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## DOE Celebrates the 40th Earth Day

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### EARTH DAY 40



**EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY!**  
REDUCING DOE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

On April 22, 2010, the United States and DOE will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Earth Day, which marked the beginning of the modern environmental movement. DOE will be coordinating Earth Day events at both the Forrestal and Germantown locations. DOE's theme for 2010 is "Earth Day, Every Day! Reducing DOE's Carbon Footprint."

This year's Earth Day celebration will be the largest and most visible one; yet-one that incorporates and showcases the dedicated progress DOE is making to support a clean, healthy, sustainable environment. Some exciting new additions to this year's event include a formal outdoor program with live entertainment,

guest speakers, interactive displays, give-aways, energy educational games, garden walks, and "cause and effect" presentations. "Take our Sons and Daughters to Work Day" coincides with Earth Day so bring the kids too!

The Department's Earth Week observance will take place at Forrestal, April 19-23 and Germantown, April 26-30. You won't want to miss the EStar Awards ceremony on April 22; which recognize exemplary environmental sustainability practices of DOE sites.

DOE will also host a pavilion on the National Mall April 22-25 in conjunction with the Earth Day Network's celebration.

Look for more information in an upcoming DOECAST or contact Beverly Whitehead (HS-22) at Beverly.Whitehead@hq.doe.gov or 202 586-6073.

**Come do your part for Earth Day and join the fun!**

## SAVE THESE DATES!

**April 7 - ERWA Brown Bag Seminar "Debt on a Diet,"** noon to 1:00, Germantown Auditorium



Do you have too much month at the end of the money? PNC Bank will present ways to help you get your personal finances in order. Learn important ways to manage your money. Understand the true cost of credit and how to implement a plan to pay off debt faster. Learn how to formulate a budget with a "Step Down" process along with ways to implement a savings plan. You will also learn other techniques that will help you establish a strong financial foundation for you and your family. You don't want to miss this informative seminar!! The seminar is free and open to everyone!

**May 26 - Germantown Vendor Fair** with your favorite service vendors! Hotels, Financial Groups, Phone Service Providers, plus our favorite food vendor DOGFISH ALE HOUSE! Mark your calendar to drop by the Germantown auditorium from 11:00 to 1:30 to see what these vendors have to offer!!

## It's Finally Spring and Time for Theme Park Season!

After an unusually snowy and cold winter, it is time to turn our thoughts to out door fun in the sun at our local theme parks. With finances needing to go further for holidays and vacations again this year, a family trip to Busch Gardens Williamsburg (BGW), Water Country USA (WCUSA), Hershey Park, Dutch Wonderland, Kings Dominion, or Six Flags America might fit into your budget.

ERWA has already received a supply of discount tickets to our local theme parks. This season BGW and WCUSA are offering our ERWA members new "Discovery" tickets which are good for 7 Consecutive Days of fun-with the variety of rides and entertainment available from April through October, these are definitely a winner. You can also purchase season passes for Six Flags America this year, and combined with our new meal vouchers and parking passes this is quite a deal. Hershey Park remains the "sweetest" theme park in the country, and don't forget to check out Hershey's Chocolate World (no entrance fee and right next to Hershey Park) to see how chocolate is made. Kings Dominion also has "Early Bird" admission, which is good through 5/31 and a new Pay Once Visit Twice ticket.

Don't forget our discounts for other area attractions such as the International Spy Museum, Madame Tussauds, the National Aquarium, Museum of Crime and Punishment, AMC and Regal movie tickets, and the upcoming Maryland Renaissance Festival. These venues could keep you entertained and busy the entire season.

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## Time for DOE CO-ED Softball



After surviving a historic winter in the Metro area its time to start thinking of getting outside in the warm air, and there's no better place to start then the DOE Co-Ed softball season which is about to go into full swing, pun intended. The DOE Co-Ed softball league is a fun league for men and women of all ages. The league season runs from mid-April to late July with each team playing 1-2 games per week. All games will be played on the softball field at the Germantown Facility; games start promptly at 6:15 pm. The league follows the rules established by the National Softball Association (<http://playnsa.com>). All individuals are expected to sign a waiver and to join ERWA.

If you are interested, contact Joe Gazda (6-2075); there are still plenty of teams looking for interested players, or, create your own team and join the league.

## History of April Fool's Day

Many of the ancient cultures, such as, Romans, Hindus and the medieval Europeans used to celebrate New Year's Day near the vernal equinox. In the Julian calendar, April 1 was designated as New Year's Day. Then in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered the adoption of the new Gregorian Calendar, which specified January 1 as the New Year's Day. However, many people still celebrated New Year's Day on April 1. The Scottish adopted the new calendar in 1660, the Germans, Danes and Norwegians in 1700 and the English in 1752.

Many French also resisted the change and were dubbed fools and pranks were played on them. The victims of this ridicule were called 'Poisson d'Avril' or April Fish. The naive fish gets caught easily. Thus, the beginning of what we currently celebrate as April Fool's day.

## ERWA Discount Ticket Prices for Spring/Summer/Fall 2010 (As of 3/17/2010)

**NOTICE:** ERWA makes every effort to hold prices for the full season. However, occasional price increases from the vendor may cause our prices to change.

	<b>Our Price</b> (with tax)	<b>Their Price</b> (tax not always included)
<b>Tickets For:</b>		
<b>Baltimore Aquarium</b>		
Adult (2-59)	\$22.00	\$24.95
Child (3-11)	\$12.00	\$14.93
Senior (60+)	\$21.00	\$23.95
<b>Busch Gardens Williamsburg &amp; Water Country USA</b>		
BGW Adult Single Day (10 & up)	\$51.00	\$61.95
BGW Child Single Day (3-9)	\$41.00	\$51.95
Water Country USA Single Day Adult (10 & Up)	\$35.00	\$42.95
Water Country USA Single Day Child (3-9)	\$28.00	\$35.95
BGW Discovery Ticket (Good for 7 Consecutive days from 3/26-5/22 and 9/6-10/31)	\$60.00	\$61.95
BGW/WCUSA Discovery Ticket (Good for 7 Consecutive Days from 5/22-9/6)	\$78.00	\$79.95
<b>Dutch Wonderland</b>		
All Ages	\$29.00	\$31.95
<b>Hershey Park</b>		
Regular Any Day (9-54)	\$43.00	\$52.95
Jr/Sr (3-8 / 55-69)	\$30.00	\$31.95
Senior (over 70)	\$20.00	\$20.95
2-Day Flex Regular	\$70.00	\$70.50
2-Day Flex Jr/Sr	\$51.00	\$52.50
<b>International Spy Museum</b>		
Adult (Ages 12-64)	\$16.00	\$18.00
Child (Ages 5-11)	\$13.00	\$15.00
Seniors	\$15.00	\$17.00
<b>Kings Dominion</b>		
Early Bird Adm. (3+) (good thru 5/31/10)	\$32.00	\$33.99
Regular Any Day (3-61, 48" and taller)	\$41.00	\$56.99
Jr/Sr Any Day (3-61, under 48" or 62+)	\$31.00	\$33.99
Pay Once Visit Twice (3+)	\$56.00	\$59.99
<b>Madame Tussauds Washington D.C.</b>		
Adult (13-59)	\$14.00	\$21.15
Senior (60+)	\$12.00	\$19.04
Child (4-12)	\$10.00	\$15.86
<b>Medieval Times</b>		
Adult (13+)	\$47.00	\$58.24
Child (under 12)	\$39.00	\$43.95
<b>Museum of Crime &amp; Punishment</b>		
Adult	\$16.00	\$18.95
<b>Movies</b>		
AMC - Silver (restrictions apply)	\$6.50	
AMC - Gold (no restrictions)	\$8.00	Prices Vary
Regal Cinema (no restrictions)	\$8.00	
<b>Roundtop Mountain Adventures</b>		
Adult Adventure Package (11 & older)	TBD	TBD
Jr/Sr Adventure Package (5-10 & 65+)		
The Vertical Trek (10+, 70-250 lbs.)		
<b>Six Flags America</b>		
All Ages (2+)	\$26.00	\$49.99 + tax
Season Pass (all ages 3+)	\$55.00	\$54.99 + tax
Meal Vouchers	\$10.00	\$12.99 + tax
Parking	\$10.50	n/a

## Theme Parks from Page 2

Theme Parks are Going Green -- In an effort to Go Green, most of our theme parks are not providing pamphlets this year. Instead, we are providing you with the following web site addresses to use for the most updated information on-line. Visit the following sites:

### Busch Gardens Williamsburg:

[www.buschgardens.com/bgw](http://www.buschgardens.com/bgw)

### Water Country USA:

[www.watercountryusa.com](http://www.watercountryusa.com)

### Dutch Wonderland:

[www.dutchwonderland.com](http://www.dutchwonderland.com)

### Hershey Park:

[www.hersheypark.com](http://www.hersheypark.com)

### Hershey's Chocolate World:

[www.hersheyschocolateworld.com](http://www.hersheyschocolateworld.com)

### Kings Dominion:

[www.kingsdominion.com](http://www.kingsdominion.com)

### Six Flags American:

[www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

These sites are up to date and show all of the rides, entertainment, schedule, special events, and much more information for each park. Check them out-you will be amazed at what is available.

Also included on page 2 is our current discount price list for Spring/Summer/Fall of 2010. Stop by the shops to get your tickets now!

**For Additional Vendor Savings**

**Visit the ERWA Updated Web Site**

<http://www.recgov.org> then click on the energy button.

## Reminder

Don't forget to return your 2010 Census Form!!! Residents are required by law to complete the form and mail it back by April 1. Each person who is not counted will mean the loss of thousands of federal dollars for important local education, transportation, and human service programs. Remember--You can make a difference because you count!

## GTN March Vendors

- 04/01 Hebe Wiseman, Artisan Jewelry
- 04/02 Patty Tsao, Jewelry and Gifts
- 04/05 Yvonne Prevost, Mary Kay Cosmetics
- 04/06 Gary and Renee Poston, Light My Fire
- 04/07 Gerry Goldgraben, Purse Strings N Things
- 04/08 Jit Gidda, Men's and Women's Accessories
- 04/09 Sidney Katz, Katz International Gifts and Accessories
- 04/12 Beth Taylor, Bella Jewelry
- 04/13 Harry and Carrie Fisher, Fisher Apparel
- 04/14 Barb Omholt, Barb's Baubles
- 04/15 Jessie Kretzer, Arbonne Skin Care
- 04/16 Lorraine Fowlkes, Tastefully Simple
- 04/19 Patricia Johnson, Fashion Jewelry
- 04/20 Karen Gurksnis, Sky Loom, Native American Silver Jewelry & Gifts
- 04/21 Vikki Rome, Vikki's Golden Treasures Jewelry
- 04/22 Marla Sabin, Sparkling Ideas Jewelry
- 04/23 Gerry Goldgraben, Purse Strings N' Things
- 04/26 Hebe Wiseman, Artisan Jewelry
- 04/27 Nancy Nicola, PurseNalities
- 04/28 Karen Perry and Abby Martinez, Candy Bouquet
- 04/29 Vikki Rome, Vikki's Golden Treasures Jewelry
- 04/30 Yvonne Prevost, Mary Kay Cosmetics

## FORS March Vendors

- 04/01 Sharon Scott - Lotions, Perfumes, Oil Burners & Oil; Paul Bruno - Raw Shea Butter & Soaps
- 04/02 Annmarie Lewis, Men's & Women's Lounge & Sleepwear **and** Steve Reynolds, One World Creations; Sterling Silver **(NEW)**
- 04/05 Brenda Toye, Women's Apparel & Hats; Marla Sabin, Sterling Silver Jewelry
- 04/06 Valeria Miller, Ladies' Apparel
- 04/06-07 Lenny & Tina Steiner, Children's Clothes **(NEW)**
- 04/07 Harold Griffin, Women's Clothes & Purses
- 04/08 Paul Cheng, Diamond & Gold Jewelry; Cathy & Stan Clark, Seasoning, Jewelry & Oils
- 04/09 Indu Shama, Jewelry & Gifts; Michelle Freeman, Hand-Made Memorabilia for Cars & Shirts
- 04/12 Sidney Katz, Variety of Leather Bags Goods for Work & Travel **(NEW)**
- 04/12-13 Casey People, Pictures and Frames
- 04/13 Ellen Hawkins, Plus-Size Women's Clothes, Towels
- 04/14-15 Harry & Carrie Fisher, Fashion Umbrellas, Jackets & Sweaters
- 04/14 Barbara Mayo/Marie Spencer, Jewelry, Gifts & Shaklee Products
- 04/15 Trudy Gibbs, Mary Kay
- 04/16 Gerri White, Betty Boop Fashion; King Twitty, Sports Memorabilia & Pictures

## WEEK OF April 19-23 - NO VENDORS - EARTH WEEK

- 04/26 Satnam /Singh Gidda, Perfumes & Neckties
- 04/26-27 Goldengraben/Blum - Watch Sales & Repair
- 04/27 Ghazel Amir, Sterling Silver Jewelry; Sharon Scott, Lotions, Perfumes, Oil Burners & Oil
- 04/29 Irick/Hollinshead, Handbags & Gold & Silver Jewelry; Bill Miller, **BOOK FAIR**
- 04/30 Hanna Weinstein, Hand Made Jewelry; LaVern Toler, & BJE Handbags **(NEW)**

# The Advertiser

## CARPOOLS/VANPOOLS

CT/MD Vanpool, save \$\$\$, eco friendly, and relieve stress. Currently 9 passenger van can move up. Looking for Charles Town, WV or Brunswick residents. Meeting place Food Lion parking lot, Charles Town, WV departure at 5:45a and Park n Ride, Brunswick, MD (off rt 340, exit# 1, Knoxville, MD) departure at 6:05a. Work schedule 7a-4:30p. Contact: Janet Tatterson at 304-261-4092.

Van Pool Riders Wanted! Laurel, MD (BW Parkway & Rt. 197) Mall Area, Washington DC. Depart Laurel 6:45AM, Arrive Laurel 5:50-6:10PM Contact Shirley 202 586-2218. METRO CHECKS ACCEPTED AS PARTIAL PAYMENT!

CP needs driver/rider from Reston to FORS, 7-4:30 AWS, Jim 7-1370.

CP Hagerstown to FOR, 6:30-4:00 Jim 6-4441 or Peter 6-8116.

CP needs rider/driver from Frederick to FORS, 7-4:30 AWS, Melinda 6-0012.

## FOR SALE

David White Construction Level: \$85. Precision optical tool for laying out your construction project, leveling foundations, floors, pipes, walls, turning corners, setting grades, etc. Made in USA model. Can bring to GTN. Tom Anderson, 301 831-8674.

For Sale: 3 piece living room furniture. (1) loveseat (1) sofa/pull out bed and (1) large Chaise lounge, color: mint green with multi-colored large pillows. Interested please call: 301 503-2846

100% Alpaca Bears and yarn for sale, natural colors. Personalized Golf Markers (pewter) In stock only \$4, Lisa German 301 829-0599.

## SERVICES

Dog Walking: Bonded and Insured couple available for mid-day dog walks/pet sitting. References available. Call 301 540-7292 for more info.

Stork Express: Announce the arrival of a newborn in a BIG way! 7 ft. tall lawn storks with personalized keepsake bundle, delivery included. Call 301 540-7793 for more info.

## HOMES/Vacation - Sale/Rent

GERM. CONDO FOR RENT: lg. 2BR, 2FBA, Cath Ceil, new paint, \$1250 + util. Sec. dep. req, NS, NP 301 885-8512.

FOR RENT: GTN area, 1/2 mile to DOE. Large, bright lower level of townhouse, pvt BA. Near MC, MARC, stores. Non-smoker, no pets. \$700/mo call 301 908-5715.

ROOM FOR RENT: GTN area 1 1/2 miles to DOE, Room Unfurnished, Pvt BA, N/Pets. \$500 mo. call for details: 240 -277-6966.

Must sell Timeshare with Wilderness Presidential Resorts Call Marissa @ 301 748-1659 for details, asking \$8000.

Must sell Timeshare with Wildness Presidential Resorts. Call Agnes @ 301 952-1454 for details, asking \$4000.

**“Talk sense to a fool and he calls you foolish.”**

- Euripides (484 BC - 406 BC)

## ERWA ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

**ERWA President:** Ruth Watkins

**ERWA Offices:** Germantown; E-101, 301 903-5440 Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Forrestal; GE-139, 202 586-0330, Thurs., 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

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## ERWA Club and Activity Contacts

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**Toastmasters** Dan Marsick 301 903-3954 GTN, Eric Thomas 202 586-2242 FORS

**Vendor Hotline** 301 903-1222 GTN

**Softball** Joe Gazda 202 586-2075 FORS

**Golf** John Panek 301 903-4295 GTN

**Soccer** Ken Kellar 301 903-9420 GTN

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Send \$4.00 & this completed form to:

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