

Changes at Downtown Birmingham Recycle Center



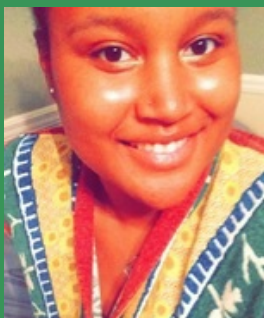
Beginning Monday, Oct. 6th, the Downtown Birmingham Recycling Center will begin observing open hours from 7am - 7pm Mon. through Fri. and 8am - 5pm Sat. and Sun. Staff are available to assist you during those hours and the Center is closed outside of these hours. Please help us by not leaving any material when staff aren't there.

Staff will also be helping with all glass recycling, with new receptacles for customers to deposit glass in front of the dumpsters. This should streamline the process and help with glass recycling.

If you've been recently, you'll also recognize our newest staff member, Kim Waites. Along with Richard, Randy, and Simon, she provides help to customers while keeping the Center clean and running smoothly.

[Visit AECOnline.org](http://VisitAECOnline.org) for more information.

NaBeela Washington, AmeriCorps Member



A self-proclaimed Southern Belle, Nabeela is getting her Bachelors Degree in Visual Advertising at the University of



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Solar Mapping Project - You Can Help!



In a [recent study](#), Alabama tied for 8th among states that would benefit from generating, using and exporting solar energy. At AEC, we believe that Alabama could be implementing solar energy technology to a much greater extent. We plan to collaborate with the University of

Alabama at Birmingham to create an interactive map that illustrates existing Alabama solar energy projects. This map will be a valuable informational resource and an important policy driver. While neighboring states are building their robust solar energy industries, Alabama is lagging behind. Mapping and providing information about solar installers and installations will help us identify economic opportunities for growing our own nascent solar energy industry.

AEC seeks volunteers to help gather, synthesize and analyze data for the first phase of our project. Anyone who is skilled in gathering and analyzing data and/or has an interest in solar energy, environmental issues and improving Alabama's energy landscape is encouraged to apply and be a part of this exciting project! Please send an email to energy@aeconline.org to join in.

Don't Miss Out:

Recycling and Waste Reduction Summit

Alabama at Birmingham. Interested in media and pop cultural effects on environmental issues, she is an aspiring creative director and documentarian. A local resident, Nabeela grew up in McCalla, and went to Hoover High School before beginning at UAB.

NaBeela will be serving at AEC for the next year and will be providing outreach to new communities about sustainable living and stewardship of the environment, researching opportunities for improvements in Alabama's environment, educating citizens on environmental impacts of social justice issues, expanding diversity in organization membership, and assisting with messaging in social media and we presence. We look forward to great things with NaBeela! If you have an event, festival, gathering, or opportunity for NaBeela to represent AEC, please let us know!

Solar Home Tour

The 2014 Blount County Solar Homes tour is October 4th & 5th in the community of Royal, AL. There are 4 homes on the tour (Retro-fit, Straw Bale, Clerestory and Dodeca-Yurt) that demonstrate hands-on energy efficiency/independence and sustainability. All houses are within a 10 minute drive of each other. Each home's tour is scheduled on the hour and takes approximately 30 minutes. You can visit as many as you like but you do have to register and receive a schedule and map. There is a 2 hour networking brown-bag lunch on Saturday, October 4, including a showing of the energy-saving video Kilowatt Ours. Technologies you will see on the tour include passive solar designs, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that generate electricity and drain back solar water heating systems. Other items of interest include organic gardens, home orchards, water catchment systems and vermi (worms) and thermal composting.

October 30, 2014
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
9:00am - 4:00pm | Registration at 8:30 am

This event will provide information to citizens and community leaders from across Alabama on the topic of reducing waste and recycling. Municipalities, schools, businesses, and concerned citizens are invited to learn about reducing waste in Alabama as well as various ways to recycle and grow local economies. Information will be provided on building a strong recycling program, developing recycling partnerships, funding opportunities and success stories throughout the state. Cost \$20 with lunch provided.

Visit www.AEConline.org/recyclesummit for more info and to register for this important event.

Summit Afterhours - Mingle!

US Green Building Council - Emerging Professionals are joining with AEC to host an afterhour social event at the conclusion of the Recycle and Waste Reduction Summit. Join us from 4:30-7pm for adult beverages & snacks, music, and networking on the back patio of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Alabama!



The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is the largest environmental film festival in the US. It sits apart from the hundreds of festivals around the world by leaving you feeling INSPIRED and MOTIVATED to go out and make a difference in your community and the world. It's a festival for activists by activists. Thanks to funding from national partners, the festival goes on tour across America to reach audiences across the country. It is hosted in Alabama by the Alabama Rivers Alliance and the Alabama Environmental Council.

-Sunday, October 19th - Old Car Heaven - Birmingham
-Friday, November 7th - Flying Monkey Arts Center - Huntsville

Each year, in addition to the selection of films from the national film festival, we showcase films made locally about issues specific to Alabama and the Southeast. This year, we will feature a showing of the Southern Environmental Law Center's Southern Exposure Films at the Birmingham and Huntsville Wild & Scenic events.

At the Birmingham event, in partnership with the Cahaba River Society, local filmmaker Hunter Nichols will also premier his recent film, River Dreams: a 44 day solo canoe journey from Birmingham to the barrier islands in the Gulf of Mexico.

Visit www.tinyurl.com/alwild for tix and more info!

Electronics Recycling Day Hosted by Keep Birmingham Beautiful Commission

When: Thursday, October 23rd
6:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Between Birmingham City Hall and Linn Park on Short 20th St N in downtown Birmingham



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School Paper Recycling Bins Available

Through a grant from the ADEM Recycling Fund and in partnership with the Jefferson County Department of Health, the AEC purchased paper recycling bins available to any K-12 school within Jefferson County to expand the Recycle Alabama Campaign. These bins, as well as a pickup service, are provided at no cost to the school. For more info, contact our office at Recycling@AEOnline.org or (205)322-3126, ext. 102.



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