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→ You're Invited to our Green Magic Party!

Join the GNC for our Green Magic Party on Sunday, October 4th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will support our new masterplan initiatives that help define the Nature Center's future, and we hope you'll be a part of it! We'll be honoring Westchester



County Legislator Tom Abinanti and recognizing other members of Westchester County's Committee on Environment and Energy for their development of Westchester County's "No Idling" Legislation. Also to be honored is MINI USA, a division of BMW of North America, LLC, for development of its Electric Car Pilot Program. Dress is casual, and there'll be hors d'oeuvres, desserts and entertainment. Meredith Vieira, co-host of the Today Show, is serving as the event's honorary chairperson. For further information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities contact Kurt Hundgen at 914-723-3470 or at khundgen@greenburghnaturecenter.org or visit our [website](#).

→ Small Change Really Adds Up!

We'd like to give a huge shout-out to Whole Foods Market, White Plains, and its customers. So far, they've helped raise \$6700 through their "Small Change Program" to promote the GNC's mission! Since June 1, Whole Foods Market shoppers have been



generously donating the 10-cent refunds they receive for using reusable grocery bags to the GNC cause. This partnership program runs through the end of September, so please be sure to support it if you can. With news stores opening on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and in Milford, CT, Whole Foods Market continues to expand on its core values of selling the highest quality natural products and caring for the environment.

→ GNC Participates in Electric Car Pilot Program Research

The GNC recognizes the need to, as much as possible,



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Mission

Our mission is to educate and to promote conservation, research, and appreciation of nature and the environment while preserving the natural and historic character of our property.

Vision

The Greenburgh Nature Center will be the leader in nature and environmental education, igniting a lasting desire to preserve and protect the natural world.

reduce our impact on the planet and be an example of sustainability for others.

That's why we've joined a research program with the manufacturers of the Mini E, a 100% electric, zero-emissions vehicle. Over the course of the next year, GNC staffers will use the vehicle for traveling to outreach programs and will share their experiences with MINI USA, a division of BMW of North America, LLC experts to help them perfect the vehicle's carbon-free drive system. So keep your eyes out for a small, silver vehicle scooting around town bearing the GNC logo - you won't hear it, because it makes no noise! Thanks to Applebee's and Embassy Cleaners for their sponsorship support of this project.



→ New GNC Website

Have you seen our new website?



Be sure to register

www.greenburghnaturecenter.org as one of your favorites so that you can get in-depth information about our public programs, exhibits and conservation and research initiatives. Thanks to the generous support of Edgemont residents Harold and Bette Burson, all site renovation and design work was provided by Proof Digital Media, a newly created digital marketing and communications firm that is part of the leading global communications consultancy Burson-Marsteller. The new website reflects our desire to better serve all our stakeholders and address the broader issues of conservation and sustainability. Be sure to check out the great pictures on our Image Gallery!

→ GNC Recognized with Two Awards

The GNC has recently been acknowledged by two respected organizations for the Center's work in the field of environmental education. In a recent issue of Westchester Family Magazine, the GNC was named a "Family Favorite" destination under the "Family Outings" category. The



designation was determined by readers of the publication and is confirmation of our commitment to promoting appreciation of nature and the environment. The GNC also recently received a "Best Field Trainer Award" from Million Trees NYC, an initiative of the New York Restoration Project and the New York City Parks Department. Million Trees NYC provides on-the-job training for young adults interested in pursuing "green collar" careers in the fields of arboriculture, ecological restoration and urban landscaping. Participants visited the GNC during the past year and received instruction in habitat management of invasive species, trail maintenance and sustainable gardening. We're happy to be continuing with this program in the coming year.

→ Get Involved: Adopt An Animal

Here at the Nature Center, we care for more than 150 different animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates. They all have specific needs, and our staff and volunteers work hard to give them



the best care possible. Recently, several of our visitors have asked how they can help us in this task. So we have launched an Adopt-an-Animal program, which allows supporters to become adoptive "parents" to the animals in our live collection. See the "[Get Involved](#)" section of our website for further details. As seven-year-old Myles Dover, who recently donated \$250 towards the care of our goat Billy said, "I love animals. My Mom and Dad asked all of my friends to bring a different kind of gift to my party. Instead of presents for me, I wanted to give something special to the animals... thank you for making this place for kids to come and learn and play." Thanks, Myles!

→ Upcoming Events: Grape Picking and Honey Harvest Party

It's the season to reap the harvest of our vines and hives! On Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m., we'll need some help picking grapes and using a hand-operated press to make grape juice. Then, learn from our beekeeper how honey is removed from our busy honeybee hives.



This program is great for all ages; members pay \$3/person. Thanks to TD Bank, Whole Foods Market, and the Westchester County Parks Department for their sponsorship of this event.

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