



*EAC information Booth at Gaithersburg Celebrate!*

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

For more information on programs and upcoming events, visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov)

#GreenGaithersburg



*Robertson Park Youth Center, LEED certified*

## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Advises the Mayor and City Council on environmental issues, promotes environmental education and outreach activities, monitors county, state and federal statutes and regulations for impacts on City operations, and explores new environmental initiatives. Also supports the City's Green Month celebration and programs related to green building, climate protection, pollution prevention, and watershed protection.

### Members:

Doug Wolf  
Eileen Conley  
Luis Gonzalez  
Joshua Schuman  
Michael McCoy  
Ed Mitchell  
Marissa Msefya

### Meetings:

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Council Liaison, Robert T. Wu

Staff Liaison, Dyan Backe, 301-258-6330



### CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor  
Jud Ashman

Council Members:  
Neil Harris  
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Robert T. Wu

City Manager  
Tony Tomasello



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## ENERGY

Learn about green supplies of energy at each of the two LEED™ certified City youth centers, Robertson Park and Olde Towne. Explore them under “About Gaithersburg” – “Facilities” on the City’s website.

Join the City in greening your energy supply and conserving energy:

- Add solar and/or geothermal energy to your home or place of work.
- Replace older appliances with newer, ENERGY STAR® rated products.
- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Seal your heating and cooling ducts.
- Replace the air filters in your home regularly.
- Consider solar/wind for your energy supply.

## HOUSEHOLD PRACTICES

- Recycle, being careful when placing items at the curb so they don’t contribute to litter.
- Compost yard waste.
- Cancel catalogue subscriptions by mail.
- Buy green cleaning products.
- Buy low or no-VOC paint.
- Shop at reuse stores and/or share items with neighbors that are infrequently used, such as snow blowers and power drills.



*Solar energy and green roof at the Olde Towne Youth Center*



*Electric car on display at Celebrate! Gaithersburg Day*

## TRANSPORTATION

- Consider purchasing a hybrid or electric vehicle.
- Walk, use public transportation, or ride a bicycle to lessen congestion, reduce fuel consumption, and increase exercise.
- Purchase a membership in a bike and/or car sharing program.
- Carpool.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Each April, Gaithersburg honors the sustainable actions of businesses, HOAs, schools, and non-profit organizations with Environmental Awards. Tell us how YOU are making a difference. Submit a nomination form, available on the City’s website.

## TREES/LANDSCAPING

Gaithersburg has earned distinction as a Tree City USA annually since 1990. Join in the City’s efforts:

- Increase the urban tree canopy by planting native trees in your yard/community.
- Plant native plants/shrubs. These support the native wildlife in the Piedmont region and are a better fit than exotic plants for our region’s precipitation levels and climate.
- Build a rain garden, swap your turf for conservation landscaping, and/or add rainwater harvesting such as rain barrels and cisterns to your yard/community. The City has a Rainscapes Rewards program with rebates for rain barrels and conservation landscaping. Visit the City’s website for details.

## FOOD/GARDENING

- Support the Gaithersburg Farmers Markets located in Kentlands and in Olde Towne. See the “Leisure” tab on the City’s website for details.
- Plant a garden in your backyard or explore community gardens with your HOA/Condo Association/house of worship.
- Bring reusable bags when you shop (keep them in your trunk to be prepared).



*Farmers market in Olde Towne*