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Radon Action Month & DOEE in the Community WELCOME TO THE DC

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maintaining safe, healthy, and energy-efficient housing in the **District of** Columbia. Subscribe to the DC *Healthy Homes Digest* and forward it to your colleagues! In This Issue: Get Connected Radon Action Month &

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Get Connected

Announcing the 2024 New

England Regional Lead and

Healthy Housing Conference Lead and Healthy Housing

• Get ready for the 2024 New England Regional Lead and Healthy

Housing Conference! The

conference will take place on May 2-3 at the AC Hotel Portsmouth Downtown Waterfront in Portsmouth, NH. It will be an essential gathering of experts and professionals in lead poisoning prevention and healthy

housing fields. Why Attend? Engage with national experts and regional leaders. Discover the

latest in regulations, policies, and successful program strategies. Network with housing officials, HUD grantees, health educators industry practitioners, and others. Don't miss this opportunity to expand

your knowledge, connect

throughout the region, and explore innovative

solutions for conducting successful programs

throughout New England.

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coalition seeking to address substandard housing conditions that contribute to significant health issues affecting District

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Church Annual Health Fair. Every year, the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church hosts a health fair that brings together community members, health professionals, and local organizations. **Outreach and Education** 1. Raising Lead Awareness: The Division's team disseminated information about lead hazards, emphasizing the risks associated with peeling paint and unsafe work practices in

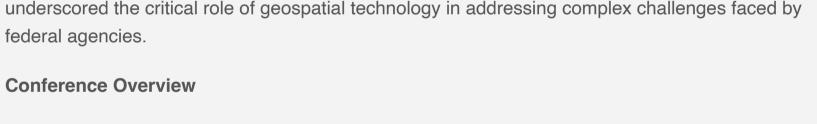
- pre-1978 properties. They brought forth recall information and encouraged blood lead testing for children, twice by the age of two. 2. Radon Action Month Highlighted: The team distributed educational materials related to Radon Action Month. These materials highlighted the dangers of radon gas, a naturally
- The St. Martin's Church Annual Health Fair provided an opportunity for face-to-face interactions with DC residents of all ages. Attendees left with more than pamphlets—they gained awareness. actionable steps, and a sense of community support. The Division's presence exemplified their commitment to health equity and their dedication to creating a healthy housing environment for

Georgetown University Medical Students: Provided blood pressure readings and health screenings for participants. They shared valuable health information, emphasizing preventive measures and healthy lifestyle choices. American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): Provided mental health crisis information and highlighted the DC Crisis Response Coalition. The ACLU's commitment to mental health advocacy resonated with the fair's theme of holistic well-being.

Remember, a healthier home begins with informed choices.



and Environmental Health



Exploring the 2024 Esri Federal GIS Conference: Bridging Geospatial Solutions with Public

The 2024 Esri Federal GIS Conference, which took place on February 13-14 in Washington, DC,

was a dynamic gathering of professionals, thought leaders, and innovators in the field of

geographic information systems (GIS). There were about 5,000 attendees at the Walter E.

Washington Convention Center. The conference theme, "Government Empowered by GIS,"

3. **Connect with Peers**: Network with fellow professionals, exchange ideas, and collaborate on innovative solutions. **Keynote Speakers** The conference featured two distinguished keynote speakers:

Some of the sessions included demonstrations of mapping health disparities, using GIS for disease surveillance and outreach response, as well as bolstering environmental justice and equity. Sessions also highlighted the use of GIS for climate resilience and adaptation, natural resource management as well as urban planning and green infrastructure.

If you missed it, check out the Plenary Sessions and Keynote Speaker videos here!

intelligence in addressing global challenges.

Public Health and Environmental Health Sessions

promote equity, and build a sustainable future for all.

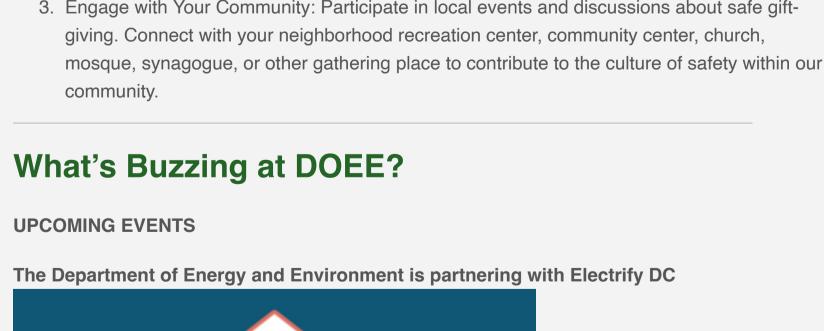
In summary, The 2024 Esri Federal GIS Conference provided a platform to share insights, learn

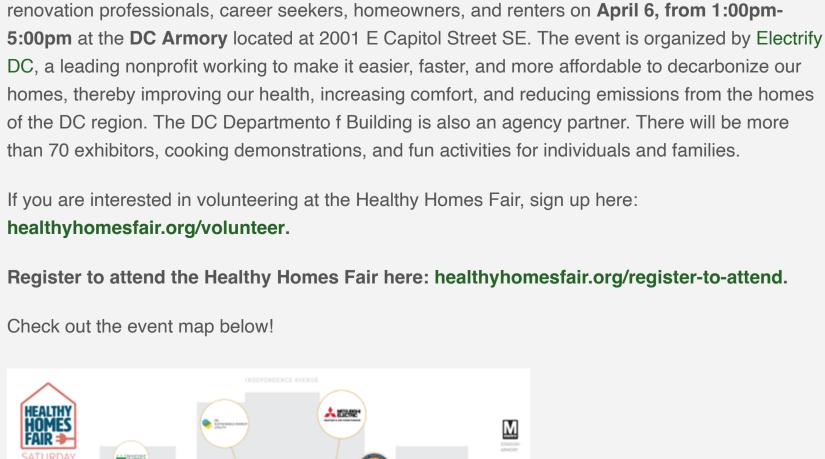
from experts, and explore cutting-edge applications and convergence of GIS, public health, and

environmental well-being. By leveraging spatial data, agencies can make informed decisions,

How You Can Get Involved 1. Stay Informed: Keep an eye out for educational materials and resources provided by DOEE. Stay informed about toy safety guidelines and make responsible choices when purchasing gifts.

2. Spread the Word: Share the knowledge! Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors about





Join DOEE'S Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division as they participate as a tabling exhibitor at

the Healthy Homes Fair. This will be a free expo and interactive learning experience for home

 Heat Pump
Dryer Solar, Batteries, EV charging O Health Benefits Smith. Incentives, Saving Financing A YEAR OF OUTREACH: PARTNER WITH US! The Lead Safe and Healthy Housing Division at DOEE is gearing up for an exciting year of

outreach activities. We invite all interested parties to join hands with us in promoting lead-safe living

environments. Reach out to Amanda Ri'Chard at Amanda.Richard@dc.gov for collaboration

Home Depot's DIY Workshops cover a wide range of topics, empowering participants with

Get step-by-step instructions for various projects in livestream webcasts.

· Learn how to care for different areas of your home, from plumbing to electrical systems.

• Examples include assembling furniture, repairing drywall, installing shelves, replacing sinks,

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practical skills and knowledge. Here are some areas you can explore:

· Gain confidence to tackle common maintenance tasks.

• In-Store Kids Workshops: Children can create fun projects like birdhouses, picture frames, and wooden trucks. First Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm Roblox Adventures: Tech-savvy kids can engage in virtual building experiences in the Roblox universe. Partnerships: Science Fair Central: Collaborate with Discovery Education to power STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). The Home Depot's workshops are a free and valuable resource. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or aspiring DIY enthusiast, these workshops welcome everyone. Happy DIY-ing!

Healthy Housing Happenings

The Controversy

consumers.

Do Stanley Cups Contain Dangerous Levels of Lead?

The Facts 1. **Lead-Based Solder**: The construction of a Stanley tumbler involves the use of lead-based solder. However, it's essential to note that this solder material does not come into direct contact with the beverage. Instead, it is hidden under a disc on the bottom of the tumbler. 2. **Hidden Lead**: The small dot of lead-based solder is not on the inside of the bottle. It is used

In January 2024, rumors began circulating on social media and in news reports claiming

that **Stanley tumblers** contained a dangerous amount of lead. The concern stemmed from a report

by Tamara Rubin, an online lead-safety advocate known as the "Lead Safe Mama." She alleged

that Stanley tumblers had lead in them, sparking widespread discussion and concern among

lead, but the risk of lead exposure only arises if the cover on the bottom of the tumbler comes off and exposes the solder used to seal the cup's vacuum insulation. 6. **Lawsuits**: As of February 22, 2024, Pacific Market International, the maker of Stanley tumblers, is facing two new lawsuits. The company is accused of failing to disclose the presence of lead in its tumbler products. 7. **Expert Insights**: According to Jane Houlihan, research director for the nonprofit coalition Healthy Babies, Bright Futures, "If the cup stays intact, there's likely no lead exposure risk for consumers. But if that bottom seal comes off, all bets are off." She emphasizes that companies should not rely on their products remaining perfectly intact for safety and should address any material safety issues.

to make sure it is intact!

purchasers.

storefront on Amazon.com.

beads and 12 straws.

Health, CNN and ABC News.

shipped together in the same cardboard packaging marked "Yaomiao". Recall Date: January 25, 2024

Action Steps: Consumers should immediately take the recalled tiaras away from children, stop

Amazon.com. They were sold on Amazon from January 2021 through November 2023 for about

Consumer Contact: LordRoadS by email at simlordroadple@163.com, or online at their Amazon

Affected Stores: This product was manufactured in China and sold exclusively online on

\$19 for the set of four. About 12,440 units were sold.

using them and contact LordRoadS for a refund. LordRoadS and Amazon are contacting all known

Litti City and Litti Pritti Dress-up Playsets and Prextex Slime Eggs Recalled Due to Violations of Federal Phthalates and Lead Content Bans; Imported by Perch, Amusty and **Bingo Deals**

Recalled Litti City Teacher Purse Set Recalled Prextex DIY Take-Along Slime **Recall Description:** This recall involves two Litti City dress-up playsets, one Litte Pritti dress-up playset and Prextex-branded DIY take-along slime eggs. The Litti City premier doctor playset consists of a white doctor outfit and accessories, including blue glasses, yellow stethoscope and bandages, and a book. The Litti City teacher purse playset consists of a green purse and

accessories, including glasses, markers, rules, eraser, hall passes, learning charts and stickers.

container with prextex.com embossed on the top. The set includes seven mini bottles of shaped

clear plastic slime eggs are filled with slime in varying colors and come in a blue plastic egg

The Litti Pritti handbag playset includes a pink purse, wallet, make-up, keys and cell phone. The 12

Recall Date: December 21, 2023 **Action Steps:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled playsets and slime eggs and contact Perch for more information on how to dispose of the product and to get a full refund after providing proof of destruction. Perch, Amazon, and Walmart will contact all known purchasers directly. Affected Stores: Online at Amazon.com and Walmart.com, with the Litti Pritti handbag playset also sold at Ocean State Job Lot stores in the Northeast, from July 2021 through April 2023 for between \$9 and \$45. Consumer Contact: Perch toll-free at 888-359-4676 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, email at playsets@realtimeresults.net, or online at recallrtr.com/playsets, perchhq.com/ and click on "Recall" at the top of the page for more information, or at prextex.com/ and click on "Recall" at the top of the page for more information.

Lead Contamination in Cinnamon Applesauce Products

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state

and local partners, are investigating reports of elevated blood

lead levels in individuals with reported exposure to Apple **Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches**. The FDA has issued a recall as of November 2023 for the following products due to the presence of lead: 1. WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches 2. Schnucks-brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack 3. Weis-brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

displaying any symptoms, we strongly recommend consulting a healthcare provider promptly. 3. **Product Disposal:** Safely dispose of any recalled items you may have in your possession. Carefully open the pouch and empty the contents into a trash can before discarding the packaging to prevent others from salvaging recalled products from the trash. Clean up any spills after discarding the product then wash your hands. Affected Stores: WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches are sold nationally, available through various retailers, including Amazon, Dollar Tree, and other online outlets.

Sandford Family Croquet Sets Recalled Due to Violations of the Federal Lead **Recall Description:** This recall involves Sandford Family 6-Player Croquet Sets branded with either Garden Games or Big Game Hunters on the storage bag. The set includes four adult mallets; two winning posts; one red and blue children's mallet; six balls, clips and hoops, and a storage bag. The storage bag is branded with either a Big Game Hunters logo on a blue bag or a Garden Games logo on a green bag.

residents from the perils of radon, mold, and lead exposure, particularly in older homes. In January,

Empowering Communities at St. Martin's Church Annual Health Fair The Lead-Safe and Healthy Housing Division (LSHHD) is a vital arm of the District of Columbia's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). Their mission: to safeguard

the LSHHD took their commitment to the heart of the community by participating in the St. Martin's

occurring radioactive gas that can seep into homes. 3. Healthy Homes and Mold: The team shared information about asthma triggers and the healthy homes principles. **Community Impact**

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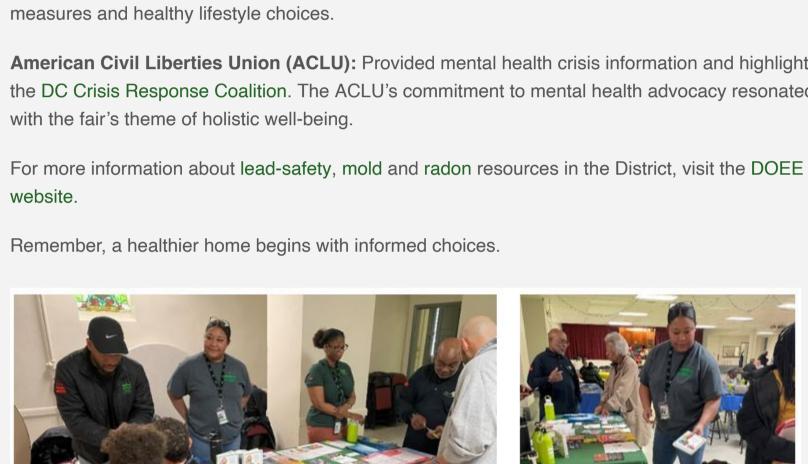










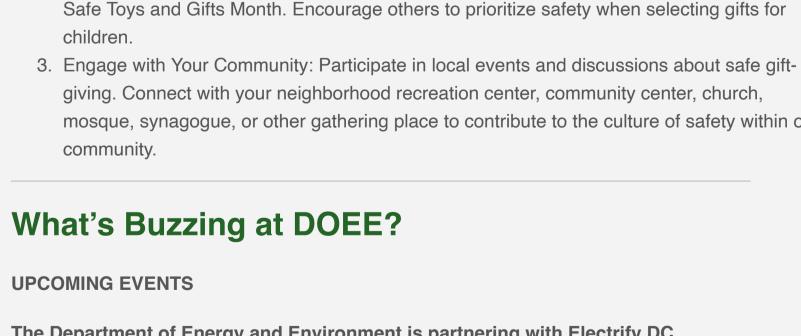






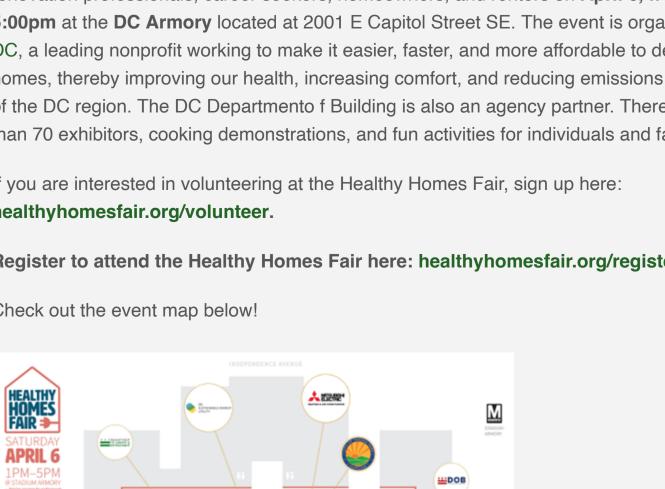
Attendees had the opportunity to: 1. Learn from Esri Staff: Engage with Esri experts who shared best practices, case studies, and the latest advancements in GIS technology. 2. **Professional Development Workshops**: Participate in workshops designed to enhance their skills and deepen their understanding of GIS applications.

1. **John Podesta**: As the Senior Adviser to the President for International Climate Policy at The White House, John Podesta delivered an inspiring address. His insights on the intersection of geospatial technology and climate policy resonated with the audience. 2. **Tonya Wilkerson**: Tonya Wilkerson, Deputy Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, shared her expertise. Her keynote emphasized the critical role of geospatial





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opportunities. Here's a glimpse of what's coming in 2024.

May: Asthma Awareness Month

June: Healthy Homes Month

1. Homeowner 101 Workshops:

painting walls, and more.

On-Demand Workshops:

DIY Workshops:

Heat Pump Heating * Cooling Heat Pump Water Heater

Kids Workshops:

Explore digital workshops at your own pace.

Discover tips and tricks for home improvement.

during the manufacturing process to create an insulating vacuum between the exterior and interior layers of metal. Before the cup hits store shelves, the hole used to create the vacuum is sealed with this solder. 3. **X-Ray Fluorescence Testing**: Tamara Rubin used an **X-ray fluorescence device** to test for lead and other harmful heavy metals. Her tests did indeed detect lead in the Stanley tumbler, specifically under the cap on the bottom of the cup. 4. **Drinking Safety**: Despite the presence of lead in the solder, the Stanley tumbler is still safe to drink from. The lead material is entirely enclosed by stainless steel and does not come into contact with your drink. If the disc falls off and exposes the solder, it's advisable to get a replacement. 5. **Company Confirmation**: A company spokesperson confirmed that Stanley cups do contain

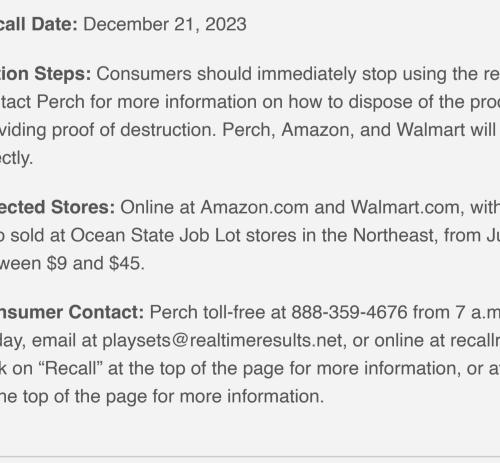
RECENT RECALLS Yaomiao Children's Rhinestone Silver Tiaras Recalled Due to Violation of Federal Lead **Content Ban Recall Description:** This recall involves the rhinestone silver tiara with red rhinestones that was sold in a package with three other tiara styles that are not included in the recall. Those not included in the recall have blue, purple, and clear rhinestones. The four tiara styles were sold and

In summary, while the bottom exterior of Stanley cups do contain lead, they have not been recalled

by the Consumer Protection and Safety Commission. Keep an eye on that little disc at the bottom,

For more information, you can refer to the original articles on Snopes, TODAY, wcnc.com, Verywell

Recalled Litti City Premier Doctor Playset Recalled Litti Pritti Handbag Playset



symptoms such as headache, abdominal pain, vomiting, and anemia, while longer-term exposure may lead to irritability, lethargy, muscle aches, difficulty concentrating, and more. **Action Steps:** We kindly ask you to take the following steps: 1. Check Your Home: Please check your homes for any of the recalled products. If found, refrain from consuming them. 2. **Medical Attention:** If you suspect your child may have been exposed to lead or is

symptoms may not be apparent, it is essential to remain vigilant. Short-term exposure can result in

Symptoms of Lead Toxicity: Lead can be harmful, especially to children. While immediate

Recall Date: February 29, 2024 **Action Steps:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled family croquet sets, and contact DOM Sports for information on how to email a photo of the recalled product being disposed of to support@domsports.com to receive the free replacement parts. DOM

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domsports.com and click on "Recalls" at the top of the page for more information.

Affected Stores: Amazon.com from May 2015 through June 2021 for