for sustainable single and multi-family homes. This requires a coordinated effort by architects, engineers, educators, advocates, and grass roots organizations.

It will focus on construction and renovation technologies that have captured homeowners' interest, issues involved with integrating high-performance building technologies in traditional neighborhoods, and advocacy required to create a community committed to sustainable living.

The presenters are David Del Porto (Ecological Engineering Group), Douglas Dick, AIA, LEED AP (LDA Architects), Paul Wolff (Conservation Services Group) and Louise Bruyn (Green Decade Coalition/Newton). The moderator will be Treff LaFleche, AIA (LDA Architects).

The "Green House" is a project of the Green Decade, and is an educational and advocacy tool. It will be on display. See: <http://www.buildbostonresidential.com>

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