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Opinion

# Mark Your Calendars—It's Greening Season

There's plenty happening right around the corner, including park cleanups, movie screenings and educational workshops.

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The weather warms toward the end of this week, and with it comes a packed calendar for the environmentally minded. To keep you in the loop and get your green juices flowing, take note of any events that interest you and get involved!

March 7 (Wed.) - Ready to take on Big Oil and voice your opinion on the Keystone XL pipeline? Head to the Canadian Consulate at 1650 Market St. in Philadelphia, 7-8 p.m. Read more at the [Facebook event page](#).

March 8 (Thur.) - Head to Moorestown's William Allen Middle School at 7:30 p.m. to learn about Moorestown's introduction into the Sustainable Jersey certification process. The economic/environmental hybrid group will [share plans](#) for the forward-thinking initiative.

March 10 (Sat.) - Grab a bag and help out at this county-sponsored park cleanup of Amico Island in Delanco. Registration is required through the Clean Communities program (more info [here](#)). 9 a.m. to noon.

March 21 (Wed.) - Take in a [free flick](#) and learn about Aldo Leopold, a pioneering legend of the environmental movement. Hosted by the [Rancocas Conservancy](#), this screening will be held at Shawnee High School and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

March 24 (Sat.) - Delanco's Pennington Park and Newton Landing Trail need your help as well, for the second spring cleanup session. Register and get more info [here](#). 9 a.m. to noon.

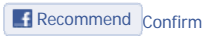
March 24 (Sat.) - Cinnaminson's second annual park cleanup day will take place at 9 a.m. at all the township's parks.

March 28 (Wed.) - Learn about our love affair with lawns, and how to maintain one without doing major ecological damage at this [Sustainable Cherry Hill](#)-sponsored seminar (free with registration). Held at the Cherry Hill Library, you'll hear from horticulturists and organic landscapers. 7-9 p.m.

March 29 (Thur.) - Another SCH event, the Sustainability Symposium PA/NJ 2012 will be held at the Franklin Institute and feature speakers like Philadelphia's Mayor Michael A. Nutter and Judy Wicks, founder of [BALLE](#), an organization focusing on building local economies. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$17.76 to register ([here](#)).

April 22 (Sun.) - Cap off your Green Spring with Earth Day celebrations being held throughout the Burlington County Park System. Boundary Creek in Moorestown (as well as four other county parks) hosts a free, conservation-themed event which will include kids' games, craft stations and educational workshops. Guided tours with a Park Naturalist begin at 10 a.m.—read more [here](#).

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**Cindy Pierson**

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You left out a couple of important dates: March 11th in East Riverton- meet at the Chamberlains parking lot at 1PM. We'll be clearing out the drainage ditch along the light rail tracks and picking up trash along union landing road (as part of the Watershed Ambassadors week activities). Then on April 22nd, please come out for the 3rd annual Walk the Walk and Rubber Duck Race! Check it out at [Earth Day.net](#) or here on the patch.

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