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Summer 2011 Newsletter

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It's Official! We are now the USGBC Central Pennsylvania Chapter

We have finally reached the long-awaited milestone of our induction into the USGBC as an official Chapter. Congratulations and much love to all the hard-working board members, branch leaders, committee members and other countless volunteers whose dedication and monumental efforts made this possible!



While we have accomplished many of our objectives (rewriting the Strategic Plan and our By-laws) we are currently in the muddy process of transitioning all the website content to reflect our new status as a Chapter (please be patient with us as we tackle this monstrous chore!). You will likely notice our old GBACPA acronym still hanging around in places. The new domain name www.USGBC-CentralPA.org is active (you can try it out now!) and will redirect to the original website (www.gbacpa.org) for at least another year to allow everyone to get used to the new USGBC-Central PA name.

Executive Director Search is underway!

We have begun the process of looking for a new Executive Director. As many of you already know, our long-time, current ED, David Sheridan, is heading for "greener" pastures (no pun intended, Dave), after serving us most diligently and with immeasurable dedication for many years. While we will undoubtedly miss Dave's quiet but fervent patronage, we await the prospect of new candidates whose resumes have already begun to stream in. Resumes can be sent to EDSearch@gbacpa.org



REMINDER!!
Deadline for resume submission for the ED position is **JULY 25!!**

Have a job you'd like to feature on our website? Send info to Gerren Wagner at wagner@sevengroup.com.

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Construction Co.



USGBC Central PA Upcoming Events



August 9th and 23rd at 7pm
State College Spikes'
Going Green Tuesday games

USGBC Central PA Chapter is sponsoring the Spikes' baseball games, along with other green-minded organizations. We are looking for two \$100 sponsors to show their support of the USGBC Central PA Chapter. Each \$100 sponsor will receive 20 complimentary tickets (game day value of \$160) and each \$200 sponsor will get to throw out the first pitch! If you or your company would like to sponsor this event and advertise/display green building related products or services, please contact North Central Branch chair, Bryan Smith at bsmith@reeseinc.com



August 26: Walkthrough of Marywood University Architectural Center

Join the steering committee of the Northeast Pennsylvania branch of the USGBC Central PA Chapter and Neil Young of Revision Architecture on a tour of the building with **CE credit classes** to follow including these topics: MEP sustainable Initiatives Archived with the Center by Steve Daiute of Greenman-Pederson Inc.; Energy Saving Benefits of Window Treatments by Rose Bartoli of Sun Control Plus; Soil and Water Reclamation and Reuse by Brian Oram of Wilkes University; Energy Production Using Nanotechnology by Stephen Kew-Goodale of Weatherly Engineering Institute. This event is presented with the assistance of the Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Marywood University, Wilkes University and the NEPA Alliance.

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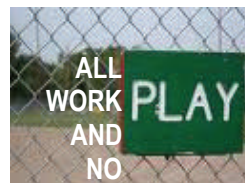
September 15: 2nd Annual Awards Dinner USGBC Central PA—Southcentral Branch

Last year's first awards dinner held by the Southcentral Branch was a successful occasion to celebrate the designers, builders, and owners of green buildings in the region. Keep an eye out for more info on the website and in emails.

October 7: Solar Thermal (and other Sustainable Practices) at Messiah College Grantham, PA

Come hear about sustainable thinking and practices infiltrating the Messiah College campus. The College has contracted with Edwin L. Heim Company to install 112 solar panels on the roofs of a complex of student residence halls to create the region's largest solar thermal system. View the installation and hear from staff about how these practices are important for student learning and engagement.

[Messiah College Builds Solar Heating System](#),
by Rob Dixon, ABC 27 News



We're planning
monthly social events
starting this Fall.
Keep an eye out for
email updates!

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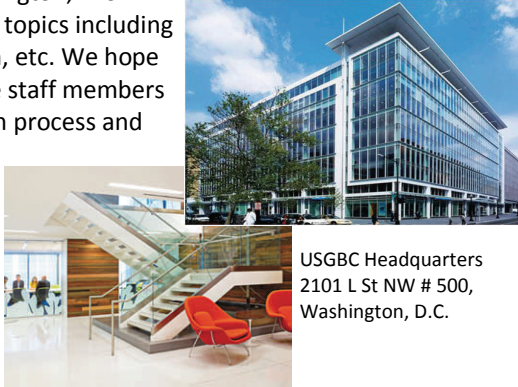
Free webinars and
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SUBSCRIBERS:

www.buildinggreen.com
(Environmental
Building News)

Board of Directors heads to D.C. for retreat on July 25th

On July 25th, several board members and committee members will join board members from Pittsburgh’s Green Building Alliance and the Delaware Valley Green Building Council to travel to the USGBC headquarters in Washington, D.C. where we’ll meet with USGBC staff to discuss topics including Green Schools, advocacy, GBCI and education, etc. We hope to benefit from meeting face-to-face with the staff members who have helped us throughout the transition process and learn how to better reach the goals we still have set before us. We also hope to increase our camaraderie with our neighboring green building organizations in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. We’ll keep you apprised of the results of this retreat in the next quarterly newsletter.



USGBC Headquarters
2101 L St NW # 500,
Washington, D.C.

Caption Contest

In the January newsletter, we posted a picture of this bizarre-looking device:

The winning response was from Frank Marshall from SMB&R Architecture: “Prognosticator—for keeping your ear to the ground to know what will happen next.”

So WHAT is it??

It’s a desktop climate control device from Herman Miller.



So here’s your next challenge:

What is it??

Send your inspired ideas to Gerren Wagner at wagner@sevengroup.com



Know of a new green building project in the area? Let us know, and we’ll feature it in the next quarterly newsletter. Send info to Gerren Wagner at wagner@sevengroup.com.



Nature Inn at Bald Eagle, one of this year’s Annual Green Building Award winners.

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State Legislative Update

Watch for the Marcellus Shale Commission Report to go Public July 22nd.

- The Senate and House are on their summer break and will reconvene on September 19th and 26th respectively. This is a great time to look over the bills below and let your local legislators know your opinion!

Environmental Legislation Watch list

SB 425: An Act amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, further providing for definitions, for well permits, for well location restrictions, for protection of fresh groundwater and casing requirements and for protection of water supplies; providing for hydraulic fracturing chemicals and surface impoundments, for hydraulic fracture fluids monitoring and for use of surface impoundments for temporary flowback storage; and further providing for bonding, for enforcement orders, for penalties, for civil penalties, for well plugging funds and for local ordinances. (Sponsored by Representative Leach

Companions: SB 1461 (Refiled from 09R Session)

Bill History:

- 02-07-11 S Filed
- 2-07-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
- 06-07-11 S Discussed in Marcellus Shale Pollution Rally



SB1150: An Act providing tax incentives and credits for rehabilitation of blighted historic structures. (Sponsored by Representative Smucker)

Bill History:

- 06-26-11 S Filed
- 06-26-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

HB 849: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions; providing for regulation and operation of neighborhood electric vehicles; and further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection. (Sponsored by Representative Fleck)

Companions: HB 424 (Refiled from 09R Session)

Bill History:

- 06-17-11 H Removed from the table
- 06-17-11 H Laid on the table
- 09-26-11 H Set on Tabled Calendar

HB 1682: An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the creation of land banks for the conversion of vacant or tax-delinquent properties into productive use. (Sponsored by Representative Taylor)

Bill History:

- 06-16-11 H Filed
- 06-17-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

Volunteer with us!

Our dedicated Board of Directors, Branch leaders, and Committee members are all **volunteers!**

While we have some very enthusiastic people already on board, we will always welcome any additional help. Committees include Communications, Resource, Membership, Programming and Education, Green Schools. We can surely match your expertise to one of our committees.

Contact our Board Chair, Steve Coulson at scoulson@mckissickassociates.com.

