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CGE NEWS

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Statement from CGE

The board of CGE shares in the grief and outrage at the murder of George Floyd and the deaths and repeated injustices suffered by so many people of color. These incidents are evidence of the web of racism, injustice, and inequity that also causes the most vulnerable among us to be disproportionately affected by climate change, pollution, and environmental injustice. It is all connected. We will continue to confront injustice and inequity in our community to create a stronger, more resilient Evanston for all.

ETHS Senior Recognized as Sustainability Leader

ETHS senior Bella Hubbard was one of the winners of the [2020 Sustainability Storytelling Scholarship Competition](#). The competition recognizes students who are making a positive impact in their schools and communities by leading on sustainability. [Hubbard's video](#) shares her story on how she was not only incorporating sustainability into her life, but taking action and inspiring others. Hubbard says she hopes her video shows other youth "that there is a place for their voice and leadership in this fight."

If you haven't done it yet, there's still time to complete this [5-minute survey](#) about Evanston and "Skevanston" residents' water priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Launched by CGE's [Watershed Collective](#) and Northwestern University, the survey will use the feedback to help guide water-related advocacy efforts in Evanston. [Take the survey here.](#)

At the Evanston Food Forest You Can Volunteer and Be Safe

Join Edible Evanston for one of their upcoming socially distant volunteer events at the Food Forest. To participate, you must sign up on edibleevanston.org. Session size is limited to five people, masks are required, and they are keeping it safe and fun. Come hang out, learn about permaculture and organic, ecologically centered food-growing, and share your excitement. Different times are available, so pick one that works for you!



Zero Waste 101 Webinar for Kids

This [webinar](#), hosted by the Evanston Public Library, will introduce kids to the 5 R's - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot - and how to apply them to our everyday lives so we reduce waste and save money, all while staying safe and following CDC guidelines.

When: Thursday, June 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: <https://meet.google.com/tqp-thyv-ihe>

Online Global Repair Clinics Are Growing

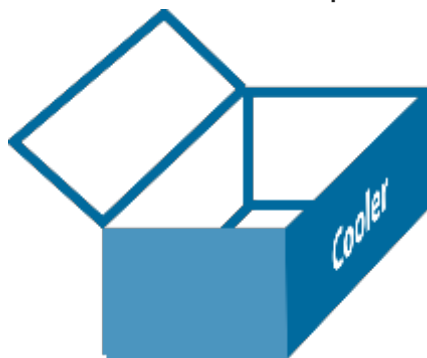
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randum - and the more money we save. NOW, thanks to the [FIXIT Clinic](#), a global platform is enabling participants to meet with experts who will guide them through the repair of their broken items. Since this is a virtual community, a key advantage is that participants can work on large hard-to-carry items such as furniture and bicycles, as well as the usual smaller items such as computers and home appliances. Sign up [here](#) to have your item fixed, or volunteer [here](#) as a repair expert.



Ready to Share Your Extra Produce?

Growing and sharing produce locally with those in need is more important than ever. If you grow more than you can use, keep in mind that June 20th is Edible Evanston's tentative start date for their [Produce Share program](#), which places coolers in convenient locations around Evanston so you can donate extra produce to local food pantries. Collections will initially be Friday evening–Saturday noon at McCormick and Twigg Community Gardens. [Check Edible Evanston's site](#) for additional locations and exact dates as they finish arranging with volunteers and food pantries.



Catch the 2020 Wild & Scenic Film Fest Online

Festival was canceled due to the coronavirus outbreak, the Evanston Environmental Association is offering those movies online any time of day between **Friday, June 19 - Tuesday, June 23**. Tickets purchased for the March 13 showing are automatically valid for the online showing. Get details about the event or purchase new tickets [here](#).



CGE's New Fund for Trees

Citizens' Greener Evanston is establishing a fund for Evanston trees to be administered by the Evanston Community Foundation. The intent of the fund is to supplement existing City efforts to preserve Evanston trees, with equity a foremost consideration.

The first fund priority will be to treat all parkway and park elms for Dutch elm disease. If the funds raised exceed requirements for Dutch elm treatment, they may be used for other priorities such as providing equitable access to trees and green infrastructure and enhancing the City's urban canopy. **If you're interested in donating to the fund, please email Habitat@NaturalHabitatEvanston.Org**. They will take note of your interest and let you know when the fund is established.

Green Tip-of-the-Month: Battery Recycling

Did you know? Alkaline batteries (see picture below) are no longer accepted for recycling in Evanston, whether at the Ecology Center or big box retailers like Home Depot. According to the U.S. EPA, household alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.) haven't contained mercury or

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However, [Consumer Reports](#) points out that "while the chemicals inside may be less toxic than those in a lead-acid car battery, that doesn't mean they're safe or good for the environment." So what to do? The closest drop-off site for alkaline battery recycling appears to be the Batteries Plus store at 5708 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles. By contrast, [rechargeable batteries](#) contain heavy metals and mercury and should absolutely be recycled. You can drop them off at Home Depot and Lowes, but check first with [call2recycle](#) to confirm locations.



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