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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Green Building Institute held its annual Board of Directors meeting on Monday February 23rd. We'd like to welcome and congratulate the following individuals:

Gary Groll, President  
Leslie Philip, Vice President  
Barry Fields, Treasurer and Secretary

In addition, Allison Kotewicz, a senior at River Hill High School and Green Building Institute intern, was recently nominated and selected to serve on the Board of Directors as the organization's first Youth Representative. After working with GBI and her mentor Stan Sersen since August, Allison founded the Youth Environmental Coalition (Youth ECo) to help bring the youth voice to GBI. The program aims to unite student environmental groups across the county and expand environmental initiatives in K-12. By using student mentors, green education will be passed from high schools to middle and middle schools to elementary. Allison is also involved in Girl Scouts, the River Hill ecology club, and serves as Vice President in Student Government as well as Parliamentarian in the National Honor Society. Next year, Allison plans on pursuing a major in mechanical engineering.

Gary, Leslie, Barry, and Allison look forward to serving in their new leadership positions and are excited to help continue building the organization and contributing to its ongoing success.

Thanks to all,  
The Board of Directors  
Green Building Institute

### Upcoming Classes

#### [Practical Ideas For Better Eating](#)

Tuesday March 31, 2009, 7pm  
Location: 7761 Waterloo Road  
Jessup, MD 20794

#### [Green Building Law](#)

Monday April 13, 2009, 7pm  
Location: 7761 Waterloo Road  
Jessup, MD 20794

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### [Introduction To Solar Energy Systems](#)

Wednesday April 15, 2009, 7pm  
Location: Carroll Community College  
Westminster Campus,  
1601 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157

### [Water Stewardship](#)

Thursday April 16, 2009, 7pm  
Location: 7761 Waterloo Road  
Jessup, MD 20794

### [Needs Based Design](#)

Tuesday April 21, 2009, 7pm  
Location: 7761 Waterloo Road  
Jessup, MD 20794

### [LEED For Homes Pt 2 - Building Envelope](#)

Saturday April 25, 2009 9am  
Location: Bannockburn Community Clubhouse  
6314 Bannockburn Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817

### ***Just Announced!***

### [Going Green In Baltimore](#)

A Series of Four classes  
Location: Emerging Technology Center  
2400 Boston Street, 3rd Floor  
Baltimore MD 21224

Building The Green Economy - April 9  
Buying A Green Home - April 16  
Renewable Energy for your Home and Business - April 23  
Catching the Rain - April 30

*Please note you can register for individual classes or for the series.*

### [Green Home Renovations as an Investment](#)

Wednesday April 22, 2009 7pm  
Location: 7761 Waterloo Road  
Jessup, MD 20794

## Green Building Network Meeting Tuesday April 7th, 2009

The April meeting is sponsored by **Amicus Green Building Center**. The Amicus Green Building Center is like a green hardware store with products, resources, and expert support to help you create a healthy, environmentally friendly, stylish, energy smart and sustainable building. In addition to their thousands of building products, they offer services including energy audits, design services, building science, and strategic assistance. Their innovative SWEET Benefits and SWEET Schools programs help businesses, organizations, and schools green up their HR benefits, supply chains, curriculum, and fundraising.



## Did You Know....?

...you can recycle unwanted wax crayons? If you are interested in making them into "new" crayons at home, type in "recycle crayons" into your search engine and you will find a list of websites with ways to creatively do that. However, if you just want to get rid of them, [www.crazycrayons.com](http://www.crazycrayons.com) takes old crayons and makes them into new. According to their website, schools in New Jersey have donated over 8 tons of unwanted crayons over the past 17 years. Their website includes tips for how to set up a recycling drive and how to buy their recycled product.

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