

Ann Arbor News “Your World” Submission for 10/30/2006:

America Recycles Day is just around the corner. Not only is the arrival of this annual campaign a great chance to celebrate the recycling and waste reduction efforts happening in our local communities, it is also a reminder that we need to continue to think creatively about ways to step up our efforts and recycle more, buy more recycled content products, and move closer to a zero waste philosophy. Even in a community like Ann Arbor that recovers 53% of its residential waste, there is always more that can be done.

The Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment will be hosting its 4th annual America Recycles Day Celebration on Thursday, November 9th from 5-8pm. The event will be held at Leopold Bros. Brewery, 523 S. Main Street. It is free, open to the public, and will include free appetizers, raffle prizes and the chance to tour Leopold Bros. world famous sustainable brewery and distillery.

This event will acknowledge the accomplishments of Washtenaw County Waste Knot Partners – local businesses, schools, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations that demonstrate leadership in waste reduction and recycling. There are over 200 Waste Knot Partners scattered throughout Washtenaw County. By supporting these organizations, you can provide a generous boost to the local economy while showing your appreciation for “green” business practices. Visit <http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org/businesslist> for a list of current Waste Knot partners and the services they offer.

Event-goers will also have the chance to fill out an America Recycles Day pledge card and make an honest commitment to recycle more at home, work or school and buy more recycled content products. Attend the event, make the pledge and you will be entered in a national contest to win an all-expenses paid Alaskan cruise for two! You can also make your pledge online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

If you cannot make it to Leopold Bros. on the 9th, but are planning on attending the University of Michigan home football game on November 4th, visit one of the tables around the stadium promoting America Recycles Day. This is another opportunity for you to learn more about how to step up your recycling efforts.

Don't miss these great opportunities to renew your commitment to recycling and shake hands with local leaders, Waste Knot Partners and each other! For more information about the event, call 734-222-6874.

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