

**City Seeks Volunteers to Help with Benchmarking Compliance**

Evanston is currently beginning implementation of year two of the [Energy and Water Benchmarking Ordinance](#). This year marks the first time that buildings of 50,000 square feet and above will be required to track, verify, and report their energy and water performance data. In anticipation of the large number of new buildings complying (roughly 150), the City is looking for a dedicated team of volunteers to help lead workshops and one-on-one meetings with property owners to help them throughout the Benchmarking Compliance process. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this Google Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/A3CE1V58tRtRtU5z>

**Plan Your Garden to Maximize Yield**

Join Evanston resident and Edible Evanston volunteer Gwenne Godwin for this helpful presentation to help you plan your garden from start to finish. Learn how to analyze your garden conditions, plan for different seasons, select the best plants for your needs, and sketch up a plan for spring and the entire growing season.



**When:** Saturday, March 10, 4-4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)**Edible Evanston Hosts 5th-Annual Seed Swap and Giveaway**

Expand what you grow in your garden with free seeds available for dozens of types of vegetables (and quite a few flowers), including unique heirlooms and locally saved seeds. Edible Evanston provides free seeds to encourage people in Evanston to grow their own food, grow local food to share with others, and plant for pollinators. Please also bring seeds you grew and saved or seed packets from past years to donate for others. A Native Plant section, run in partnership with Natural Habitat Evanston, encourages sharing seeds gathered from local native plants favored by pollinators.

**When:** Saturday, March 10, 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

**Stewardship and Citizen Science: a Free Class**

Evanston citizens are active all around town, creating or restoring our growing number of natural habitat sites such as Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary, the North Shore Channel, and Perkins Woods. Come learn about the work being done and how you can get involved.

**When:** Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.  
**Where:** The Lagoon Building, 1631 Sheridan Rd.

**Going Green Matters 2018**

Going Green Matters is a major event that draws more than 1,400 residents, neighbors, elected officials, exhibitors, and volunteers each year. The latest hybrid and electric cars, demonstrations, home energy exhibits, and the ever-popular interactive Eco-Zone make this an engaging event for the entire family.

**When:** Sunday, March 11, 12 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Michigan Shores Club, 911 Michigan Ave., Wilmette

**Loyola University Chicago Climate Change Conference**

This year's conference will focus on climate change as a key driver for public health issues in the 21st century. The keynote speaker is former EPA lead Gina McCarthy who knows "we have to protect public health if we want to have economic vibrancy." [Get full agenda and registration information here.](#)

**When:** March 15-16, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Loyola University, 1032 W. Sheridan Rd., Chicago.

**The ETHS Green Team Presents: Engineered Foods, Glyphosate Toxicity and your Health**

Hear Dr. Thierry Vrain, longtime soil biologist and genetic engineer at the Canadian Department of Agriculture, discuss the current excesses of industrial agriculture, particularly antibiotic contamination of engineered crops and food.

**When:** Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Evanston.  
**Where:** The Auditorium at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave.

**Four Major Initiatives for Environmental Justice Evanston**

Environmental Justice Evanston (EJE) is currently spending time on four main initiatives:

1. Working as part of a [Thriving Earth Exchange \(TEX\)](#) task force to implement an environmental monitoring program designed to identify any environmental problems that may exist in the area surrounding the Church St. waste transfer station. Bids have just come back to the City from vendors for the monitoring equipment required for the project. Next steps include finalizing the vendors, acquiring the monitoring equipment, and beginning community outreach.
2. Assessing recommended actions of the [Star Communities program](#) to determine which actions should be undertaken by EJE to further the cause of environmental justice in Evanston.
3. Exploring the environmental justice policies other municipalities have implemented in order to determine what comparable policies are needed in Evanston.
4. Advising an [ETHS Emerge student group](#) who are creating a map identifying environmental (in)justice sites within the city of Evanston.

**The next EJE meeting will be Monday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Morton Civic Center.**

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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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