

Green Hanson celebrates earth day

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The group's mission is to foster a culture of environmental awareness, play an active role in the development and implementation of energy efficient and sustainable practices, and to support stewardship of community and natural resources.

"It's been a great year we have had a lot of activities," said Green Hanson's chairman Marianne DiMascio.{sidebar id=1}

Green Hanson has organized an Earth Day celebration and picnic on the Town Hall lawn, set to take place April 20 from 1-4 p.m.

"We're trying to promote fun environmental awareness and community building," said DiMascio.

Activities will include a recycling relay, and demonstrations on how to install a rain barrel, how to knit plastic shopping bags into a reusable bag, and how to create your own natural cleaning products.

"It's a time and place to create a space for the community to get together," Teresa Santalucia said about the event.

Also included in the picnic will be tables of groups in town that will share educational information on environmental and conservation issues. Groups that will be present include the recycling program, the garden club, Student Environmental Awareness Club of the Whitman-Hanson High Regional High School and more. SEAC will have organic plants for sale at the celebration.{sidebar id=2}

There will be a break after the activities and then there will be a showing of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss at 7 p.m. There may possible we a screening of a second movie as well.

The event is made possible by volunteers. The group's distribution list consists of 25 to 45 people who are active within the group. There is also an executive committee involved.

Green Hanson objective is for a community to take advantage of sidewalks, bike paths, town meeting places, farmers markets, and a walkable downtown.

The next event will be on May 1 where there will be a speaker from Camp Kiwanee.