

# CGE NEWS

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## Au Revoir to the Paris Accord— But We Can Keep Evanston Green

Earlier this week the President announced his intention to remove the US from the Paris Climate Accord, an incredible act of ignorance, an abrogation of moral responsibility and a lost opportunity for American leadership on this historically consequential issue. In the complete absence of climate action at the national level, it's up to us at the local level to do everything we can do reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and address change.

Through [Community Choice Electricity Aggregation](#) with 100% renewable energy we've reduced Evanston's carbon footprint by over 100,000 metric tons each year—that the CO2 equivalent of a 200 foot layer of coal covering an entire football field (including the end zones!)—and we've done this while saving money. Our current contract expires soon, and on

June 12th the Evanston City Council will vote to approve the next electricity aggregation contract. We expect that the aggregation rate will again be cheaper.

With your help we can make sure that aggregation continues.

- Please sign [this petition](#)
- [Email or call your alderman](#) and express your support
- Come to the City Council meeting on June 12

**Continuing with aggregation is essential to our climate action goals!**

## Kumar Jensen Named as Evanston Sustainability Coordinator

Congratulations to Kumar Jensen, who was recently appointed Evanston's sustainability coordinator. Jensen takes on responsibility for the city's environmental sustainability initiatives previously managed by former Sustainability Manager Catherine Hurley. Jensen will report directly to City Manager, Wally Bobkiewicz.

In this new role, Jensen will manage strategic planning, program development and project implementation to address energy efficiency, water and waste reduction, renewable energy and climate change. He will also work on natural resources policy and challenges facing Evanston's urban forest.

## Do You Grow More Than You Need? Let Edible Evanston Help.

Summer gardens mean the beginning of Edible Evanston's Food Sharing Initiative season. If you have more than you need, Edible Evanston will donate it to a food pantry. How? Drop it in one of their designated coolers and they'll deliver it. Pickups start June 9 in North Evanston and June 13 in South Evanston and run through October 14. Visit [the Edible Evanston website](#) for details on exact times and locations for drop-off.

**Edible Evanston**

On May 18th, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) unanimously voted against the Isabella Woods easement. Evanston residents and politicians expressed concern the proposed road could cause significant environmental damage and present water management problems altering Isabella Woods, a relatively untouched piece of wooded wetlands.

Thank-you to everyone who sent in letters or participated in the group letter. Many of the Commissioners mentioned what a difference the petition letter and emails to their offices made. Thanks also to the Evanston and Wilmette residents who spoke on behalf of Isabella Woods. This was a coordinated group, each speaker providing a different perspective and information. It was important that this wasn't only about Evanston, but Wilmette too, and all our community. Special thanks to Evanston Deputy City Attorney Michelle Masoncup and Alderman Eleanor Revelle for representing the City to MWRD, and answering the many questions posed by MWRD Commissioners.

## Bird Sanctuary Workdays

Clark St Beach Bird Sanctuary has workdays Thursdays 3:00-5 p.m. and on Saturdays 9:00-11:30 a.m. [Please visit their Facebook page for more information.](#)

## 2017 Evanston Garden Walk

Come join a walk through some of the most creative, beautiful, and personal gardens Evanston has to offer. Rain or shine. The walk is a benefit for the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA). [Click here for more information.](#)

**When:** Sunday, June 25, noon – 5 p.m.

**Where:** Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

## CGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Citizens' Greener Evanston works to make Evanston a more sustainable community - environmentally, economically and socially and to address climate change by dramatically reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.**

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