



Sustainability Logo

## Sustainability @ Bellevue College

### Events

#### **Energy Check**

June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Memorial Day**

May 30<sup>th</sup>

Make sure to turn off *lights*, power off your *monitor*, *printer* and kitchen equipment and close *windows* and blinds for the long weekend.

### Transportation

May is Bike to Month, you still have a few days left! Here are some [tips](#). Thanks to Jan Ng and Rachel Solemsaas leading bike to work teams. In related news Ray Butler is leading a new partnership between the BC Wellness Center and the Bicycle Alliance of Washington to bring bicycle education and new bicycle facilities to main campus.



Energy Check logo

by Sarah Oates, Sustainability Intern

Energy Check is the opportunity for employees and students to work together to make Bellevue College more energy efficient! The event will involve students listening to a presentation about energy conservation on and off campus, then visiting a Captain of Sustainability to assess the energy savings potential of his/her office. The energy bill for March was \$133,982; meaning BC spends more than \$4,000 on energy costs every day, and over \$1.4 million on energy costs every year. Energy Check is an event designed to lower those numbers, save BC money, and help BC become more sustainable! Look for Energy Check student around campus June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is being piloted with the Captains of Sustainability.

## Best of BC Highlights Captains of Sustainability

Who has been promoting Sustainability in your work area or department? Vote for a Captain of Sustainability (#9) in the Best of BC survey **by Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://bellevuecollege.edu/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=8822618>



Captain of Sustainability Logo

The Captains of Sustainability held their Spring Social is May 19<sup>th</sup> reviewing success and planning new projects, like Energy Check.

Find out more and become a [Captain of Sustainability](#)

## Waste

Composting is coming to Bellevue College. You may have noticed a new brown dumpster on the north side of the C-building from Cedar Grove. Students from the Bite-Me Course focusing on food and sustainability in partnership with ASG leadership and SESF funds will move the cafeteria to compostable materials summer quarter. Stay tuned for details.

## Energy

Bellevue College is launching a campus-wide energy and water audit to find savings associated with reducing our consumption of electricity, natural gas and water. These audits will look at both equipment, such as lights and HVAC, and operations, such as weather-stripping doors and scheduling lights off during daylight hours.

### **Energy Bill for March:**

**2011** - \$102,187;

Electricity

2010 - \$92,067;

**2011** - \$42,629; Natural

Gas

2010 - \$30,467

## Sustainability @ BC Hiring Student Employees

Through the support of the Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF), the Sustainability @ BC is hiring student employees for the upcoming year.

Your support in getting these opportunities out to dedicated and skilled students is vital. The job description is linked [here](#); Applications are due June 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

These positions will focus on Sustainability issues of interest to the campus community including: waste & food, energy & water, and transportation. Please announce, email, post these opportunities to students and to employees who serve students that might be interested. Share widely.

## Student Garden

What's that smell? A student garden is emerging behind the greenhouse in raised beds. Cedar grove dropped off a load of soil this week to help bring this garden to life. Volunteers are needed to help build out this garden. Contact the Associated Student Government Representative for Environmental and Social Responsibility at: [asgenviro@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:asgenviro@bellevuecollege.edu). This project was funded by the Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF).

## Earth Week Wrap-Up

*by Deric Gruen, Sustainability Coordinator*

Thanks for participating in the 12th annual Earth Week celebration! Over 1600 students participated in the lecture and film series. Many more participated in the farmer's market, art installation, potluck, garden work party, cafeteria events and photo contest! Sales of Earth Week Mugs raised over \$650 for the Japanese Earthquake Relief Fund!

Congratulations to the winners of the second Earth Week Photo Contest, all the entries can be seen at -

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/rob\\_viens/sets/72157626430837059/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/rob_viens/sets/72157626430837059/)

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