

## CGE Welcomes Go Evanston!



expand our commitment to complete streets, improved bicycle and pedestrian networks, better transit options and safe mobility for all who travel, regardless of age, ability, or income. Go Evanston, which started in 2017, is a volunteer citizens group that pursues Evanston-based transportation advocacy, and with this partnership, CGE's membership

looks forward to supporting Go Evanston as it continues its work to improve pedestrian safety; continues the successful implementation of the City's Bike Plan; improves access to transit; and develops an education program for children on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Go Evanston will discuss local transportation and the Mayor's Climate Action Plan at the next Green Drinks at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at the Celtic Knot (626 Church St.).

## Provide Your Input to Evanston's Climate Action Plan

The City's next Climate Action and Resilience Planning process (CARP) is in full swing and is looking for citizen input. The CARP team has developed a web form that consists of six questions for community members to provide feedback on how to best combat climate change and prepare for the impacts in Evanston. Access the form here.

"Nature's Night Out" Reinvents the Green Ball on May 18th



The Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) and the City of Evanston are presenting an ALL NEW event - "Nature's Night Out," a re-invention of the Evanston Green Ball, the annual fundraiser that's been held to raise funds for the Evanston Ecology Center since 2012. This new event is a casual party (not a ball) with a new location, new entertainment, new ticket pricing, new apiary (bee hive) tours, new raffle, and an opportunity to see what your donations have made possible. The one thing that has NOT changed is the offering of delicious fare from the community's finest food, beer, and wine providers. Don't miss this chance to connect with community leaders and your friends and neighbors who care about the environment.

For more details, online tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit the event web page

When: Friday, May 18, 7-10:30 p.m. Where: Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

## Evanston Launches New Composting Services

Last month Evanston became home to the largest municipal food composting program in Illinois. The program includes two new food waste composting options that will make it easier for Evanston residents to compost food waste and will move the City toward achieving its sustainability goals.



The City has expanded its weekly yard waste collection to allow food waste to be included among the standard grass

clippings and leaves. Food and yard waste is collected on a weekly basis from residential and condo properties from April through December. The food and yard waste cart comes with an initial one-time purchase fee of \$82.50 and then a \$25 annual fee. Acceptable items for these bins include vegetables, fruit, and meat, among many others.

In addition, the City has partnered with Collective Resource, Inc., an Evanston-based and woman-owned business, to provide year-round food waste collection service to any interested property in Evanston, including businesses and commercial properties. Interested businesses and organizations can <u>sign up online</u>.

For more information on these new services please visit the <u>City website</u> or call 847-448-4311.

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