



## Will You Be Affected by Evanston's Energy Benchmarking Ordinance?



Commercial and residential buildings are the largest single contributor to greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in our community. If Evanston is to reach its climate goal of 80% reduction of GHG by 2050, it makes sense to target buildings as the largest area for potential reductions. That's why the City is developing energy and water benchmarking ordinances, which require property owners of affected buildings to aggregate and report their buildings' energy and water usage.

### Who Does it Affect?

- City-owned buildings (10,000+ square feet)
- Privately owned buildings (20,000+ square feet)

### How Must Buildings Comply?

Buildings will be required to use Portfolio Manager, a free online tool administered by the U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR program.

### When Are Buildings Required to Comply?

The largest buildings would be required to comply by June 30th, 2017.

**The public is invited to comment on the draft ordinance through Friday, July 15th. Please visit [this page](#) to submit your input and get more details on the ordinance.**

## It's Almost Here! Streets Alive and Green Living Festival is Coming in August.

On Sunday, August 14 from 1:00-6:00pm Main Street from Crown Park to Chicago Avenue will be dedicated to biking, strolling, playing, art, education, and community building.

This year's Streets Alive will feature fun, free activities for all ages, including a climbing wall, yoga, Pound class, miniature parks, karate, music, dancing, interactive art, tactical urbanism, and more. There will be a variety of food trucks along the route as well as a water station. We will make the connection to Dodge Avenue's new protected bike lane and incorporate our new Divvy bikeshare stations. This year's event is making even more room for movement, so bring your bikes, skateboards, and scooters!

**There is still plenty of time to promote your business as a sponsor of this event. Please [click here](#) to find out how you can be a sponsor.**



## Saturday, August 27: Evanston Connects on Gun Violence

**Meet our Community**, a festival connecting Evanstonians from across the city to fight gun violence, will share food, music and resources in the heart of the 5th Ward on August 27.

Kweku Collins, Manwolves and Chainsaw Dupont are confirmed to make beautiful noise. Resources on jobs, internships, civic engagement, mental health and more will be on hand. Theater, art and other groups will enhance the fun. The idea is to give young people and their families the chance to connect and learn about resources to reduce gun violence.

**Where:** Twiggs Park, Bridge and Simpson St., Evanston (just behind the Ecology Center).

**When:** Activities run from noon until 8 p.m.

The event is organized by 5th Ward residents in collaboration with Citizens Greener Evanston, Dear Evanston, and The James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy.

**Follow this event and join the community on the Dear Evanston Facebook page.**

### DONATE NOW

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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