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You otter vote!

(Thanks to @heucherella for the excellent pun)

**Just scroll down to "Best Green Business"
and write us in:**

VOTE NOW

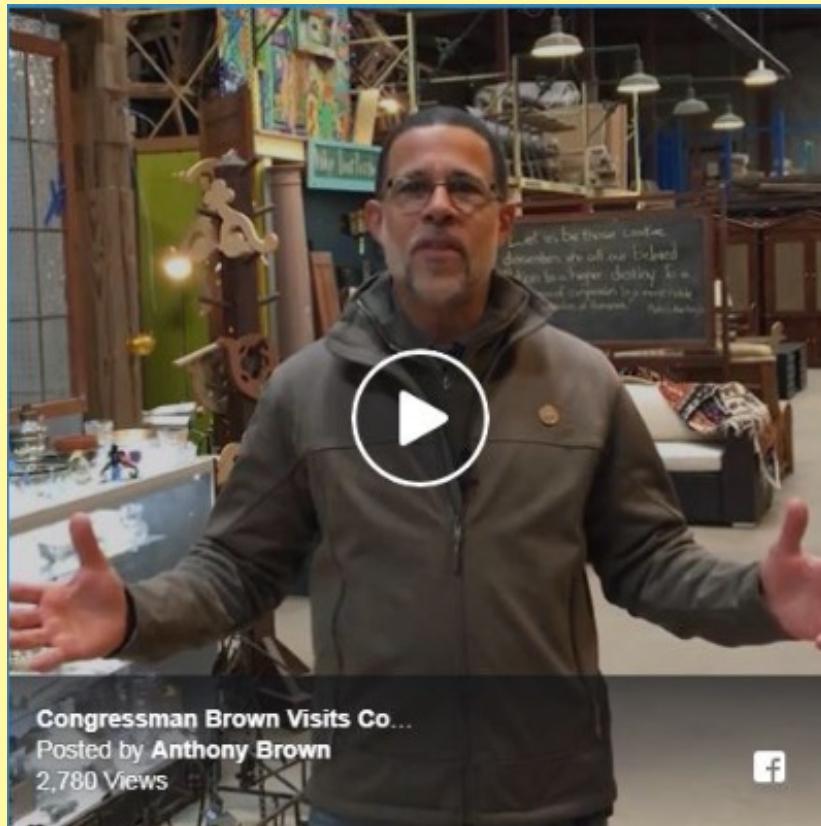
We're in the running again for "Best Green Business" in the City Paper's annual contest. If we win, it means valuable free publicity for our nonprofit program.

As more homeowners & contractors learn about us, more of them will donate, more materials will be kept out of the landfill, more folks can afford repairs, and we'll be able to create more green jobs.

And of course... you'll find more amazing stuff here in the store!

Please note: Contest rules have changed slightly this year. You can only vote once, and you'll need to log in through a Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn account. Unfortunately, this prevents many of our Forklift Fans from voting, **so if you're on social media, your vote is more important than ever!**

Look Who Came to Visit!



Community Forklift was thrilled to host Congressman Anthony Brown, our U.S. Representative from Maryland's District 4. Last week, he took a tour of the warehouse to learn about how we lift up our community.

Congressman Brown also sat down with some of our employees to discuss their experiences as **returning citizens** and their time at the Forklift. He is passionate about jobs creation, and our work to provide returning citizens with a second chance at a career caught his attention.

"Community Forklift not only recaptures the values of materials, they recapture the value of people."
- Anthony Brown

Here at Forklift, we don't discriminate based on history, and some of our most successful employees have come to us through **partners** and **programs** that place workers with barriers to employment.

We do a lot of work to support and develop all of our staff, providing them opportunities to grow. All employees at Community

Forklift are paid above minimum wage, have paid leave and health benefits, and attend regular training sessions on everything from warehouse safety to environmental issues.



We Fundraised, We Froze, We Conquered!

On January 21st, a brave group of Forklifters plunged into the frigid Potomac River, along with more than 200 environmental activists from across the DC region. It was our 5th year in a row doing the Polar Bear Plunge to support the [Chesapeake Climate Action Network \(CCAN\)](#) in their fight against climate change.

Thanks to your support, our Forklift Freezers were able to raise a whopping \$1,725 to keep winter cold. We were especially grateful to those who donated in memory of our late friend & Forklifter Josh Bombeck.

We hit our goal of raising \$1,000, so we've earned Community Forklift a small portion of the plunge's proceeds. This is money that will go directly into helping us lift up local communities through reuse.

CCAN raised more \$125,640 - over 100% of their fundraising goal! The plunge is their biggest fundraising event, powering victories to move our region off of fossil fuels to clean energy. In 2018, CCAN hopes to double the mandate for wind and solar power in Maryland, block fracked-gas pipelines in Virginia, and impose a tax on carbon pollution in DC.



The Forklift Freezers right before their icy plunge.



Start Thinking Seasonally **Mark your calendar with these spring events**

Rooting DC

Saturday, March 3rd

Rooting DC is a FREE urban gardening forum that provides education about urban agriculture and food systems, cultivates health and protection of the environment, and builds community. The day includes interactive workshops and panels, cooking and food preservation demos, and an info fair with 60+ regional green businesses and non-profits, including Community Forklift!



9th annual Forklift Garden Party!

Clear your schedule for March 24th



Every spring, Community Forklift hosts a fun-filled event where we offer up a ton of landscaping and garden supplies, and host gardening demos, experts, and vendors; local bands; and a delicious food truck. There are also prizes for well-dressed people and pets (florals, seersucker, and stylish hats are encouraged).



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Looking for an excuse to declutter?

One great way to support your favorite reuse center this month is to clean out your shed or garage, and [bring us your gently-used garden tools, flower pots, landscaping supplies, outdoor decor, and patio furniture.](#)

If you bring your items to us by early March, then we'll be able to offer them at the Garden Party. Because everyone goes nuts for low-cost landscaping supplies, the event is the Forklift's biggest fundraiser each year! Proceeds help us continue to create green jobs, reduce waste, educate the public about reuse, and provide free supplies to nonprofits & neighbors in need.



Pick up a new skill at our free workshops

Did you know we offer 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!**



Coming up:

Troubleshooting and Repairing Your Dryer

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM on February 11th
presented by homeowner Katie Strohl

Beekeeping 101 - A Two Part Series

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM on February 18th and
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM on February 25th
presented by Josh Calo of **Sol Nectar Farm**

Make Do and Mend: A Drop-in Sewing Class

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM on March 4th
presented by Jen Athanas of **Jen-A-Fusion Fashion Accessories**

Drywall Installation and Repair

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM on March 10th
presented by Mark Wardlaw of **BNV Remodeling**
*Registration for this workshop is not yet open. Check our **events calendar** in the next few weeks for a link to register.*



Could You be a Community Builder?

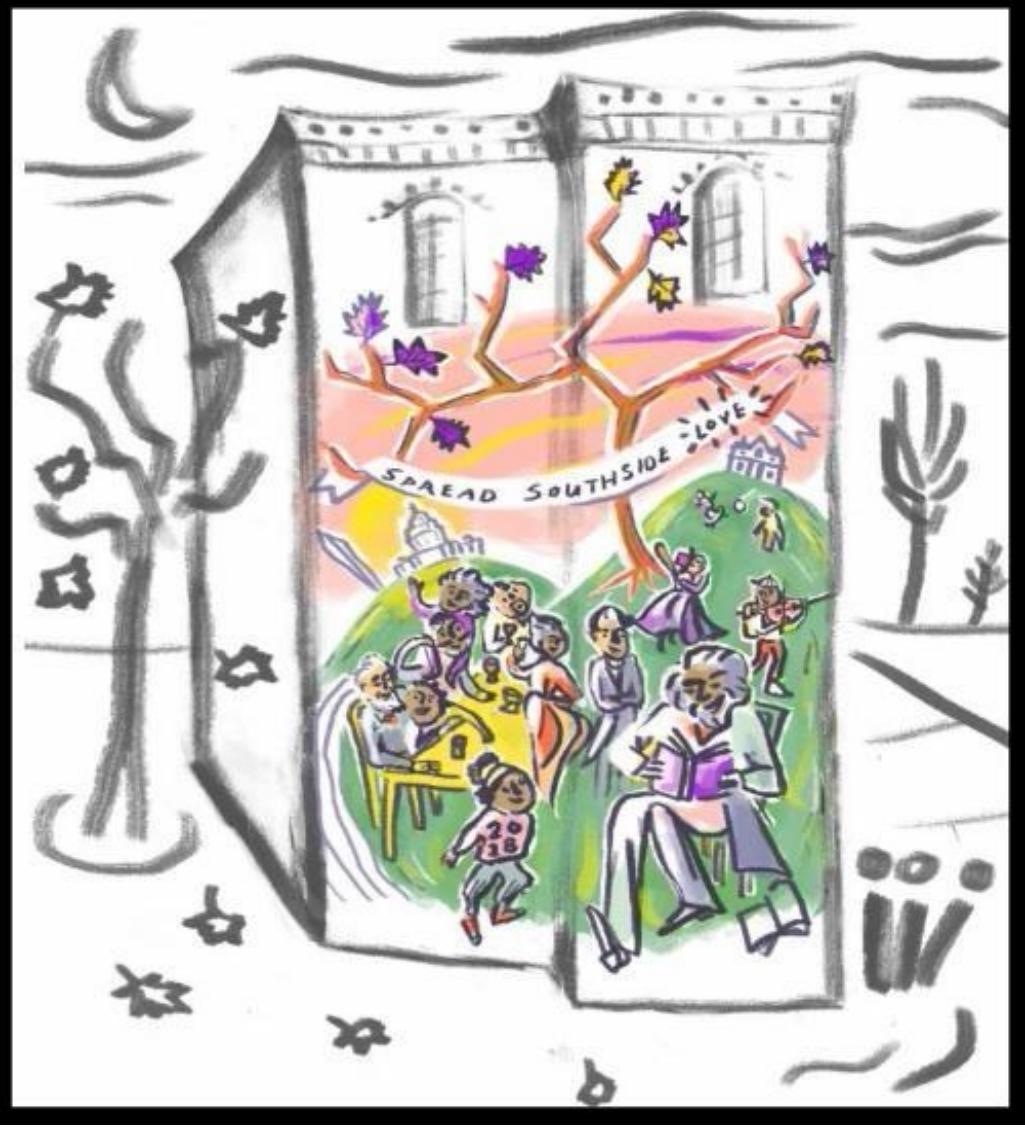
Looking for extra or occasional work?

Community Forklift is seeking on-call contractors to join our Outreach and Education team! We're looking for friendly, outgoing folks to staff our events and work with volunteer groups. Our Community Builders are extremely enthusiastic, genuine, comfortable with people from diverse backgrounds, and committed to the environmental and community work we do. Hours vary according to your schedule, but our greatest need is for availability on Saturdays and Sundays, especially in the spring and fall. Starting compensation is \$10.75/hour. [Get more info and apply to be a Community Builder here!](#)



In Honor of Black History Month Let's Help Bring a Community Mural to Life

Community Forklift is trying to help our friend John Muller find scaffolding to borrow to paint a mural on a corner store at 16th & W Street SE in Old Historic Anacostia. The mural will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' birth and honor the Centennial of Anacostia Park. The installation will involve the community and bring the spirit of the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial to the streets he walked and the neighborhood he called home.



Artist Rebeka Ryvola's preliminary sketch of the mural

Here's how you can help:

Loan scaffolding! We're hoping that one of our Forklift Fans can lend the project some scaffolding! The mural installation will take place on or before Saturday, February 17th, 2018. If you have any scaffolding to spare, please email **John Muller** or call 202-236-3413.

Donate to the GoFundMe account! Any funds donated will help cover the costs of the muralist's design time and labor, in addition to costs of materials such as paint, brushes, painter's tape, etc. To donate or learn more about the mural, [click here!](#)



February Specials

40% Off Most Doors



Throughout February, take 40% off doors with orange and blue price tags of \$200 or less. The sale includes many kinds of interior and exterior doors, including antique wood panel doors, oversized doors, modern doors, French doors, bifold doors, louvered, security doors, storm doors, and screen doors.

Sale does not include surplus doors or doors in frames.

Plus, Free Cabinets!



Look for individual cabinets, cabinet doors, and drawers with price tags of \$15 or less. This month, they're free while supplies last!

Please note: Monthly sales do NOT include select specialty items, items from our consignment vendors, or items sold online. Items with missing or damaged price tags will not be sold. Monthly sales may not be combined with other sales or promotions.

Shop with us online

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

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 interested in unusual and upscale furniture, you should also check out our shop on [Chairish!](#)



Did you know about this weekend's Flash Sale?

Lights and ceiling fans are half off!

This Saturday & Sunday, February 3rd & 4th, save 50% on lights, ceiling fans, shades, and bulbs with blue & orange price tags.

Sale does not include select specialty items, other light parts or electrical supplies, items from our Salvage Arts consignment partner, or items listed online. Items with missing or damaged price tags will not be sold. Flash sales cannot be combined with other sales and promotions.



To find out about the next surprise sale:

Follow our blog to hear about flash sales like this one, learn about unusual items in stock, and get all the info that won't fit in our newsletter.

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