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Green Drinks: Making Our Buildings More Efficient

Building energy consumption is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Evanston and accounts for roughly 80% of the community's emissions. The City's Climate Action Plan calls for Evanston to reduce building energy consumption by 35% by 2035 (from 2005 levels). How will we improve building efficiency and reduce energy consumption to reach that goal? Join us at our next Green Drinks where we will discuss options and what some people are already doing to get us there.

Guest speakers:

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- Dick Co, President, Evanston Development Cooperative

When: Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: The Celtic Knot, 626 Church St.



Thirst for Knowledge, Thirst for Justice: Watershed Learning on The Great Lakes

Evanston's location on the southwest shore of Lake Michigan means that we are some of the major beneficiaries and caretakers of the largest system of freshwater on the surface of earth. Join author Libby Hill on March 2nd for a discussion of *The Chicago River: a Natural and Unnatural History, Revised edition*. This workshop is part of an ongoing series to study water, a defining feature of our geography and of our social, economic, political, cultural, and spiritual lives.

The workshop includes a short talk, discussion, hands-on activity and tea. No registration is necessary – just drop by.

When: Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. - noon



Edible Evanston Gets Ready for Spring

On March 9 Edible Evanston kicks off the spring season with their annual Seed Swap and an educational Q&A Forum at the Ecology Center. [Learn more and register for the forum.](#)

They have also announced their "Work & Learn" class schedule for 2019. The third Saturday of each month you can join the group in the Eggleston Park Food Forest and volunteer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a one-hour class. The first topic is a permaculture-inspired look at gaining from experience: "One Darn Thing After Another:



Evanston Interfaith Climate Summit

The 2019 Evanston Interfaith Climate Summit will gather Evanston's faith communities to join in interreligious prayer, to reflect on the contributions of our diverse faith traditions in this time of climate crisis, and to organize together in support of Evanston's Climate Action and Resilience Plan. For more details, visit www.garrett.edu/Summit.

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road

Environmental Justice Evanston Update

Environmental Justice Evanston (EJE) members are participating on a task force that is implementing an environmental monitoring program to determine whether environmental pollutants are present near the Church St. waste transfer station. In addition to EJE members, the task force is comprised of Evanston Sustainability Coordinator Kumar

members. The City Council recently approved the funding for the program and a contract with RHP, an environmental consulting firm that will be participating in the project. The project will be ramping up in the coming months.

EJE also continues its work with city staff and other interested parties to create an environmental justice ordinance for the city of Evanston.



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