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Dear Staff & Community,

I hope this e-news finds you well. See below for this week's sustainability news & tips.

***Tip of the Week:**

What to do with old electronics? Websites such as buymytronics.com can help you earn on used electronics. For example, a 3G iPhone with a cracked screen can earn you about \$30. Donating old electronics can earn you a tax break too!

***Sprouts of Hope Present "Imagine a Sustainable Life" Quilt to the City**

On Monday, February 25th, at Cambridge City Hall, the [Sprouts of Hope](http://www3.cpsd.us/schools/sprouts_of_hope) — a local group of Cambridge Public School students in Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots group — donated an exquisite quilt they made, as a lending gift to the City of Cambridge. The Sprouts of Hope members — Eliza Klein, Maya Ludtke, Kaya Mark, Risa Paley-Zimble and Lilly Sandberg — are sophomores and juniors at Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, where they are active in various environmental clubs. These bright young women gave thoughtful testimonials at City Hall after presenting the quilt to the Mayor and the City: http://www3.cpsd.us/schools/sprouts_of_hope

***CitySprouts Annual Fundraising Event**

Please join us! CitySprouts Dig It! Fundraiser

When? Thursday, March 14, 2013

What time? 6pm to 8:30pm

Where? Liberty Hotel *Ballroom*

215 Charles Street, Boston

Help us grow! CitySprouts is raising \$75,000 to bring our school garden program to two new partner schools in Boston: The Ellis School in Dorchester and The Mather School in Roxbury, connecting more children to garden-based learning in their schools.

Since 2000, CitySprouts has made hands-on learning, environmental stewardship and the experience of growing food part of public education. CitySprouts is currently serving 18 schools in the Greater Boston area: all JK-8 public schools in Cambridge, two Boston public schools and two Lynn public schools.

Dig It! 2013 is our annual fundraising event. This year's party will be at the Liberty Hotel in Boston on March 14th from 6pm to 8:30pm. To purchase tickets on line, visit www.citysprouts.org

***Coming Soon! Cambridge Solar Challenge (4/1/13-8/1/13)**

HEET and Next Step Living are changing the game of solar in Cambridge this spring, using an [interactive tool](#) MIT's MoDE research group and the City of Cambridge created to show the solar potential of every building in the city. Installing solar electric panels has become a good investment; it will save you money while producing clean renewable

energy – and we're ready to show you how. From April to June we will host Solar 101 education events around town and **knock on doors of over 2,000 of the best opportunity homes**. Our Solar Challenge **discount** is a whopping cherry on top of the existing flexible financing options. You can even **earn a donation of \$300 to your favorite nonprofit (such as a preschool, church, P.T.O. or community center)** if you go solar. We can't wait to see painless renewable energy and community donations from the Cambridge Solar Challenge make a difference for local families this spring. Keep an eye out for more news soon! Email heet.cambridge@gmail.com with questions.

***Cambridge Climate Protection Action Committee (CPAC)**

When Thursday, March 14, 6pm – 8pm

Where City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway ([map](#)) (open to the public)

Description <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/climateandenergy/climatechangeplanning/climateprotectionactioncommittee.aspx>

***Cambridge Science Festival!**

Save the date! April School Vacation Week 12-21, 2013. Come to a robot zoo, the science of food, bottle rocket launching, star gazing, and more!
www.CambridgeScienceFestival.org.

***350MA Meeting – Harvard Square**

When: Tuesday, March 19, 6pm – 9pm

Where: Cambridge Library Central Square branch ([map](#))

Description: Our next 350MA meeting is next Tuesday, February 5th at the First Church Cambridge from 6-9 (6-7 potluck; 7-9 meeting). The address is 11 Garden St. in Cambridge/ Harvard Square. This church is our home base but periodically the space is unavailable so make sure you always double check to know where we will be meeting. We will be splitting up into working groups so I hope you're all ready to hunker down and get some stuff done! Newcomers welcome.

***Schools Sustainability Website**

Check out our Office for Sustainability website. We are updating on a regular basis, adding more resources and environmental news & tips for our classrooms and schools.
<http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/Sustainability>.

***More Fresh Food!**

In addition to Saturday's "Winter Farmer's Market"

(<http://www.cambridgewinterfarmersmarket.com/>) Cambridge now features the "C2W Market," a mid-week pop up farmer's market on Wednesdays!

(<http://www.bostoncentral.com/events/farmer/p29492.php>) It is located in the former Blockbuster building in Central Square, open through April 24th from 2:30-6pm. Some of the primary vendors include Cuisine en Locale – Central Square, MA - Selling shares from their "Once a Week" delivery of cooked local foods and favorite ingredients from around New England including: Alex's Ugly Sauce- 3 kinds of hot sauce made from

Stillman peppers; Four Star Farms- Farm grown grains and freshly milled flours and Cooks Bakery Jams – and many more!

***Energy Projects in Schools:**

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce energy use across the district. We utilize software and input data to record & analyze energy use for each of our schools and school administrative buildings. This helps us to categorize and implement building projects, which we carry out in partnership with the City. To stay posted on our school's projects, please visit our sustainability page:

http://www3.cpsd.us/sustainability/cps_energy_projects.

***Virtual Recycling Tour**

City staff are invited to attend a virtual recycling tour on Monday April 22 at 6pm at Public Works, the main conference room at 147 Hampshire Street. Randi Mail, Recycling Director, will show a video, share pictures and talk about how recycling gets separated at Casella Recycling in Charlestown and marketed to companies that make products from recycled materials. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, and thanks!

Thank you!

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