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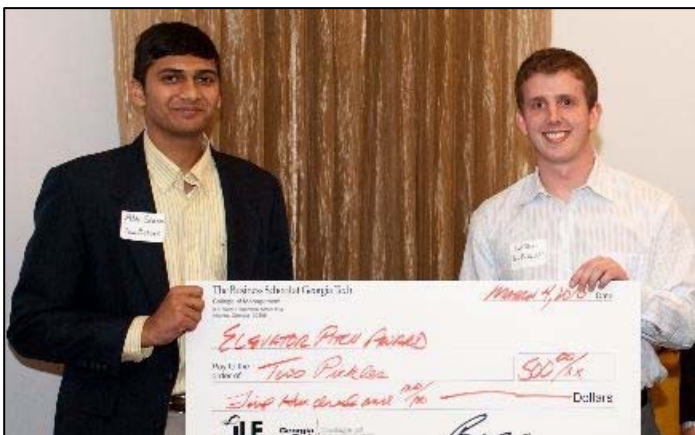
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Recycling Tips

You don't need a big house or lots of land to become more self-sufficient and live more sustainably. Put *The Urban Homestead (Expanded & Revised Edition): Your Guide to Self-Sufficient Living in the Heart of the City* by Kelly Coyne and Erik Knutzen on your summer reading list to find out how. Libuse Binder at Earth911.com writes "*Urban Homestead* is full of detailed and practical strategies for applying big picture sustainability goals to the small-scale home environment." [Click here](#) for more about this book and other eco-friendly summer reading.

Two GT Alumni are Helping the Environment and Building Community

An idea sparked during a brainstorming session for a class at Tech has led two young alumni to launch a website that they hope will help the environment and the local community. Called "Two Pickles," the site is an online notice board where participants can trade items they no longer need with other users. Perhaps you remember trading half a sandwich for your friend's chocolate chip cookie in elementary school. The Two Pickles concept is similar, it just provides an online platform for trading to occur.



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Two Pickles founders Abhi Sharma (IE 2010) and Joel Blake (IE 2008) believe that bartering is a viable way for adults to trade goods and services, and to meet their neighbors. They conducted an email survey of a 250-unit apartment complex to see whether trading is something that consumers are interested in. The survey revealed that about one third of the residents already engage in trading with their neighbors – everything from baby products to swim lessons. Abhi and Joel decided to develop a website to make

bartering easier and encourage others to try it as well. Their idea won the Elevator Pitch at the 2010 GT Business Plan Awards.

The Two Pickles website launched on May 21. You can search and post notices at www.twopickles.org. There is no fee to use the site, and there are no advertisements cluttering the screen. One helpful feature is that you can search by community, such as Georgia Tech, Emory and Georgia State. Once you find an item that you are interested in you contact the owner via the website to propose a trade. The site keeps your contact information confidential. Abhi and Joel want to encourage people to meet others in their community and also to be safe. They recommend setting up a meeting in the daytime and at a public place, such as a café. If you have comments or questions about the site, Abhi and Joel can be reached at info@twopickles.org.



Green Grease

Thanks to the efforts of a forward-thinking Lithonia man, metro Atlanta residents now have an economical and eco-friendly alternative to pouring their used cooking oil down the drain or sending it to the landfill. Warren Crawley is the founder of Green Grease, a local company that collects used cooking oil from metro Atlanta households and turns it into biodiesel. Started in 2008, the company now serves 1,000 single-family homes and 6,000 apartment units, and collects about 5,000 gallons of oil each month. Green Grease provides participants with up to three 1.25-gallon, spillproof collection containers and a monthly curbside pickup. The only cost to participants is a one-time registration fee of \$10. For more information, or to sign up, go to <http://www.greengrease.info/>.



It's Easy Being Green

There are many websites where you can support causes you care about just by clicking on a button. Site sponsors donate a certain amount of money to charity partners for each person that visits the site and clicks on the button. No registering, no typing, just one click. Visit <http://www.therainforestsite.com/> and you will see a button that says "Click Here to Give – it's FREE." Use the tabs at the top of the page to support other causes, including hunger, literacy, animal rescue and child health. The site also tells you what your click is worth. For example, clicking on the rainforest button protects 11.4 square feet of rainforest habitat. A click under the literacy tab provides a book to a child in need.

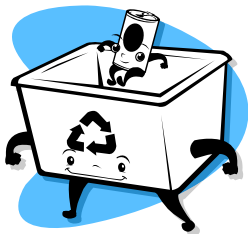


Georgia Tech 2010 Waste Diversion Statistics

Material	Weight (pounds)					
	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Aluminum	441	477		2,600		3,518
Cardboard	26,060	28,180	25,190	20,040	20,160	113,630
Confidentials	1,120	1,220	2,840	1,820	*	7,000
E-waste	588	3,783			1,566	5,937
Glass	1,760	2,820	4,000	3,640	4,420	16,640
Hardback Books	5,340	1,860	1,320	860		9,380
Mixed Metal	10,880	20,780	31,740	14,040	37,760	115,200
Mixed Paper	59,916	34,720	47,660	36,388	47,580	226,264
Pallets	3,500	2,485		1,050	1,050	8,085
Plastic	3,940	4,580	5,360	3,180	2,940	20,000
Single Stream (mixed materials)				1,660		1,660
TOTAL						527,314

*The weight of confidentials for May will be available in the August issue.

ASK ENVIRO-MAN



To ask Enviro-Man a question, [click here](#).

Question: I would like to get in the habit of riding my bike more, but I live in Atlanta and feel unsure about riding on the streets. Do you have any advice on riding safely or suggestions for where to ride?

Answer: Sure! The Atlanta Bicycle Coalition (ABC) is a great resource. The ABC offers inexpensive classes, such as Confident City Cycling, and free group rides to help you get started. One of the group rides is called the Fun Ride, which is a two-hour, slow-paced, social ride through several Atlanta neighborhoods. The ABC website has articles and instructional videos on bicycle safety. Once you are ready to head out on your own, you can download maps and descriptions of suggested routes of various lengths. These routes incorporate quieter streets and some are theme rides that take you by coffee shops or historical spots. Take a look at <http://www.atlantabike.org/>.

Upcoming Events

[AT&T GA Pioneers P.L.A.Y. in the Park](#)

P.L.A.Y. in the Park, Marietta, GA
Saturday, July 24, 2010
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Cost: Free

The AT&T GA Pioneer Volunteers invite you to P.L.A.Y. in the Park on Saturday, July 24 at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. This is a free fun event with a Health Fair, Environmental Activities by EPA Region 4, Auto Show, Clowns, Community Service and Military Projects, Talent Show, Water Safety, Food Drive, Educational Learning, Games, Face Painting, Talent Show, Storytellers, and Atlanta Braves Bat Club. Vendor items and refreshments will be sold. Bring can goods or non-perishable foods to donate to the local food banks.

[Tabitha King Live at Summer Jazz Series](#)

Villa Christina, Atlanta, GA
Sunday, July 25, 2010
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (doors open at 4:00 pm)
Cost: Free

Tabitha King's soulful, jazzy sound has made her one of the most sought-after female vocalists in Atlanta. She has performed with such greats as Keith Washington, Outkast, Goodie Mob, Usher, Boys II Men, Ollie Woodson, and The Whispers. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., music begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for comfortable seating. Children are welcome. Food and drinks for purchase at Villa Christina. No coolers please.

[Seven Sessions of Yoga, Meditation, and Wellness](#)

Sanatan Mandir, IACA Auditorium, Smyrna, GA
Sunday, August 1 – Saturday, August 7, 2010
Weekend sessions at 10:30 am; Weekday sessions at 6:00 pm
Cost: Free

Seven sessions of yoga, meditation, subtle-body relaxation, pranayam & wellness with Swami Mukundananda. Swami Mukundananda is a world-renowned teacher of spirituality, yoga, and meditation. He is the founder of Jagadguru Kripalu Yoga. Jagadguru Kripalu Yoga is a unique form of yoga, with a holistic approach to nourishing the mind, body and soul.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program, please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this [newsletter](#). We are here to help, and together, we can work to benefit the environment.

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Visit Our Website

As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. Recycling Contact Person listings, recycling guidelines, and useful links can be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.