



2015 St. Louis Earth Day Festival
Sunday, April 26 | 10 am to 6 pm
Muny Grounds, Forest Park

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Earth Day at Forest Park Features New Earth Day Cafe with Seventeen Green Dining Alliance Certified Restaurants

Hundreds of Hands-On Activities and Educational Exhibits for Sustainable Living at the
Muny Grounds on Sunday, April 26

Over twenty food and beverage vendors will be serving up diverse, local cuisine and drinks at this year's Festival. Bota Box will be sampling their eco-friendly premium boxed wines and Schlafly will have a selection of local brews on tap, including their Organic IPA, which is brewed in honor of Earth Day. Nearby, Chipotle's engaging visual experience will contrast the difference between fresh and processed foods - a difference you can taste at the hand-picked Earth Day Cafe booths.

Seventeen Green Dining Alliance-certified restaurants and food trucks are featured in the Earth Day Cafe, at its new location along Theater Drive. Look for the Green Dining Alliance logo in your Festival Program or displayed on the booth to identify those who have committed to sustainable operations. All food vendors participate in the event's Zero Waste initiative, serving on only recyclable and compostable serviceware. Event waste is collected and sorted, thanks to Recycling On the Go volunteers and support from Subaru.

A fresh layout will be unveiled this year with themed "Experience" areas segmented to make it easy for visitors to navigate the Festival and experience all the celebration has to offer. Visitors can explore the following areas: Alternative Transportation and Fuels; Arts and Crafts; the Earth Day Café; Energy and Green Building; the Farmers Market; Home and Pets; Nature, Recreation and Wildlife; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; Wellness and Spirituality; and the Youth Corner. New this year is the Nature's Variety Instinct Pet Adoption Area, which will feature four local pet shelters. Come meet the adoptable dogs and cats in a special area in front of the Muny.

The Festival will open this year with a ceremony conducted by Interfaith Power and Light and local clergy. Immediately following, free yoga led by Yoga Buzz will begin in the west pavilion and continue all day. After a brief greeting from Mayor Francis G. Slay at noon, the Joia All-Species Jamboree parade will begin at the Main Stage. From 1 pm - 3 pm, artists of all experience levels are invited to help paint a MetroBus with artist Genevieve Esson, sponsored by Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and Metro Arts in Transit.

The Main Stage and Earth Day Cafe Stage feature original regional artists, including Big Brother Thunder and the Master Blasters, Bo and the Locomotives, and Letter to Memphis. The Purina Community Stage, located in the Youth Corner, boasts a full lineup of programming, including Circus Flora and a live bird show by the World Bird Sanctuary. The new Youth Corner includes a variety of hands-on art and science activities for kids of all ages. Continue the learning at the Ameren Missouri booth, where attendees can learn about energy efficiency, solar electricity and rebate programs.

In order to reduce the environmental footprint of the festival, visitors are encouraged to carpool, take the Metro or ride a bicycle and use Trailnet's free bike valet. Construction projects in and around the park may increase travel time. For easy access, park at St. Louis Community College off Oakland and Hampton Ave, and take a free shuttle directly to the Festival. Biodiesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) buses provided by St. Louis Lambert International Airport will run every 15 minutes on the hour between 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Check our website for up-to-date transportation information when planning your visit.

The Recycling Extravaganza, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items, will be part of the Festival for a fifth year, thanks to our sponsors 1-800-GOT-JUNK and Missouri American Water. The Recycling Extravaganza will take place in the parking lot of the St. Louis Community College Forest Park campus, off Oakland Avenue, from 10 am to 4 pm. A full list of acceptable items, including everything from CFL light bulbs and bicycles to used shoes and small appliances, is updated regularly online so you can start collecting and planning your spring cleaning accordingly.

Start the celebration early - join us on Saturday afternoon at Earth Day Eve, a fundraiser to support the St. Louis Earth Day organization. This family-friendly event will be held on the Festival grounds, 4 pm to 7 pm, on Theatre Drive in the Earth Day Café. All are welcome to enjoy a selection of Festival food and kick back to the music of Jake's Leg, who performed 26 years ago at the very first St. Louis Earth Day celebration. Face painting and t-shirt tie-dying, along with a silent auction and 50/50 raffle will be featured activities available at the event, for a nominal donation. Tickets are available at www.stlouisearthday.org; all proceeds benefit the year-round programming of St. Louis Earth Day.

St. Louis Earth Day is a non-profit 501c3 organization whose mission is to make every day earth day by cultivating environmental stewardship and engaging individuals, governments, businesses, schools and the non-profit sector in celebration, education and action to support a healthy and sustainable future.

The St. Louis Earth Day Festival is grateful for the support and partnership of many local businesses, companies and organizations. This event is sponsored in part by Ameren Missouri, Metro Transit, Bota Box, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Subaru, The City of St. Louis, KPLR 11/Fox 2, and Missouri American Water. For detailed information and a complete list of sponsors, please visit our website: www.stlouisearthday.org.

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