



Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability

A 4-STAR Sustainable Community

September 2015 Sustainability Events

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability would like you to be aware of these upcoming events. Be sure to follow us on [facebook](#) and check the website [calendar](#) for additional items:



TVA's eScore Self Audit – Participants who complete the Self Audit between now and September 30 will receive a \$10 Home Depot gift card in their energy conservation kits. Use this free online tool to help you decide how to save money with your home energy and receive a free energy conservation kit with light bulbs, faucet aerators, furnace filter whistle and other goodies. <http://bit.ly/1LQrQH4>

Bioworks Job Training Informational Sessions – (Every Tuesday, 10am). Free job training and placement assistance for eligible Memphis residents interested in Environmental jobs. More information here: <http://bit.ly/1HlamTC>

Seed Saving Demonstration – (Sept 3, 4pm). Join GrowMemphis at the Overton Park Farmers' Market. <http://bit.ly/1Jyhtao>

Urban Forestry Advisor's Class – (Wednesdays, Sept 9-Oct 7, 9am-1pm, \$85). Join the West Tennessee Chapter of the Urban Forestry Council (WTC/TUFC) and Memphis Botanic Garden for this opportunity to learn about trees and issues facing the urban tree canopy. <http://bit.ly/1NzIXiy>



Gardening 101 – (Thursdays Sept 10-Oct 1, 6:30-8pm, \$100). Memphis Botanic Garden will teach you all need to know for successful gardening in this series of sessions! <http://bit.ly/1MRSGRp>

Advanced Tree Identification Course – (Sept 10-11, 9am-1pm, \$20). In this two session course, you will learn from urban foresters about tree identification. <http://bit.ly/1EUcnjv>

Composting Demonstration – (Sept 10, 6:30). Join Urban Farms at the Tower Courtyard at Overton Square to learn how to compost. <http://bit.ly/1Jyhtao>



Nature Walk with the State Naturalist – (Sept 12, 9-11am). Randy Hedgepath will lead you through an incredible walk through the Botanic Garden. <http://bit.ly/1EUcwU2>

Guided tours of the Agricenter Solar Farm - (Sept 15, 10am). Tours available to the public for 25 people. RSVP with Tim today: <http://bit.ly/1dmvnPH>

Look for information on Resilient Shelby with the Mobile Porch at these local events:

9/5 WLOK Stone Soul Picnic, Levitt Shell

9/6 Center for Southern Folklore Festival, Downtown Memphis

9/12 Goat Days Festival, Millington

9/19 Cooper Young Festival, Cooper Young

9/26 Block Party for Peace, Ed Rice Community Center

10/9 Mitchell-Westwood Football Game, Westwood Stadium

Memphis Green Drinks - (Sept 15, 6:30pm- Sweet Grass, 937 S Cooper St). This month's guest speaker will be Mary Singer, CEO of CRG Sustainable Solutions, who will be speaking about the new International Society of Sustainability Professionals Chapter that is forming in Memphis. Please check www.greendrinks.org/tn/Memphis for any updates.

Rain Barrel Construction – (Sept 17, 6:30). Join Kody Kirby at the Tower Courtyard at Overton Square to learn how to make a rain barrel. <http://bit.ly/1Jyhtao>

Composting 101: Beginning Home Composting – (Sept 19, 6-8pm). Collierville is hosting this free composting class at the Collierville Burch Library. Register today. <http://bit.ly/1IdpVqm>



Memphis & Arkansas Bridge Walk with Jimmy Ogle – (Sept 20, 2pm). Free. Hear from Historian Jimmy Ogle as he takes you on a fascinating history while walking across the “old bridge” that will offer some of the views that the new bike trail on the Harahan Bridge will offer. Details here: <http://bit.ly/1JXa1ro>

Women's Bike Chat – (Sept 20, 2pm). Women gather the third Sunday of each month to discuss bicycle issues. Join them this month and bring your bike for a short ride afterward. <http://bit.ly/1EihUpp>

Beekeeping Basics – (Sept 24, 6:30). Join GrowMemphis at the Tower Courtyard at Overton Square to learn how to keep bees. <http://bit.ly/1Jyhtao>

T.O. Fuller State Park service project – (Sept 26, 9am). Join TDEC and Memphis City Beautiful for National Public Lands Day to work on the butterfly garden then enjoy an interpretive hike on the discovery trail. Free. <http://bit.ly/1VrNfdo>



McKellar Lake Clean Up – (Sept 26, 10-12pm). Join the River Warriors for their fall clean up at McKellar Lake. <http://bit.ly/1V7TRgE>

Tour de Coop – (Sept 26, 8:30am-12pm, \$10). Bicycle tour of urban chicken coops, gardens, and beehives benefitting GrowMemphis and Revolutions. <http://bit.ly/1LvqjVX>

Wolf River Greenway Soiree – (Sept 26, 6-10pm, \$100). This signature event is a fundraiser for WRC with silent auction and dancing. <http://bit.ly/1NzLtFr>

Tour of Parks with Jimmy Ogle – (Sept 27, 2pm). Free. Walking tour of parks along the Memphis riverfront. September is a tour of Mud Island River Park. <http://bit.ly/1BMUzbp>



Paper Power – (Oct 3). Register today! A competition for high school aged students to create innovative structures made from only recycle paper products. Any school or youth group in Shelby Co can register here: <http://bit.ly/1lg43ug>

State Conferences

TDOT / Keep TN Beautiful Biennial Conference – (Sept 15-16, Franklin, \$200). Join the state conference this year in Franklin and hear from Keynote Speaker Phillip Fulmer. <http://bit.ly/1JX6RUy>

TN Engineers Conference – (Sept 17-18, Murfreesboro, \$250). Join the engineers for this state conference. <http://conta.cc/1NSAkWE>

Urban Forestry Conference – (Oct 1-2, Memphis). Learn about urban forestry at this conference in Memphis! <http://bit.ly/1KL2NBt>

TN American Planning Association Conference – (Oct 1-2, Chattanooga, \$200). Join the planners at this great event! <http://bit.ly/1KL4TRV>

TN American Society of Landscape Architects Conference (Oct 15-16, Nashville, \$200). Join Office of Sustainability as they speak at the state conference for landscape architects. <http://bit.ly/1MLqBcV>