



ECO FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES

Hosted by

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission
and the Chatham Borough Green Initiatives Committee

Offering

A featured film, usually followed by a discussion with a panel of subject experts
Information on local environmental and sustainability programs and events
Environmental Commissioners available to answer questions
Most showings at the Library of The Chathams
Free Refreshments!

Next Showing

Thursday, December 1, 2011, 7:30 pm: Bag It! Is Your Life Too Plastic?

(Confirm showing / weather/ time at 201-280-8894)

We'll show at the Library of The Chathams. This is an "Audience Favorite-Princeton Environmental Film Festival 2011." We will have free refreshments and a guest speaker!

Follow "everyman" Jeb Barrier as he tried to make sense of our use of plastic bags. The average American uses about 500 plastic bags per year, for about twelve minutes each. This single-use mentality has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean reported to be more than twice the size of Texas. Come see how plastic bags impact landfills, oceans, rivers, and human health.

View the trailer: www.bagitmovie.com.

Future Shows

Thursday, January 5, 2012, 7:30 pm: Houston, We Have A Problem! (Confirm time at 201-280-8894)

"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Cheap Energy." Houston oil professionals talk about the oil industry, in the midst of skyrocketing world energy demand and global warming.

From the Huffington Post: This film "does...present many sides of the complex energy debate...in a ...respectful manner. Ultimately the film...looks toward renewable energy...As a third generation wildcatter says, 'We know as good as anybody else that oil is not going to be around forever....We need wildcatters to come out today....in biofuels, in renewable energy....'"

View the trailer: www.houstonwehaveaproblemfilm.com.

Discussion after the film to include information about New Jersey Clean Energy programs and rebates for businesses and residents.

Thursday, February 2, 2012, 7:30 pm: (Confirm time at 201-280-8894)

Rain Garden Panel Discussion, Plus: "Reduce Runoff: Slow It Down, Spread It Out, and Soak It In" and "Rain Gardens"

Come see two videos about rain gardens, and hear about three local Chatham rain gardens: one to be installed at Memorial Park, one at Stanley Congregational Church, and one in the backyard of the President of the Town and Country Garden Club.

Thursday, October 4, 2012, 7:30 pm: Food, Inc. (Confirm time at 201-280-8894)

From the filmmaker: "You'll never think about dinner the same way... Food, Inc. is a 2009 documentary directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Robert Kenner. The film examines corporate farming in the United States, concluding that the meat and vegetables produced by agribusinesses have many hidden costs and are unhealthy and environmentally harmful. The documentary generated extensive controversy in that it was heavily criticized by large American corporations engaged in industrial food production."

Previous* film showings included

- Turning the Tide
- The Future of Food
- Food Inc.
- A Chemical Reaction (pesticide safety)
- Kilowatt Hours*
- Carbon Nation*
- Are You Ready for the Next Industrial Revolution?

*For additional details, go to http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/article_021711.pdf

Are You Ready for the Next Industrial Revolution? (was shown on Thursday, November 3, 2011)

Businesses are transforming themselves to work with nature and enhance profitability. Architect Bill McDonough and Chemist Michael Braungart highlight companies that work with nature and reinvent technical enterprises to be safe and sustainable: Nike, Ford Motor Company, Oberlin College, Herman Miller Furniture, and Design Tex. View the trailer: www.thenextindustrialrevolution.org "There are very few visionaries who are practical - Bill McDonough is one of the most profound environmental thinkers in the world." William Clay Ford, Jr., Chair, Ford Motor Company.

*Carbon Nation: (Shown on Oct 6, 2011)

From the filmmaker **Scott Zaretsky** : "A climate-change solutions movie that doesn't even care whether you believe in climate change. Carbon Nation is...optimistic, solutions-based, non-preachy, non-partisan...shows tackling climate change boosts the economy, increases national and energy security, and promotes health and a clean environment. As *New York Times* writer Thomas Friedman says in the film, "It's the most patriotic thing you can be, do think, or feel today. **Green** is the new **red**, white and **blue**."

The cast includes: Richard Branson (CEO, Virgin Group), Thomas Friedman (*New York Times*), Former CIA Director James Woolsey, Van Jones (Founder, Green for All), Col. Dan Nolan, U.S. Army (ret.), Bernie Karl (Geothermal pioneer from Alaska), Dennis Hayes (Earth Day Founder).

"Save big bucks, help the planet." Bloomberg.

View the trailer at: www.carbonnationmovie.com.

Discussion after the film included information about New Jersey Clean Energy programs and rebates for businesses and residents; E-Green certification; Chatham Township Energy Challenge; Viridian Energy. Some of the information is posted at http://www.chathamtownship.org/CTEC/article_021711.pdf

Eco Film Questions? Email us at ctec@chathamtownship.org or call **201-280-8894**

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Second Edition: April 20, 2011

Turning the Tide was shown on Thursday, May 12, 2011

A New Jersey Network documentary about the Hackensack Meadowlands; wetlands science, history; appreciation by boat;

www.njn.net/community/specialinterest/turningthetide/turningthetide.html