

April 7, ]980

Dear Main Street merchant,

On Tuesday, April 22nd, a group of Ann Arbor organizations and citizens involved in environmental protection efforts (joined together as the Ann Arbor Coalition for a Second Environmental Decade) will hold an Earth Day '80 fair on Main Street. Ann Arbor City Council has passed a resolution commemorating Earth Day '80 and giving the Coalition use of Main Street between William and Washington for the fair (the Liberty Street corridor will remain open for traffic). City workers will put up barricades around 7 AM on the morning of April 22nd, and Coalition volunteers will place the barricades aside in the evening.

A number of activities will take place during the Earth Day '80 fair. Spokespersons from government and citizen groups will speak on environmental topics. So far the list of committed speakers include State Rep. Perry Bullard, Mayor Louis Belcher, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Thomas Blessing, City Bicycle Coordinator Tom Pendleton and local water quality activist Susan Schurman. There will be booths from environmental groups and exhibits on alternative energy and appropriate technology. Music is also planned, including an evening square dance. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority will furnish free Earth Day bus coupons for transportation to the Earth Day fair. There will also be publicity through the Ann Arbor News.

We wanted you to know about these activities in case you are interested in doing any Earth Day-related publicity yourselves (some of you whom we have talked to did express interest in this), or if you'd like to plan some other types of activities geared to the Earth Day theme. If so, we'd like to hear from you (see phone number above). We hope this Earth Day '80 celebration will serve to rekindle community interest in environmental goals for the ]980's. See you on April 22nd:

Sincerely.

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