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**Celebrate Streets Alive!** On Sunday, September 10



Streets Alive!, Evanston's annual Open Streets event, is returning to Main Street in Evanston on Sunday, September 10 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Share the Road" and the goal is to promote safe sharing of roads and safe practices for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians. As always, there will be food, activities, and music. This year's Streets Alive! will again host the popular Evanston Green Living Festival, which will be located on Main Street between Ridge and Asbury Avenues. This annual environmental festival features organizations presenting products, services, and ideas that encourage and empower attendees to lead more sustainable lives. CGE is pleased once again to be one of the organizers for Streets Alive!, along with the City of Evanston and the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA).

# **Learn How to Preserve Your Harvest**

Do you find the idea of canning and preserving intimidating? Learn how easy it is and how to do it safely, or learn some new techniques and ideas for food preservation. If you have tomatoes or cucumbers coming out of your ears, this free presentation is for you! Edible Evanston's Lauren Spain-Bondi will cover water-bath canning, pressure canning, and dehydration. To attend, you must register here.



When: Saturday, September 9, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Where: Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2402

# **Isabella Woods Under Threat Again**

A small but significant patch of local oak woods is under threat from private development. The City of Evanston estimated that a proposed easement through the woods would destroy 33 trees and that the construction would by-kill another 15. This includes 21 oaks of an average age of 169 years. The easement is on land owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and leased to the City of Evanston. MWRD may put the issue on its Sept 14 meeting. For how you can help and more information, join its **Facebook group** and newsletter. **Sign up here** 

## **Mayor Hagerty Announces New Working Group to Lead City's Climate Action Efforts**

Mayor Stephen Hagerty invites community members to participate in a new Climate Action and Resilience Plan Working Group to guide the City's next steps in the fight against climate change. Community members with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds are encouraged to apply by Friday, September 8 to serve on the working group, which will be tasked with developing a Climate Action and Resilience Plan, updating the City's greenhouse gas emissions inventory, and assessing climate change vulnerabilities and risks in Evanston. Fifteen members will be appointed by the Mayor from the pool of applicants. For more details and a link to the application, please visit cityofevanston.org/climate.

#### **What is Environmental Justice Evanston?**

**Environmental Justice Evanston** (EJ Evanston) is a program of Citizens' Greener Evanston focused on ensuring that all Evanston residents enjoy the goods of a healthy, vibrant, and restorative environment. An environmental justice perspective sees the overlapping connections between ecological degradation and other forms of injustice, including racial, ethnic, economic, and gendered inequities, while working to bring about the flourishing of life for all. For example, although the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey are profound and widespread, an environmental justice lens draws particular attention to the ways **people of color and the poor** are suffering the greatest impacts of fossil-fuel related climate degradation. EJ Evanston welcomes the participation of all concerned citizens. They will be at the upcoming Streets Alive! and Evanston Green Living Festival. Stop by their table, put your name in for a raffle item, and get involved!

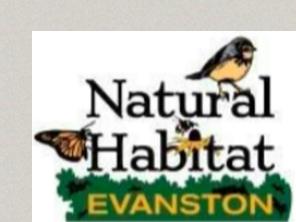
# **Volunteer at the Edible Evanston's**

Orchard/Food Forest Workday

Come stake and straighten trees, weed, plant, and harvest to make the Food Forest look great before October's Festival! 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 here. And you may print it and bring a copy with you. No other registration is required. If you have questions or want to let us know you are coming, email our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@edibleevanston.org

When: Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Where: Eggleston Anniversary Orchard (intersection of Payne & Hartrey)

# **Quarterly Meeting of Natural Habitat** Evanston



Attendees are asked to stop by the Civic Center natural garden before the meeting to learn what's happening with that space and to learn how they can help out there. Group leaders will have information (including a plant list) available. The garden is at the Northeast corner in front of the Civic Center.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30pm Where: Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 2402.

### **Join Our Next Green Drinks:** Climate Change and Advocating for Solutions

Hear speakers from The Climate Reality Project and Citizen's Climate Lobby who will discuss the variety of ways citizens can fight climate change: through technology, behavior change, and legislative action. When: Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8 p.m. Where: Celtic Knot, 626 Church St.

# "Before the Flood" film screening

If you haven't yet seen this gripping film about the global effects of climate change, now's your chance. This is a free showing. When: Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m. Where: Levy Center

#### **New Divvy Bikes Station Comes to** Evanston

In continuing efforts to make Evanston a more bike-friendly community, a new Divvy Bikes station has just been installed on Chicago Avenue just north of Dempster St.! Please also be aware that the Divvy station near the Central Street CTA stop has been moved to the north side of Central Street, adjacent to Fire Station 3.

# CGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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