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Celebrate Spring & Green Your Grass!

Free Greenscapes Seminar - Open to the Public

**How to Create and Maintain a Beautiful, Healthy
and Natural Lawn**

What better way is there to welcome spring?

Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 9 - 11:30 am

Location: Bee Building, Topsfield Fairgrounds
207 Boston St. (Rte 1), Topsfield, MA

Topics Include:

- Build your soil to support beautiful lawns without fertilizers and pesticides

- Compost! Learn how to feed your soil by recycling leaves and kitchen scraps
- Compost tea for my lawn? Yes!! Learn how
- Save money by capturing and using rainwater
- Mowing tips and techniques for healthy lawns

Presenters:

Bruce Wenning, Ecological Landscaping Association
Curtis Dragon, Earth Landscape
Jack Sweeney, Landcare, Inc.

Reservations requested (if possible)

Call 978-741-7900 or email info@salemsound.org

Greenscapes are yard care practices that conserve water and reduce the use of toxic chemicals.



This seminar is sponsored by the Greenscapes North Shore Coalition (Salem Sound Coastwatch, Ipswich River Watershed Association, Eight Towns & the Bay), and the Topsfield Fair.

Upcoming Activities

1. Adopt a Beach Training Sessions

After our first--and very successful--beachkeeper training session, two others have been scheduled.

- **Monday, March 22 - 6:30-8:45 pm** in the Barnet Gallery of the Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex St, Beverly, MA 01915
- **Sunday, April 11 - 2 - 4 pm** at the Tower School, 75 West Shore Drive, Marblehead, MA 01945

Feel free to join us! Beachkeepers are still needed for several several beaches, including Devereux in Marblehead, Waikiki and Dead Horse beaches in Salem, Sandy Beach in Danvers and more.

RSVP requested for training. Call 978-741-7900 or email

2. "Green Pharmacy: Strategies for Reducing Our Pharmaceutical Footprint"

Many pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter drugs, fragrances, and personal care products contain compounds that can affect the human endocrine system.

Dr. Nicholas Anastas, an environmental pharmacologist, will be discussing the environmental consequences of these products and issues related to investigating and limiting their use.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 - 7 pm, at the Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Rd, Nahant, MA 01908.

For more information contact Carole McCauley, 781-581-7370 ext 321, or email c.mccauley@neu.edu.

Does the South Essex Sewerage District (SESD) Pollute the Waters of Salem Sound?

At one time it did. In fact not too long ago, the "treatment" consisted of removing the solids and sending the remaining liquids right into Salem Sound.

Happily that's no longer the case.

But wait a minute--isn't that nasty smell out waste being dumped by the sewage treatment

No! Most likely it's quano from the colony of k



660 yards farther east.

SESD has been recognized by EPA for their commitment to improving water quality. Under normal operating conditions sewage from the Salem Sound watershed communities of Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Peabody, and Salem is not a source of water pollution. However, there are still issues during extreme flooding events like we experienced this past weekend.

Environmentally aware, SESD is now looking into solar power as well as options for co-generating electricity using heat produced by the plant's operations. SESD also investigated using wind power but found it unfeasible for their site.

Pollution from stormwater runoff is now the major source of pollution in Salem Sound. More on that next month.

Happy spring! We hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather.

Barbara Warren, Executive Director
Susan Yochelson, Outreach Coordinator

ps--Tell you friends and neighbors about the upcoming activities.

