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# CGE NEWS

December 2022

## Thanks! We Can't Do It Without Your Help

It's the end of the year, and CGE continues to be grateful for the passionate and dedicated volunteer environmentalist community here in Evanston. We're pleased to be working with all of you to make our city a more just, sustainable, and resilient city in the face of the climate crisis, and your support is essential to our continued efforts. We know that there are many important needs in our community. But we hope you'll consider [donating online](#) or mailing a contribution to:

Citizens' Greener Evanston  
P.O. Box 1748  
Evanston, IL 60204-1748

## "Never Take Broken for an Answer" – Bring it to the next Evanston Repair Café

At [Repair Cafés](#) people fix things together. It's a key way to both save you money and keep your stuff out of our limited landfill. What can you get fixed? Anything from small appliances and electronics, to clothing and bicycles. CGE is proud to be a co-sponsor of these repair cafes, which take place *the second Saturday of every month*. [Get details and register here.](#)

**When:** Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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## Natural Habitat Work Doesn't Stop Just Because It's Cold

Get outside, move your body, and help with tree plantings at Evanston schools this month. There are four plantings coming up:

- Saturday, Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. at Dewey - planting birch and oak trees, fencing.
- Sunday, Dec. 4, 12:30 p.m. at King Arts - planting oak and birch trees, mulching, fencing and general tree care.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m. at Washington - mulching trees on Ashland and removing buckthorn from Mendoza Prairie garden.
- Thursday, December 8, 3:10 p.m. at Nichols - tree care and fencing.

For more information, contact [allisonlynnsloan@gmail.com](mailto:allisonlynnsloan@gmail.com)



## Environmental Justice Evanston Has a New Member

CGE welcomes Environmental Justice Evanston's latest member, Pat Bernard. A resident of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, Pat has organized a group focusing on the industrial corridor's environmental impacts on residents near Hartrey between Oakton and Cleveland. Pat moved to Evanston in 2006 and started a landscape design

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certified as a Treekeeper in 2013. Pat is interested in working on community outreach and social media for EJE.



## How efficient is your home HVAC system?

Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) accounted for 46% of energy consumed by residential and commercial buildings in 2021. The good news is that new laws and technologies have been designed to bring that number down. Come to this workshop to learn about:

- The impact of new laws on requirements for home HVAC systems
- Timeline for retrofitting your home
- Overview of new technologies/products to consider
- Key environmental considerations when replacing your HVAC, e.g., refrigerant
- What questions to ask when looking for a contractor

[Find out more and register here.](#)

**When:** Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Evanston Rebuilding Exchange, 1245 Hartrey Ave.



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