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Out with Brown & White, in with...

The Green.

I'm not just talking about the instant gratification of that first patch of green on your lawn or the first signs of color from those early crocus and daffodils this spring.

I am talking about perpetuating Green for generations yet to appreciate this unique and special environment we call Earth. Whether it is the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we consume or the atmosphere that protects us ... our survival depends on a consciousness of Green.

"Green for the Ages" should be more than just a catch phrase. It has to be a mind-set ... an attitude about life that we accept and embrace as part of our everyday routine. A lofty goal, yes, but one that is achievable through positive reinforcement.

Need some reinforcement? Crossroads at Big Creek is here to serve.

How do we deal with all the impervious surface parking areas and driveways that we continuously build? We design one that absorbs water and directs its flow to an area where plant and animal life can utilize it. Observe our parking lot project due for completion this spring.

How do we begin to harness all the energy from the sun reaching us everyday? Check out the four solar arrays that John Hippensteel and his students from NWTG have installed at the Collins Learning Center and the Astronomy Campus.

Want to learn about and observe native plant community establishment? Take a walk out to the Maki Arboretum at Crossroads. We are in our second year of planting and establishing this unique project. The arboretum project will address the question of replacement species for the native beech and ash trees that are under attack from insects and disease.

Maybe you want to observe and understand the value of wetland areas to the fish and waterfowl residents and visitors of Door County. Then you need to walk out to our new dock and observation deck at the mouth of Big Creek in The Cove Preserve.

Need some physical reinforcement? Rich Propsom, our Land and Facilities Manager, can help with the evolving trail systems on our main preserve and The Cove and Ida Bay preserves. "Run Green" in our Crossroads Trail Run this June at Crossroads and experience it all.

Green. It isn't just a thought. It's an experience at Crossroads.

Dick Weidman,
President, Board of Directors at Crossroads

A Month of Celebrating EARTH DAY

Crossroads thrives because of collaboration. This Earth Day season, Crossroads will join a number of environmental groups to provide educational events from Earth Day until the end of May. All events are dedicated in some way to protecting our Earth.

Saturday, April 22, 7:00 pm *WILD WORDS: Earth Day Stories About Our Connection to the Land*
Presented by Door County High School students

Ten students from across the county will share stories- in words and pictures- about their personal connection with the land, from family history to favorite outdoor activities to how they dream about their environment in the future. Light refreshments provided by Friends of Crossroads. Free and open to the public. *Sponsored by* the Door County Land Trust, Write On Door County, and Crossroads at Big Creek.

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 pm
Screening of the film: "Before the Flood"

From Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Academy Award®-winning actor, and environmental activist Leonardo DiCaprio, *Before the Flood* presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change.

Sponsored by Celebrate Earth Week and the Climate Change Coalition of Door County.

Friday, April 28
Sevastopol High School tree planting at Crossroads
Sponsored by Celebrate Earth Week

Saturdays, April 29 and May 6
*Graduate Level Education Outreach Class:
Trees Through the Curriculum*

Visit Education Outreach University of Wisconsin-GB
<http://www.uwgb.edu/educationoutreach/>
for syllabus and registration materials. Collins Learning Center.
Non-credit option available.

Saturday, April 29, 6:30 pm
Screening of the Film: "The Great Ledge"

The program begins with Green Music prelude, followed by the film about the Niagara Escarpment and an after-the-show Q&A and discussion. *Sponsored by* Climate Change Coalition of Door County, Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership.

Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 pm
"Citizen Action to Protect the Waters of Northeast Wisconsin"

Dean Hoegger, president of Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin, will give an update on the state of our ground and surface waters. *Sponsored by* Clean Water Action Council of Northeast Wisconsin and Celebrate Earth Week.

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 pm
Screening of the Film: Sustainable; A Documentary

Sustainable is a film about the land, the people who work it and what must be done to .wasteland, and pioneers the sustainable food movement in Chicago. *Sponsored by* Kewaunee CARES

Friday, May 19 - Sunrise School Earth Day

Wednesday, May 24 - Sunset School Earth Day

Thursday, May 25 - Sawyer School Earth Day

Thursday, May 25 - 28
15th Annual Door County Festival of Nature

Visit www.RidgesSanctuary.org for information, Festival booklet, and registration materials. *Partners in Conservation:* The Ridges Sanctuary, Crossroads at Big Creek, The Door County Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Wetlands Association.

Wednesday, May 31 - Sunset 4-K Earth Day



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Please Help us LIGHT the LOT!

Phase I of our parking lot upgrade and expansion is completed and paid for. And as soon the weather and soil conditions permit, we will begin our environmentally responsible paving. Because of the generosity of individuals, funds, and foundations, we have raised enough money for the paving.

BUT...we still need to raise the funds to underwrite the biodetention pond (a.k.a. raingarden) and the lighting. Obviously, adequate parking lot lighting is necessary for safety and aesthetics.

But as an environmental center, our goal is to protect the natural dark sky ... for people, for wildlife, for plants, for professional and amateur astronomers (the parking lot is very near the Leif Everson Observatory), and for our bottom line.

Inappropriate lights can disorient wildlife and also interfere with circadian rhythms, migration, mating and foraging of birds, insects, amphibians and mammals. Even humans experience sleep disturbances from excess lighting, especially light from the blue end of the spectrum. And glare can create dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians.

If all goes according to plan, we will install warm LED lights which contain no mercury and are engineered to avoid glare and light pollution. And, they can be affordably dimmed!

Phase I of the Parking Lot Expansion was finished last fall.

This means (again, if we can afford it) our shielded lights can be lowered or even turned off when nobody is present to benefit. But using timers and motion detectors, we will be able to adequately light the parking lot when people are attending programs.

Because Dark Sky Lighting truly is an environmental project, we invite you to make an Earth Day gift to Crossroads designated for this Parking Lot Lighting.

With your help, we will be able to install lighting that meets Dark Sky specifications, minimizes glare and reduces light pollution, yet provides an adequately lit area that feels safe and secure. By summer, no matter how popular the program, you should be able to find a parking space when you come to Crossroads.



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Garden Workshop for Families

Families are invited to participate in a three-session sustainable gardening class sponsored by Friends of Crossroads and Master Gardeners of Door County.

Under the guidance of instructors Pat Thorp of Pat's Patch Organic Produce and Master Gardener Patsy Stierna, participants will start seeds in the Crossroads greenhouse, discover how to make good garden soil, learn to keep weeds under control, to transplant seedlings, and to and grow and eat their own vegetables.

The materials cost is \$15, but each participating family will take home at least \$50 worth of plants. This class fills up quickly! Register by e-mail info@crossroadsatbigcreek.org. Or by calling 746-5895 – when registering, please provide you name, names/ages of children, your email and phone number. Pay on the first night of class.

Wednesdays: April 19, May 10 & May 24 from 6:00 - 7:30



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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

Crossroads Trail Run has something green for everyone!

On June 24 with a start time of 8:00 AM, Friends of Crossroads at Big Creek will host the annual 2k, 5k, 10k trail run and walk attracting outdoor recreational enthusiasts from around the state and nation.

The trail event takes place on our own 200-acre Big Creek, Ida Bay, and The Cove preserves. Reflecting the mission of promoting green living in our community, all participants and volunteers upon crossing the finish line select a native plant ... either a Silky Dogwood, Choke Cherry, or Downy Service Berry donated by Evergreen Nursery.

We invite you to volunteer, sponsor or participate. This chip timed event is for all ages, all levels of runners and walkers, and a great family event. Visit www.CrossroadsRun.com for information and to register or stop by the Collins Learning Center for a registration form.

Major Sponsors include

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This event is part of the Run The Door series.

