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Poly Canyon Energy Competition Update
by Nick Lovgren, Secretary

Poly Canyon Village residents have saved nearly $2,000 and prevented 9 tons of CO2 from entering our atmosphere, and there are still two weeks left in the competition! This year’s competition is running much smoother than last year’s, thanks in part to improved metering, increased support, and weekly pizza parties for the best-performing hall. The traffic on our Facebook fan page has increased nearly twenty fold in the past three weeks, and we’re receiving regular emails from residents with questions about the competition. The involvement and enthusiasm are great to see!

Fall 2010 Job Fair Synopsis
by Tessa Salzman, Project Intern

Our project at the Fall Job Fair was both a success and a learning experience for the team. We talked to over 40 students who were interested in receiving an email of all the “green” employers who attended the Job Fair. After sending a survey to 160 employers, we identified 20 who offered either jobs in a green industry or who demonstrated sustainable business practices within the office. We gave them a footprint canvas mat on the day of the job fair and reiterated why they earned one. In the future, we hope to host a green business panel and a “self marketing” training for green job seekers in order to direct the general job fair’s focus towards sustainability.
Green Campus Workplace Certification
by Ravi Sahai, Team Manager

After a long and tedious last few months, the Green Campus Team has finally completed its first audit and report of Facilities Services. With Facilities Services earning a total of 36 pts (out of 45), they have been certified Green Campus Gold. After completing its audit of Facilities, Green Campus identified 4939 kWh, 2588 lbs CO2, 13920 sheets of paper, and $1,195 in potential savings from lighting replacements, a refrigerator upgrade, and paper reduction. Facilities Services is planning on replacing all of 32 Watt, 2500K T8 bulbs with 25 Watt, 4100K T8 bulbs and installing motion sensors in all offices that don’t currently have them. Green Campus would like to thank the Sustainability Mentor for Facilities Services, Dennis Elliot and the rest of the Facilities staff for all of their time and support during the audit and report process.

The team is now moving on to the next department within the Administration and Finance Department, and is planning to finish this audit by the end of the quarter. The Academic Senate Sustainability Committee has approved a resolution to expand Green Campus Certified audits to the academic departments as well, with the plan that Green Campus interns would train department personnel to perform the audits of their own departments.