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**Thank you to  
everyone who  
joined us on our  
Summer Cruise  
last month!**



You may have noticed our shutterbugs snapping pictures around the boat.

Did we get a shot of you? Check it out: Pictures from the outing can be seen

# You're Invited...



You are cordially invited to join Gabriel as we break out the grill for our Last Bash of Summer! This year's Open House will feature live entertainment, mouth-watering food and delectable drinks.

**Thursday, September 10th, 2009  
4:00 pm-8:30 pm**

**Gabriel's Headquarters - 1421 N. Elston Ave**

**Guests are welcome!**

### Highlights include:

- Tours of our award-winning gardens, rain collection system, and

on our website [here](#).

## Environmental Links

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- our NEW geothermal and solar power systems
- Demonstrations of our newest and largest Geoprobe® soil boring machine
- Laboratory tours
- Raffles, giveaways, and more!

Do you love summer? Do you enjoy barbeques and live entertainment? Then RSVP to [Sara Scardina](#) by September 4th, and join us at our annual Open House!

## Biking Bits

### Gain Time

The League of American Bicyclists estimates that each U.S. rush-hour auto commuter spends an average of **50 hours a year** stuck in traffic.

Contemplate regaining some of that time by riding your bike at least part of the way to work. Many long-distance bike commuters begin by driving halfway to work and then biking the rest of the way.



### Lose Weight, Gain Health

One study showed that the average bike commuter loses **13 lbs** their first year of commuting by bike.

Just 3 hours of

## Gabriel's Photovoltaic Third Largest in IL

Gabriel is proud to announce that our newly installed solar photovoltaic panels, are the third largest commercial array of PV energy in Illinois.



Installed throughout the course of 2009 and operational since earlier this summer, Gabriel's new solar panel array includes both photovoltaic and solar thermal energy.

While often confused, these two functions of solar panels are actually quite different.

Photovoltaic (PV) technology takes energy from sunlight and converts it directly to electricity. Solar thermal energy (STE), on the other hand, takes sunlight and converts the energy into heat.

Currently, Gabriel's full PV output ability is 7200 watts, while our STE output is as high as 160,000 btus. Gabriel is ecstatic to have such success with our solar panels, and we are currently in the process of installing our geothermal system which will provide even more efficiency in our building's heating and cooling system.

To read more about Gabriel's pledge to sustainability and other environmental efforts implemented at our offices, visit our website's [Environmental Commitment page](#).

If you or your company are interested in installing a geothermal system, or if you have any questions about other renewable energy sources such as solar power, contact [John Polich](#) at (773)486-2123.

## EPA Fugitives: CAUGHT!

Since launching their [Most Wanted Criminals list](#) last December, the EPA's list of fugitives is now five fewer.

Five environmental fugitives have been arrested, either after being captured or surrendering themselves to authorities: [Robert Smith](#), Robert Wainwright, Larkin Baggett, Bhavesh H. Kamdar, and David Allen Phillips.

According to the USEPA, since releasing their Most Wanted List, the organization has received more than 100



biking a week can reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke by **50%**!

### Save Money

On January 1, 2009, Congress enacted the **Bicycle Commuter Tax**, which provides up to \$20 a month for bicycle commuters. To learn how you or your company may benefit from this, visit the League of American Bicyclists' [BCT Info page](#).

tips, one of which led to the capture of fugitive [Larkin Baggett](#). When EPA Special Agent officers followed up on this tip, they found Mr. Baggett, who was seriously injured by officers after attempting to flee arrest.

With stronger environmental regulations in place, the temptation to cut corners or illegally dispose of waste becomes stronger. As Doug Parker, deputy director of the EPA's criminal investigation division, says, "All these crimes are driven by money. When a regulatory scheme is developed, it invariably puts a cost on people. People will use criminal means to avoid compliance."

As seen in the successful arrests of these five fugitives, **failing** to comply with environmental regulations can be just as costly - and land convicted offenders with some serious jail time.

If you have any tips on any of the fugitives on the EPA's most wanted list, please fill out a form on their website: [www.epa.gov/fugitives](http://www.epa.gov/fugitives).

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