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We're taking 'The Plunge'

All our hard work doesn't just happen in the warehouse! On January 27th, we're heading to National Harbor to join the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) for the [2018 Polar Bear Plunge](#).

**Don't worry, you can stay warm -
there are several ways to join the fun!**



2017 Forklift Freezers in action

This is our fifth year fighting climate change by running into the icy Potomac River with activists from across the region. It sounds crazy, but it's a great time!

How you can take part:

DONATE! Each of our plungers has set a goal to raise \$350 or more (Why 350? 350ppm is the level of carbon scientists say we must return to in order to keep winter cold). Together, the Forklift Freezers have set a team goal to raise over \$1,000.

If we make our goal, **the Forklift receives part of the proceeds!** We're almost there, so if you'd like to support our icy recklessness, please [donate to your favorite Forklifter](#) on our team page.



Rob O. has raised the most so far, but Ruthie is trying to catch up!

CHEER US ON! We love having friends & family on shore - plus, it's nice to have folks ready with a dry towel and a warm cup of coffee. Please email us at [Events\(at\)CommunityForklift.org](mailto:Events(at)CommunityForklift.org) to let us know you're coming to the plunge (and/or lunch afterwards).

JOIN THE TEAM! If the cold doesn't scare you, we're always looking for more fools... err, Salvage Superheroes... to plunge along with us. Email [Rachel](#) for details.

WHEN: Saturday, January 27, 2017 at 11am (Plungers check in at 10am)

WHERE: National Plaza, National Harbor, MD



Need some happy news?

These folks will inspire you!

Each year on the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., people across the country take part in a [Day of Service](#) to honor his legacy - and each year, the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation ([CKAR](#)) sends some of these wonderful folks to the 'Lift.

Despite the cold yesterday, 24 volunteers came out! We welcomed teens and parents from the [Junior Tennis Champion Center](#) in College Park, and gentlemen from the [Shelton D. Redden Lodge #139 - Prince Hall Masons](#).



In just a few hours, they **removed 35 gallons of roadside trash** from the watershed, measured **300 doors**, cleaned dozens of **appliances & sinks**, and sorted several pallets of **light fixtures** and **10 buckets of vintage door hardware**.

When the warehouse is more organized, it's easier for Forklift Fans to find what they need, we can keep more good stuff out of the landfill, we create more green jobs, and we're able to distribute more materials to neighbors in need. A hearty thanks to CKAR and our MLK Day volunteers for getting us off to a great start for 2018!



What happens when creatives go wild in the warehouse?

We also want to thank [CARNEMARK design + build](#) for donating their time and skills to Community Forklift recently.

Last month, we were thrilled to hear that a whole crew of builders and designers was coming. To put their creativity to the test, we sent them a list of challenges we face in the warehouse on a daily basis. When they arrived, they brainstormed with our staff, walked around eyeing materials, and quickly came up with *brilliant* solutions to some of our space issues!



The next time you're in the warehouse, be sure to look for these new custom-built features: the Chair Tree, the purple bathtub storage solution, a "door wall," and the bracket for displaying chandeliers at the end of Aisle 1.

Visit [our blog](#) to see the final results! We are so grateful, and we can't wait for them to come back again. When skilled groups like CARNEMARK volunteer, we can get a whole lot of 'Lifting done!

**Would your company enjoy a
team-building day at our warehouse?**

Contact [Ruthie\(at\)CommunityForklift.org](mailto:Ruthie(at)CommunityForklift.org) or 301-985-5180 to schedule it today. Our spring calendar is filling up fast!



Spring Garden Party

Saturday, March 24th



Mark your calendar for our biggest annual event!
On March 24, 2018, we'll have garden tools and landscaping supplies, plants & seeds, free workshops, gardening experts, live music, artists, family fun, and local food.

(As always, we'll have a costume contest for well-dressed people & pets, so start looking now for a seersucker suit, frilly dress, or stylish hat)

[More details coming soon on our blog](#)

Learn (or share!) a new skill

Did you know we host free public workshops throughout the year? We explore home repair, reuse and upcycling, and environmental stewardship. Presenters receive a \$75 gift certificate - so please let us know [if you have an idea for a topic](#).



Josh Calo of Sol Nectar Farm at our 2017 Garden Party

Coming up:

Economically Sustainable Honey Beekeeping

11:00AM - 1:00PM on January 21st
at Community Forklift in the Reuse Resource Room
presented by Josh Calo

(Note: although our free seats for this workshop are filled up, you can still donate to reserve a seat. Free walk-ins are also welcome!)

Understanding the Brick & Masonry Construction of Your DC Home

12:00PM - 1:00PM on January 20th
at W.S. Jenks & Son Hardware
presented by Gary Barnhart

(Note: we just got word that all seats in this workshop are full - but we will plan more workshops with Gary later this year!)

Do you know a truck driver - or an extrovert?

Your favorite reuse center is seeking a responsible driver for our box truck (must be able to drive a manual transmission). We are also looking for outgoing Community Builders to help with special

events like the Garden Party. Visit our [jobs page](#) for details.



Visit our online shops

If you can't make it to the warehouse this month, you can shop with us online! All proceeds help us continue to lift up local communities.

We have vintage decor, bathroom fixtures, machinery, commercial items, and more in our [Ebay store](#). We also have tons of vintage hardware & decor in our [Etsy store](#).



If you're into unusual and upscale furniture, you should also visit us on [Chairish](#)!



Jacob Pringiers "Twice" Bench With Back, now up on Chairish

January Specials

Monthly sale do not include items from our consignment partners or items sold online, and may not be combined with other sales. Items with missing or damaged price tags will not be sold.

40% off Bathroom Fixtures



*Even if your bathroom is in great shape,
you should check out this sale!*

This month, save 40% on modern AND vintage bathroom sinks, vanities, toilets, tubs, and medicine cabinets with blue and orange tags. Save on claw-foot tubs, vessel or pedestal sinks, and more!

Sale does not include specialty items, tile, shower doors and shower pans, faucets, lighting, plumbing parts or hardware, select specialty items, "clouches" (clawfoot tub couches), kitchen or living room items, other types of cabinetry, or mirrors that are not attached to medicine cabinets.

BOGO Chairs



Buy one chair priced at \$25 or less, and get a second chair of equal or lesser value FREE! Sale includes chairs from every era, with blue and orange tags. *Sale does not include sets of chairs, or other types of seating or furniture.*

Follow our blog for more!

We often have surprise flash sales that only last for a few days - so find us on social media, or keep an eye on [our blog](#) for details.



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