

# GREEN LIVING - GREEN NOTES

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## B.E. Cause a good one

It is in the air we breathe. The Bokoshe Environmental Cause Group has been formed to address the myriad of issues associated with living near the AES Shady Point fly ash dumpsite. Citizens of Bokoshe, Okla. have come together to get informed and get involved in the future of their town and address the possible health issues associated with breathing the dust generated by the combustion of coal at the nearby AES Shady Point plant in Panama.

This group is in the process of establishing a website and generating flyers as well as holding regular meetings. For more information on how to become involved or to be directed to the website, call Sharon Tanksley at (918) 969-2411 or Susan Holmes at (918) 969-2375.

Remember Bokoshe the home of a fly ash dumpsite, "Because our wind blows your way."

## Tulsa Partners provides sustainable options

Tulsa Partners is pleased to announce that the Millennium Center's Green Building Resource Library will be available in mid-April. It will be both online at their website ([www.tulsapartners.org](http://www.tulsapartners.org))

and at the Tulsa Partners office, located at 2327 East 13th Street. A key component of the library will be to encourage people to use online materials and supplement the information with general product samples like a hail resistant roof shingle or a solar panel.

They also will begin hosting a Fourth Friday Green Bag Lunch series beginning Friday, April 24. This initial event will be held at the American Lung Association offices located in the Tulsa Fire Alarm Building, 1010 East 8th Street. Bring your lunch and hear a presentation from ALA staff on ways to deal with outdoor and indoor air quality 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Finally, Tulsa Partners, as a part of its support of sustainable living through the Millennium Center project, will host an electronics recycling event April 23-26, drop off location and hours to be announced at [www.tulsapartners.org](http://www.tulsapartners.org).

Done in coordination with Tulsa-based Company Earthcycle, for every 100,000 pounds of recycled electronics, Tulsa Partners will receive \$10,000. Companies with a number of items can arrange for individual pick up and have the items count toward this event. To find out more about Earthcycle, go to [www.earthcycle.us/index.html](http://www.earthcycle.us/index.html).

## Oklahoma Water Watch keeps eyes on the wet stuff

The Oklahoma Water Watch promotes understanding, awareness, protection and restoration of Oklahoma lakes and watersheds through the dedication and initiative of its volunteers. The OWRB works in cooperation with people like you to collect environmental data to help protect the states valuable water resources.

Volunteers learn how freshwater systems work and how to test water quality. Testing supplies are provided to you after you complete training as well as a certificate of completion. Besides providing invaluable data, volunteer water quality monitors take on community lake and watershed improvement projects and participate in local conservation activities. This is a chance for you to really make a difference in the state of the environment. OK Water Watch is specifically looking for volunteers in the Ft. Gibson area as well as the upper and lower Illinois River, Spring Creek, and Barren Fork Creek.

To schedule a training session or to start your own local Oklahoma Water Watch volunteer monitoring chapter, contact the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at (405) 530-8800.

## NORML

Tulsa NORML is currently building a strong foundation of members locally and reaching out to new members,

businesses, attorneys and the general public looking to establish their place in Green Country. They will be looking into taking a more active role in the community outside the monthly meetings throughout the spring and summer of 2009. While national NORML has shirts available on their website at [www.norml.org](http://www.norml.org), Tulsa's chapter will be looking into their own personalized merchandise after an upcoming benefit show and a few fundraisers in the works to get the ball rolling.

NORML is a non-profit organization and all proceeds go directly back into the promotion of marijuana law reform and education as to the safety and dangers of marijuana and marijuana prohibition. Tulsa NORML's group is made up of people of all ages, races, social status, professional backgrounds, and more, it is truly a diverse organization. Medical marijuana is definitely a concern, and it will be tackled in line with decriminalization as medical marijuana patients would equally benefit out of law reform and have a great deal to gain.

Currently, meetings are being held every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Tulsa Hardesty Library in the Redbud Auditorium.



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