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CGE NEWS
Citizens' Greener Evanston Sustainability Newsletter
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**Making Evanston the Most Livable City –
For Everyone**

A Special Earth Month Event
Sunday April 24, 2-5 p.m. Fleetwood-Jourdain Center

CGE is pleased to host this highly interactive event that expands our focus on environmental sustainability and encompasses the economic and social justice components of sustainability – hence the theme: "Making Evanston the Most Livable City – For Everyone."

During this free event, participants will join smaller groups to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and possible solutions, and next steps related to three of the most pressing issues facing our community:

- Affordable Housing
- Gun Violence
- Economic Opportunity

 **Veronica Kyle**
The keynote will be delivered by Veronica Kyle of [Faith in Place](#).

 **Mayor Tisdahl**
Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl will be responding to the groups and providing her insights.



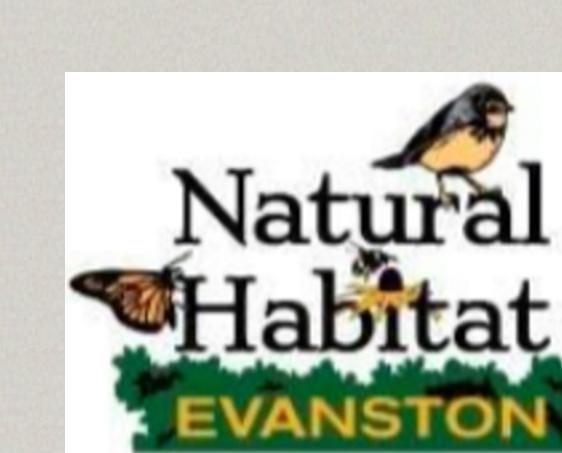
Welcome Robin Simmons!

CGE is pleased to introduce Robin Simmons, the new field organizer for our *Weatherization Works!* outreach to help homeowners save energy. This program demonstrates how to save energy and money through smart meter assessments, demonstrations, peak time rebates, and other programs. Robin is reaching out to Evanston residents, places of worship, and community groups eager to work with you. If you have questions, you can contact her at [Robin@GreenerEvanston.Org](#).
An Evanston native, Robin moved back here to make a measurable impact in the same community that provided her so many opportunities. She is passionate about community and economic development and about providing resources to those most in need. She is an entrepreneur with start-ups in retail, real estate, construction and entertainment.

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Help Your Garden Celebrate May Day!



We all know that pollinators are in trouble. So what better way to celebrate May Day than by taking the afternoon of May 1st to learn how to cultivate a garden that attracts bees, butterflies! Come to the Evanston Ecology Center for an afternoon of demos and hands-on activities designed to help you learn how to provide key elements for a healthy garden: food, shelter, water, and places to raise young. You can also help plant 300 saplings of birdfriendly shrubs in the Ladd Arboretum. All ages are welcome. The trees are provided by the National Wildlife Federation, Trees for Wildlife! program.

When: Sunday, May 1, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.
The first 50 people to arrive will receive FREE bird-friendly shrub saplings!

Weatherization Works!
Save Money – Save Energy – Weather-Proof

[Contact us](#) [BuildingGreenerEvanston.org](#)

CGE is offering free or low-cost energy audits or demonstrations that show you how to be less wasteful with energy – and your dollars. Just email [BuildingGreenerEvanston.org](#) to request one. Would you like to be able to accurately track your energy usage so you know when it's too high and you're wasting money? Right now Commonwealth Edison is installing smart meters throughout the state, giving you access to more information about your electricity usage through personalized, online energy management tools. You can enroll to receive phone or email alerts when your usage is trending higher than normal for your household, and sign up for weekly emails that summarize your daily usage. This enables you to make changes that can help you save energy and lower your electric bills.

[Click here](#) to find out more and enroll in the smart meter program.

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