

Sidney Pacific

January House Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th, 2014



Agenda

- New Publicity Chair
- Openings in the House Council
- Update on composting system
- Winter Officer Retreat
- Service shout-outs
- Upcoming events
- Open floor

New Publicity Chair

- Steven Levine



Openings in the House Council

- 9th Floor Hall Councilor
 - Applications open until Thursday, January 17
 - Voting opens January 15; closes January 18
- Outreach Chair
 - Applications open on a rolling basis
- Apply here:

<http://s-p.mit.edu/apply/>

Openings in the House Council

- Thanks to Kendall and JP for all their great work for SP!



Update on composting system

- New compost system @ Sid Pac
- Launch date: **December 11, 2013**
- Housekeeping Staff on board

COMPOST
@ Sidney Pacific

Step 1: Know What You Can Compost
Including eggshells, bones, fat trimmings, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, rice, beans, pasta, spoiled food, coffee grounds & filters, teabags, paper napkins, wet or waxed cardboard, biodegradable dishware

Step 2: Request a Green Bin
Sid Pac can provide your kitchen with a green composting bin & biodegradable bags for FREE! Simply fill out the form here: <http://go.gi/6ZPeM> Alternatively, you can use other containers (e.g.: yogurt containers) to collect your compost.

Step 3: Separate Food Waste
Have your compost bin handy in your kitchen for easy separation of your food waste when you are cooking! To avoid the development of odor, try storing your compost in the freezer.

Step 4: Place in Common Kitchen
NEW! Individual composts should now be placed in the new compost collection bins placed in all common kitchens! Please **DO NOT** place your compost outside of your doors.

⊘ Please, **NO Styrofoam, plastic, or aluminum foil in compost**

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Update on composting system

- Distributed green bins: **34**
(~4% of Sid Pac)
- Some are composting without green bins & bags
(rough estimate:
~10% of Sid Pac)



Update on composting system

- Challenges:
 - Contamination with non-compostable waste
 - Encouraging more residents to participate



Update on composting system

- Future Directions
 - Host educational events
 - EarthMachine



SP Environment Committee
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Winter Officer Retreat

- **February 1st [Saturday], 5-9:30PM**
- Dinner will be provided
- Fun activity to follow – will involve light exercise



Service Shout-Outs

- David Kwabi



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- Cherry Gao



Upcoming events

January:

- 22 [Wed]: Coffee Hour
- 25 [Sat]: Winter Feast
- 25 [Sat]: Budget Requests Due
- Late Jan: The Memory Project

February:

- 1 [Sat]: Officer Winter Retreat
- 4 [Tues]: Next House Meeting (Budget!)
- 5 [Wed]: Coffee Hour
- 8 [Sat]: Wine and Chocolate Evening
- 9 [Sun]: Brunch

Open Floor



Food!

