

# CGE NEWS

May 2017

## Electricity Aggregation – It Matters

Evanston today produces 20% fewer emissions than we did in 2005. Much of this reduction comes from one initiative, Electricity Aggregation. In addition to reducing our contribution to climate change, aggregation has saved the average Evanston household a small amount of money compared to ComEd since its inception in 2012. It has been a win-win for households and for the planet. Residents can opt out of the program, but fully two thirds of Evanston residents participate in the program.

On June 28th, the Evanston City Council will vote on the next Electricity Aggregation contract. We don't know yet whether 100% green power will cost more or less than ComEd. But we do know that only 100% green power can keep Evanston on its track to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## May Festival for Our Birds

Come and participate in interactive demonstrations and get information to create bird-friendly habitat in our parks and gardens. Fifty saplings will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis.

**When:** Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m.

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

## Help Plant a Food Forest

Volunteers are currently needed to help convert the Eggleston Anniversary Orchard into a permaculture Food Forest. Don your work boots and work gloves, grab a shovel or trowel, and come join Edible Evanston on Sat, May 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Sat, May 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are welcome anytime during these hours.

Edible Evanston will supply tools and work gloves to those who need them. A waiver will be required to participate. You can sign it on-site, but if you are under 18 years old a parent or guardian must sign. The release is available at [edibleevanston.org](http://edibleevanston.org). No other registration is required.

**Where:** Eggleston Anniversary Food Forest & Orchard  
2100 Hartrey, south of Payne

## Water Matters: Drinking Water Week

As part of National Drinking Week, The City will make a presentation on what goes on behind the scenes in managing our water- from the infrastructure that keeps it out of our basements, to the chemistry involved in its purification. Come hear Lara Biggs, Bureau Chief- Water Protection.

**When:** Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.-12p.m.

**Where:** Arrington Lagoon Building, Sheridan Rd & Church St, Evanston

## Water Justice Conference – May 13

Trinity Institute's global conference, Water Justice, empowers individuals, congregations, and the larger faith community to take action on water issues. This year, Faith in Place and Grace Lutheran Church in Evanston will be co-hosting a live broadcast of the conference. [Please register here to join.](#)

**When:** Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church, 1430 South Blvd.

## Reserve Your Place Now for the 2017 Green Ball!

**Evanston Green Ball  
Saturday, May 20th, 7 to 10:30pm**

The Green Ball, a festive gathering of residents of Evanston and nearby communities who are concerned about the environment, is co-presented by the Evanston Environmental Association and the City of Evanston. [Click here to buy tickets.](#)

**When:** Saturday, May 20, 7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

**Where:** Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave.

## "The Climate Reality Project: Climate Change and Climate Solutions" - Next Green Drinks Discussion

Lauren Marquez-Viso will discuss "The Climate Reality Project: climate change and climate solutions" and actions we can take to steer our community to 100% renewable energy commitment.

**When:** Wednesday, May 31, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Celtic Knot, 626 Church St., Evanston

## Got Plants? Donate a Few to a Food Forest!

Edible Evanston needs your plants for their food forest and rain garden. They will be publishing lists that will change over time, so keep an eye out on their website, [edibleevanston.org](http://edibleevanston.org). What they need now: rhubarb, lovage, oregano, thyme, daffodils, yellow yarrow, horseradish, wild ginger and mayapples.

## Water in Israel and The Middle East: Regional Water Sustainability and Resilience

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017**

**SESSION ONE: 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM**

**SESSION TWO: 1:15 PM – 3:45 PM**

**Rebecca Crown Center, Hardin Hall, 633 Clark St, Evanston Campus**

**Northwestern | Jewish and Israel Studies | WATER RESEARCH | FOR GLOBAL STUDIES**

**2nd Annual Symposium**  
**When:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
**Where:** Rebecca Crown Center, Hardin Hall, 633 Clark St., Evanston, Northwestern University

## CGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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