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# CGE NEWS

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## It's a Critical Time for the Clean Energy Jobs Act

Now is the time to let Governor Pritzker and the Illinois legislature know how critical it is that they support the [Clean Energy Jobs Act \(CEJA\)](#).

The Act is comprehensive clean energy legislation (Senate Bill 2132/House Bill 3624) proposed in the Illinois General Assembly that would boost energy efficiency, take advantage of the falling cost of wind and solar power, and secure savings for consumers while significantly ramping up renewable energy development in the state. Not surprisingly, the fossil fuel industry is fighting it. So what can you do?

- Come to Evanston's indoor farmer's market (at Lake St. Church) on Saturday, February 8, where CGE members will be have postcards that will make it easy for you to contact your legislators about CEJA.
- [Sign up for Clean Energy Lobby Day](#) to support CEJA in Springfield – it takes place Wednesday, March 4.



## Officer

[Get details about the position and find out how to apply.](#) Deadline for applications is February 29.

## Progress on the City's Environmental Justice Resolution

An Environmental Justice Resolution in Evanston will be an historic step toward achieving a more sustainable and equitable future for all Evanston residents. To help drive this effort forward, members of Environmental Justice Evanston (EJE) and Kumar Jensen, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, recently presented in support of a resolution to both the Environment Board and the Equity & Empowerment Commission. Both groups responded positively.

The next step is a joint meeting of the Board and Commission on Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. when the EJ resolution will be reviewed in detail. **Please come out and support the resolution** by attending the meeting, which is being held in the Civic Center's Parasol Room (4<sup>th</sup> floor). If the resolution gets the go-ahead that evening, it will go to the City's Planning & Development Committee and then to the full City Council for approval. For more information, contact [ej@greenerevanston.org](mailto:ej@greenerevanston.org) or visit [EJE's Facebook page](#).

## Don't Throw It Out! Visit the Evanston Repair Clinic Instead

If you have a household item that needs fixing – anything from a small appliance to clothing or a bike - bring it to this event, where experts will be on site to help. Let's keep perfectly good items from going into landfill.

**When:** Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Y.O.U. Headquarters (1911 Church St.).

## Wild & Scenic Film Festival Comes to Evanston

exciting environmental films. For more than a decade [the Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) has been inspiring environmental activism and a love for nature through film. It shares an urgent call to action, encouraging festival attendees to learn more about what they can do to help save our threatened planet. There will be a second screening on Friday, March 13. To register and find out more, visit the [Evanston Environmental Association](#).



## Have You Checked These Local Sustainability Resources?

There's a lot going on, and not every site or publication can cover everything. Here are a few ways to stay informed.

[The Evanston RoundTable](#) - The RoundTable is now exclusively digital, so you won't be able to snatch a copy off a newsstand anymore. Make sure to check it for periodic news and views on what's happening with climate and sustainability in our city.

[Evanston's Sustainability Newsletter](#) - Regularly distributed by the City's Office of Sustainability, this e-newsletter has recently included a homeowner's recycling guide and information on the PACE bus public hearing. To subscribe, send a request to [sustainability@cityofevanston.org](mailto:sustainability@cityofevanston.org)

[Evanston's Green Infrastructure webpage](#) - If you're thinking of installing a green roof, permeable pavement, rain barrels, or a rain garden for your home or business you can get helpful information about these items and more on this new City webpage.

## A Successful Second Climate Action Coordination Meeting

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carbon neutral by 2050. That's why nearly 50 people gathered from over a dozen local organizations at the City's second CARP Coordination meeting in January. The key goals were to find out what the different groups were already doing and thereby avoiding duplication of effort; to facilitate collaboration; to identify gaps; and to start laying out actions and responsibilities. If you want to roll up your sleeves and be part of the process, the next meeting is being scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. Stay tuned.



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