



Let's Celebrate!  
Jim, Jon, Billy, & Ruthie invite you to the...

***Grand Opening of  
Community Forklift***

The DC metro area's  
surplus, salvage and green building materials store

***April 29, 2006***

For event details ...  
Visit [www.CommunityForklift.com](http://www.CommunityForklift.com)  
Call 301-985-5180  
Email [Ruthie@CommunityForklift.com](mailto:Ruthie@CommunityForklift.com)



*Creating the Space for Good Things to Grow*

D.C. Greenworks is a 501(c)(3) social enterprise whose mission is to bring ideas, experience and tools to empower urban communities to improve their natural and built environment.

DCG works in partnership with local residents, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government agencies to help these groups take a broader and more participatory and holistic approach to urban revitalization.

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## DCG Update

### Save Your Rain Water!

*Did you know that up to 40% of your summer water bill is spent on watering lawns and gardens?*

Save your April showers to water your May flowers! DCG's new **RainKeeper** program offers **rain barrels and installation workshops** on a sliding scale to D.C. residents who want to protect our local rivers by harvesting stormwater for watering trees and lawns. For more information, please see our website, call 518-6195 or email [rain@dgreenworks.org](mailto:rain@dgreenworks.org).



### Earth Day Celebration DCG Style!

D.C. Greenworks is proud to be in the Shaw community and would like to announce that we will be helping the community in their annual Keep Shaw Beautiful celebration on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day. We will be conducting a tree box workshop on our own block for anyone interested, please stop by and learn some simple street tree care tips.

And again over the coming months, we will be working on improving our own space and would like to hold a celebration when the time is right, so please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to visit often and tell friends about the community work we do!

**Do you like *The Leaf*? Contact DCG to subscribe to our COLOR online edition & save a tree!**

## Community Connection

### Community Forklift

**GRAND OPENING: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>** Is a great organization that provides low-cost quality building materials, develop training, job, and career opportunities for low-income residents, keep reusable building materials from disposal, and dedicate it's proceeds toward allied community based sustainability initiatives. Volunteers, donation, and publicity are needed so go check it out and spread the word about this great new resource! Look for event details at: [www.communityforklift.com](http://www.communityforklift.com)  
Open: Thursday-Saturday 8am - 4pm  
Located: 4671 Tanglewood Dr., MD (301) 985-5180

### Interested in a Greenroof?

Greenroofs are beautiful installations that can reduce your heating and cooling costs, extend your roof life, and keep

pollution out of our local rivers. For more information, visit our website. For an estimate on your property, call 202-518-6195 or email [estimates@dgreenworks.org](mailto:estimates@dgreenworks.org).

Keep Shaw Beautiful Day will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The kickoff for the community-wide cleanup and greenup will take place at 9:00 AM in front of Shaw Junior High School, 925 Rhode Island Avenue, NW. After the ceremony, volunteers will pick up tools and start working to clean and beautify the neighborhood. Free food, refreshments, and t-shirts will be offered. For more information, call Shaw Main Streets at 202-265-SHAW or email [info@shawmainstreets.org](mailto:info@shawmainstreets.org)

## Ginkgo Gardens



911 11<sup>th</sup> Street, SE  
(202) 543-5172

**Frager's Hardware**  
**1115 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE**  
**(202) 543-6157**

**M-F: 7-7**  
**Sat: 7-5:55**  
**Sun: 8-5**

## MARCH 2006

(We are happy to announce this worthwhile event. This it is not affiliated with GreenSingles.com)

### **DC area green singles**

"Get Dirty" at Community Forklift's monthly singles events!

The next one is Sunday, March 26, 2-5 pm.

To sign up, contact Ruthie at 301-985-5180 or [ruthie@communityforklift.com](mailto:ruthie@communityforklift.com)

**Meet hotties while volunteering for a good cause** You will rotate around the warehouse sorting different types of donations, so no one will get bored and you will have a chance to meet all the other singles. Afterwards, mingle over munchies at the neighboring art gallery.

**We lift up communities** by selling surplus, salvaged, and green building materials at low prices. Community Forklift aims to reduce construction industry waste, keep reusable materials out of the landfill, and promote environmentally-friendly building materials and methods. Did you know that construction waste makes up about half of of American garbage? We are making it possible for builders and renovators to CHOOSE TO REUSE. Every time someone uses a salvaged item, less virgin material has to be taken from the ground or the forest.

### **More about us -**

We are operated by Sustainable Community Initiatives, a 501c3 nonprofit. Many of our materials come from deconstruction, in which a building is taken apart carefully by skilled laborers instead of demolished with heavy machinery. This creates jobs, uses less fossil fuel, and often costs the same or less than traditional demolition.

Choosing to reuse also has economic and social benefits. Businesses and homeowners avoid dumping fees and earn tax deductions. The chronically unemployed often find good careers through training programs in the deconstruction industry. We are able to sell the materials cheaply, so low-income homeowners can afford repairs - which makes neighborhoods cleaner and safer. ~~Nonprofits, artists, and theatre groups can get the materials they need at low prices.~~