

# LOYOLA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

### SPOTLIGHT: TRUE NATURE



True Nature Foods at 6037 N. Broadway is an organic destination for those interested in developing a natural, holistic and eco-friendly lifestyle. In this fresh market, shoppers can find locally grown, organic produce, excellent customer service and the commitment to local, green initiatives. Paula Companio, owner since its establishment in 1982, is passionate about "help[ing] people change their lives for the better." She supports local farming through buying produce in large quantities from local wholesalers through the Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) and passes those savings to her customers while supporting world-wide organic farming.

In addition to promoting and supporting organic living at affordable prices, True Nature's commitment to the local green initiative marks the first full growing season of its city-funded roof-top garden. Together with Urban Habitat Chicago, the organic market sells organic produce. Sales will sustain the garden financially helping it to grow to over 3,000 square feet. Additionally, in late 2005, the Cardboard Recycling Center opened to the public with the help of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and a grant from the City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation. Residents and business owners are encouraged to bring cardboard there for recycling which help sustain the program.

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As you can see, we have replaced the usual Loyola ma-roon with bright, Earth Day green for this issue of the Loyola Neighborhood News. Everywhere I turn lately, I encounter individuals, groups, and businesses that are going "Green" for the environment so I decided that this issue of the newsletter would be devoted to highlighting some of the Green initiatives both on campus and in the neighborhood.

As you will read, Edgewater and Rogers Park can boast Green businesses, such as True Nature Foods, that focus on locally grown, organic, and even free trade products. Every block club

area has an area of interest for Greening activities that range from gardening to composting to reuse to recycling. Rogers Park even has a natural dune re-vegetation area at Loyola Park Beach.

Environmentalism is one area where the activities of the University blend effortlessly with the ethos of the eco-friendly neighborhoods in which we reside. Loyola is an active participant in the Green Campus initiatives of universities nationwide. We are addressing transportation, energy consumption, building design, reuse and recycling. Everything from the recycled carpet squares that cover the floors in all newly

redecorated offices to the creation of biodiesel fuel to power our shuttle busses is under scrutiny to reduce our carbon footprint.

Environmentalism is on my mind every day as I am sure it is yours. Whether we are watching Al Gore receive an Academy Award or investigating the extent to which blue bags are actually being recycled, we are becoming more discriminating users and consumers. Together, we are going to decrease the effect of global climate change in small personal ways and in big systemic ways.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Clark  
Director of Community Relations

### KEEPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD GREEN

Chicago is the 4<sup>th</sup> greenest city in the United States, according to SustainLane Government. Mayor Daley has planted more than 250,000 trees during his tenure. This year, Chicago launched the first annual Green Festival at McCormick Place to educate the public on all that they can do to effect change for a better environment.

The neighborhoods of Loyola's Lakeshore Campus work every day to make the Green lifestyle a reality right here in our backyards. Twice a year each of our three Aldermen support the City of Chicago Clean-N-Green and encourage neighbors to get outside and make their street greener. Initiatives range from simple street sweeping and gardening to establishing and educating the public about the natural dune at Loyola Park Beach.

Edgewater hosted its own smaller-scale Green fest, called Edgewater Earth Day, on Satur-

day April 21, 2007 welcoming over 100 residents to Peirce Elementary School to participate in workshops on recycling, composting, and energy consumption. In the common areas, 25



vendors set up information booths providing pamphlets and free give-a-ways. Loyola University's Community Relations team was present with reusable commuter coffee tumblers and fair-trade, organic coffee donated by Metropolis. According to Raphael Porto, a student in Loyola's Environmental Alliance, "Working together to solve the problems

our planet faces today is not only a way to celebrate earth day but also a way to bring about social justice and fulfill the jesuit mission."

Allan Stryczek, chairman of the Edgewater Beautiful committee, and Jennifer Clark, Loyola's Director of Community Relations, were overheard talking about ways to make the event even bigger and better next year with Loyola's support. We promise to keep you posted!



## GREENING THE CAMPUS

Loyola has embraced environmentalism and is surging forward to become one of the most environmentally friendly campuses in Chicago. Currently, UIC is the leader in recycling and Northwestern has a Green building but no one can touch the extent to which the Loyola community has embraced environmentalism as an issue of social justice and is coming together to change the way that Loyola does business, literally.

This spring, the university policy committee on strategic planning authorized an investment in a study that will reveal the University's "carbon footprint," or the amount of carbon dioxide emitted as part of everyday operations. This study will tell the Loyola community where we are and where we are going and give a roadmap for future planning.

Loyola does not allow first year students to have cars on campus, and takes every op-

portunity to decrease the number of cars in and around Loyola. There are two I-GO cars on campus which allow students, faculty, and staff easier access to a shared vehicle.

April Whitworth of I-GO car sharing says, "By walking and biking more, choosing public transportation and car-sharing instead of driving all the time [one] can really decrease one's carbon footprint". To that end, Loyola issues every undergraduate student an unlimited-use CTA pass at the start of the academic year and runs a shuttle service as an additional option.

According to Whitworth, "For every car-sharing vehicle, roughly 17 individuals will choose to become non-car owners, drive significantly less, and in turn, lower the amount of carbon emissions into the environment."

Additionally, Loyola has one of the oldest employer-assisted housing programs in Illi-

nois. Because the *Walk to Work* incentive program is somewhat dated, the University administration is working with the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Rogers Park Community Development Corporation to update the program and re-market it to faculty and staff in Edgewater and Rogers Park thus encouraging people to lessen their commute.

While all of these initiatives are moving forward, Loyola's Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy (CUERP), directed by Dr. Nancy Tuchman is paving the way for Loyola students to refine used cooking oil from dining halls into bio-diesel fuel. This fuel will then be used to power Loyola's diesel-fueled vehicles, eventually becoming available to the neighborhood. The bio-diesel initiative is so new but has so much potential it will be featured in a future issue of *LNN*.



Used cooking oil from Loyola's Dining halls can be converted into bio-diesel for vehicles.



Students boarding Loyola's intercampus shuttle bus. The shuttle substantially reduces the number of cars commuting between the two campuses.

### Light Bulb Exchange Brightens Up Campus

In early April students from the Hillel Jewish Organization and Muslim Student Association joined forces to initiate a light-bulb exchange on campus. The purpose of the exchange was to promote students to swap their incandescent light-bulbs for a compact fluorescent light-bulb. The benefit is the latter saves 73% of electricity and lasts 18 times longer in comparison to incandescent light-bulbs. Fortunately, with the help of W.W. Grainger Inc. and Loyola Facilities department, the compact florescent light-bulbs were donated for free. Also, a Grainger representative attended the exchange to distribute information and speak with students about the importance of environmental awareness. In addition to the initiative students have taken, a change in light-bulbs is taking place in a variety of divisions and dorms in the coming months.



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## THE OC EXPERIENCE

In early March, Loyola launched the annual Off-Campus (OC) Living program that provides information for students on how to search and evaluate apartments, sign a lease, move-in, and establish relationships with neighbors. The program includes a guide to living in the neighborhood and an informational video available online.

Two new goals were incorporated into this year's program. First, students, administrators, and community members expressed a need to provide an opportunity for students to meet landlords and learn about rental units in the neighborhood. Second, there was a need to increasingly encourage Loyola students to support local businesses by trying a new restaurant or creating a new experience.

In mid-March Loyola hosted an Off-Campus Housing Fair and invited landlords to participate by providing information about vacancies in the Rogers Park and Edgewater neighborhoods. Students welcomed the event with open arms. An estimated 300 students came through the fair to meet 15 different landlords and ask questions about renting an apartment.

A second addition to the program was the distribution of a coupon book to serve as an incentive for students to explore the neighborhood. Together, DevCorp North, Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, and West Ridge Chamber of Commerce reached out to local businesses and enlisted 35 to contribute to the 2,000 books distributed to undergraduate students.



## PROFILE



Architect Devon Patterson at Solomon, Cordwell, Buenz & Associates has been busy for the last two years. He is the chief architect in charge of the design of the new Information Commons, a construction project currently in-progress on Loyola's lake front. The state-of-the-art building and certified Leader in Environmental Engineering and Design (LEED) by the U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC), is tentatively scheduled to open in January 2008.

In collaboration with engineers from Transsolar, a Germany-based environmental and architectural consulting firm, Elara mechanical engineers, and Halverson Partners structural engineers, the building was designed to use "50 percent less energy and 20 percent less water than equivalent buildings, a green roof and run-off of water directed to the lake instead of the sewers," according to Patterson.

"This building is special because of its adjacency to the lake, connection to the historic Madonna Della Strada chapel and Cudahy Library and its use of natural resources for heating, cooling and light," says Patterson. "Buildings in America consume a huge amount of the nation's energy and resources. As a modern architect, I feel it is our responsibility to do something to help reduce this consumption."

Environmental architecture is an emerging field as companies respond to new environmental circumstances. According to the USBGC, six years ago zero buildings were registered. Now there are over 6,000. In Chicago, the Information Commons will be one of 78 LEED registered buildings, and SCB has four buildings they are starting work on in 2007.

## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION

Finding an easy way to get around the city in the summer is hard enough, but going Green makes it easier. Here are three eco-friendly transportation options:

### Taking the CTA

Taking public transportation is a great way to reduce the amount of air pollution in the environment, but with the construction delays on the red line consider the bus.



The CTA is operating extra buses on the 147 route during the evening rush and extra service on the 151 line during the morning rush. The CTA will provide an online "bus tracker" to better estimate the arrival time of the busses at each stop.

More information is available at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

### Biking the City

With the lakefront and bike



friendly streets, using two wheels is a great way to get around the city. This link will provide you with the designated "biker friendly" paths throughout the city:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/Transportation/bikemap/keymap.html>

The official kick-off to the biking season is *Bike the Drive* May 27 from 5:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. You can choose your

route and pace, but you must wear a helmet if you are going to participate in this event.

### I-GO Cars Near Loyola

I-GO, the only non-profit car sharing service in Chicago, has two cars parked in Loyola's Albion lot for public use. There is a one time \$75 fee and you pay \$6 to \$8.25 per hour.

Each I-GO car replaces 17 cars on the road, and nearly one half of I-GO users postponed the purchase of a vehicle or considered selling a vehicle after joining I-GO. Participating in car sharing encourages intermodal transportation and reduces the number of automobiles on the road.

Members report driving only 500 miles per year, whereas the typical car owner in Chicago drives 10,000 miles per year.

To learn more visit [www.igocars.org](http://www.igocars.org)



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Loyola Events

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Occupied Poland Lecture, Loyola University Museum of Art, 6-7:30 PM

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Fine Arts Alumni Show, Crown Center, 4-7 PM

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Founders Dinner, Gentile Center, 5PM

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Jewish-Catholic Dialogue: A Jewish Perspective, Loyola University Museum of Art, 6-7:30 PM

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and The Jewish People, Loyola University Museum of Art

*Because of the large number of public events on campus, we encourage you to visit our university calendar website for more details about these and other events. [www.luc.edu/calendar](http://www.luc.edu/calendar)*

### Community Events

**Mary 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Bike The Drive, Lake Shore Drive , 5:30–9 am  
[www.bikethedrive.org](http://www.bikethedrive.org)

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Deadline to apply for small business grants within Devon-Sheridan TIF district. ([www.devcorpnorth.org](http://www.devcorpnorth.org) & [www.edgewater.org](http://www.edgewater.org))

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Cell phone and printer cartridge recycling , Gerber/Hart Library, 1127 West Granville Avenue  
Edgewater Farmers Market, Norwood & Broadway, 7:30am–12pm

**July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Clark Street Festival, on Clark Street between Morse and Touhy, Hours: 5/14 12-8 pm and 5/15 12-6pm

*Because of the large number of community events, we are unable to list all of the happenings around the neighborhood. Please check the calendars of your local organizations to get a complete list of events and meetings.*