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CGE NEWS

September 2019

Join the Fun at the Streets Alive and Green Living Festival - Sunday, Sept. 8

Streets are for lingering, shopping, biking, meeting friends, or just strolling. That's always been the theme for the annual car-free [Streets Alive!](#) event, which also features the [Evanston Green Living Festival](#), a gathering of community groups focused on sustainability. CGE is once again pleased to be a co-organizer of the event, along with the City and the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA).

When: Sunday, September 8, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Main St. from Florence to Chicago Ave.



Help Protect Evanston's Yard and Alley Trees

As readers of this newsletter know, big trees are critically important in fighting climate change. Evanston values its trees and has done a great

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alleys are often cut to make room for bigger houses, garage offices, updated mudrooms, and more. If you want the City to know you're concerned about protecting our private trees, please use [this link to sign the petition before September 9](#), when the City Planning and Development Committee is meeting to consider a city tree ordinance. Find out more about tree ordinances [here](#).

Free Presentation: “Water Justice or Just Us? A Local Resource – Global Implications”

In the Great Lakes region, we are the stewards of 20% of the world's surface fresh water supply. [This free presentation](#) by Debra Shore will explore what that means in the context of a growing worldwide demand for fresh water in our changing global climate, and will look at how we are managing the challenges of climate change here in Cook County.

Debra Shore has served on the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and has been recognized for her strong advocacy for cleaning up the Chicago waterways and for water resource recovery.

When: Monday, September 16, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave.



Evanstonians Joining Global Climate Strike September 20

On September 20, three days before the UN Climate Summit in New York City, young people and adults around the world will strike to

CRISIS. Many people from Evanston will be participating and will gather at

Evanston's Independence Park. [Find out more here.](#)

When: Friday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Independence Park (Central St. @ Steward Ave.)



Edible Evanston to Host Work and Learn Event

Help maintain Evanston's Food Forest starting at 11:00 a.m. on September 21st, then stay for snacks and this month's learning event, which focuses on a big fall topic: mulch. Why should you use it? When and where and how much? How do you choose one, and what are the advantages and drawbacks of each? [Get more details and registration information.](#)

When: Saturday, September 21, 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Where: Eggleston Park Food Forest, 2100 Hartrey Ave.

Celebrate Our Trees On October 5

This year's OAKtober event will not only celebrate trees, but will celebrate Evanston becoming a [National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat](#). Find out how you can help trees, birds, pollinators and other wildlife and enhance their habitat, and get information on a variety of topics, including Environmental Justice in Evanston and the City's [Climate Action Plan](#). Early attendees will receive free native trees and shrubs. OAKtober will include food, music, kids' activities and a chance to explore and mulch trees in the Ladd Arboretum. This event is free and will take place rain or shine.

WHEN: Saturday, October 5, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where: Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.



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