



SF Environment  
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2008

# NEWSLETTER

- [Emerald City turns even greener](#)  
Mayor Gavin Newsom proposed strict new green building guidelines designed to give San Francisco the nation's greenest skyline.
- [Indulging the sin of emissions](#)  
Mayor Newsom is moving to put San Francisco into the business of helping industry and consumers balance their impact on global warming by creating a fund to bankroll San Francisco-based initiatives to cut greenhouse gas emissions.
- [More sun for everyone](#)  
A proposed loan and subsidy program will help San Francisco homeowners and businesses make the city's goal of 10,000 solar roofs a reality.
- [Greasing the city's wheels](#)  
Thanks to a concerted effort across city departments, the municipal fleet of diesel-powered vehicles was converted to biodiesel—beating the Mayor's deadline by a month. And soon, they'll run on biodiesel made from grease and oils collected from SF restaurants.
- [Recycling and environmental justice grants](#)  
The Environment Department is offering over \$2 million in grants for innovative community projects in the areas of zero waste, used motor oil recycling, and environmental justice.

## Meetings & Events

### Saturday, January 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Winter Pruning

### Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sustainable Business Happy Hour

### Saturday, January 19

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Growing Rose Organically

### Thursday, January 31

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Green your Business: How Small Businesses Can Make Sustainable Changes

[More info on these meetings and events](#)



With its living roof and other green amenities, the new **California Academy of Sciences** will be the greenest building in town. Mayor Newsom's new legislation will up the environmental performance of commercial and residential buildings as well.



## Green Biz of the Month

### The Butler & the Chef Bistro



The Butler and the Chef Bistro offers authentic French bistro dishes prepared daily. The restaurant is committed to using the best ingredients from the best local suppliers, as well as a variety of French imports. Breads and pastries are organic and baked fresh daily; dairy products and most of the produce is organic.

What makes the Butler and the Chef Bistro **GREEN**:

- A 2005 Commercial Recycler of the Year Award (CORY) recipient, the restaurant currently recycles and composts more than 95% of its waste.
- All employees are regularly trained to maximize energy and water conservation, recycling, and composting and to minimize waste generation.
- Take-out food containers and utensils are biodegradable or recyclable.
- Lighting and high energy usage appliances are on timers, motion sensors, or photo-electric controls to minimize energy waste.
- Paper products made from recycled material and reuse printer paper for in-house forms and memos.
- Eco-friendly cleaning products.
- Organic produce, dairy products, and breads.

[Learn more about San Francisco's Green Business Recognition Program](#)

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**FEBRUARY**

# NEWSLETTER

- **Green marching orders**  
Mayor Gavin Newsom unveiled the environmental agenda for his second term, which commits the city to some of the world's most aggressive green goals... including reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 20 percent below 1990 levels.
- **Urban future**  
Treasure Island just might become the world's hottest, greenest property.
- **As goes SF, so goes China**  
China bans plastic supermarket bags.
- **Give a day to San Francisco**  
Project Green Connect and the Community Clean Team launch 2008 volunteer activities with events in February. Over the course of the year, we'll be coming to a neighborhood near YOU!

## Meetings & Events

**Thursday, February 14**  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Clean Construction Workshop

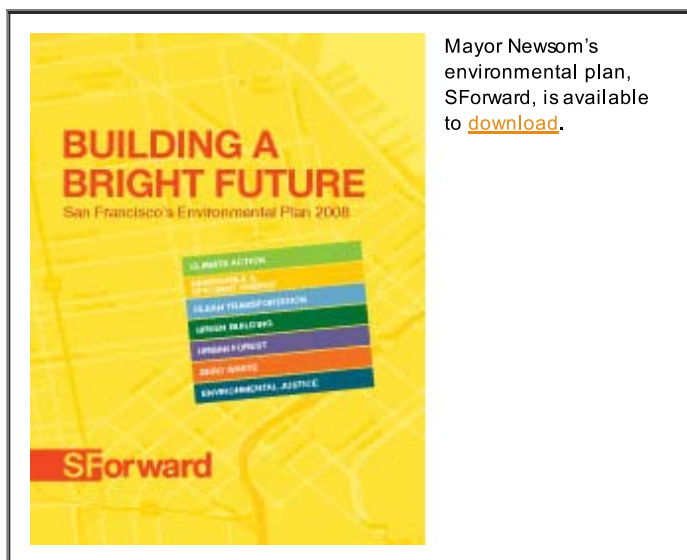
**Saturday, February 23**  
9:00 am to 11:00 pm  
Green Connect: District 2

**Saturday, February 23**  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Introduction to Irrigation Systems

**Tuesday, February 26 thru  
Wednesday, February 27**  
8:30 am to 7:00 pm  
Carbon Forum America

**Thursday, February 28**  
10am - 1pm  
Natural pest control

**[More info on these meetings and events](#)**



Mayor Newsom's environmental plan, SForward, is available to [download](#).



**Green Biz of the Month**



### Elixir

Elixir saloon was one of the first businesses in San Francisco to become certified “green.”

H. Joseph Ehrmann, Proprietor of San Francisco’s historic Elixir saloon, believes that “as a daily gathering place for people of all backgrounds, professions and lifestyles, we have the ability to influence many people in their daily lives. By highlighting the practices we employ in running Elixir, the products that we serve, and the actions that they can take to make a difference, we can communicate change on a daily basis and in a casual, yet influential environment. As a neighborhood bar, I feel it is our responsibility to affect the neighborhood in as many positive ways as we can.”

Actions/Accomplishments that make Elixir uniquely green:

- Serve a variety of Organic beer, wine and spirits—including 100% organic cocktails
- Recycle 100% of the product packaging that comes through the business (bottles, cans, boxes, paper)
- Hosts a “Green Drinks” happy hour to promote Green Biz networking and awareness
- Partner in “Green & Tonic,” a newly formed group with a mission to help San Francisco bars become green businesses.

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MARCH

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- **Plug-in to the future**  
San Francisco added new plug-in hybrid electric cars to its clean fuel fleet. The Mayor calls it "game changing" technology, and hopes to see more green cars on Bay Area roads and more auto companies manufacturing and selling them at affordable prices.
- **And in related news, the state is offering rebates for clean vehicle purchases!**
- **Well-traveled paint**  
When you bring your leftover latex paint to the recycling center, it gets a new life covering graffiti here in town...and sometimes it goes all the way to Africa!
- **Color IT green**  
San Francisco city government is taking a close look at how to use information technology more effectively to reduce our contribution to greenhouse gasses and toxic waste.
- **Arbor Day a' coming!**  
Join Mayor Newsom March 8 at the African American Culture Center for a day of planting trees, environmental activities, and family fun.



## Meetings & Events

**Tuesday, March 4**  
Energy Efficiency Symposium  
- Insights Into German &  
American Green Building

**Thursday, March 6**  
8:00 pm  
In Conversation with Amory  
Lovins

**Saturday, March 8**  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Green Connect: District 5/SF  
Arbor Day

**Saturday, March 8**  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Natural Pest Control Workshop

**Saturday, March 15**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Organic Fruit Tree Care

**Saturday, March 22**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Container Gardening

**Monday, March 24**  
8:00 pm  
In Conversation with Bill  
McKibben

**Saturday, March 29**  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Raising Ducks and Chickens  
in the City

**[More info on these meetings and events](#)**



Mayor Newsom with plug-in hybrid and Pat Cadam of Green Gears



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### Hotel Carlton

Joie de Vivre Hotels, the largest boutique hotel company in California, is dedicated to maintaining a green business. Hotel Carlton's efforts in becoming green include using:

- Non chemical cleaning products
- Recycled paper and soy based inks
- Recycling programs in guest room and hotel operations
- Linen reuse program for guests
- Florescent lighting throughout the hotel
- Motion light detectors in guest rooms
- Low flow shower heads and toilets
- Organic products at its restaurant, Saha
- Local charitable organization to donate used bedding and unused amenities

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