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# CGE NEWS

March 2020

## Evanston Environmental Town Hall March 2

Find out what's going on in Springfield in this discussion with Reps Gong-Gerschowitz and Gabel and Senator Fine, who will share the latest on environmental legislation that will be addressed this spring. [Register here.](#)

**When:** Monday, March 2, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

## Help Deliver the Climate Message in Springfield on March 4

And speaking of Springfield . . . the Illinois General Assembly is currently convened for the spring legislative session, where they will have the opportunity to pass the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA). On March 4, Lobby Day, you can join environmental groups from across the state to tell our lawmakers that action on climate can't wait: they must pass CEJA.

The [Illinois Environmental Council \(IEC\)](#) is arranging transportation to



## Going Green Matters

Wilmette's [premier environmental fair](#) is the place to find out what's going on in and around the north shore – each year it draws more than 1,400 participants from twenty communities. The theme this year is “Trees: Back To Our Roots.” Attendees will be able to explore more than 100 exhibits on the importance of trees and experience exhibits on plastic solutions, saving energy, green home design, and much more.

**When:** Sunday, March 8, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Michigan Shores Club, 911 Michigan Ave., Wilmette



## Go Green Illinois Meeting to Focus on Transportation

[Go Green Illinois](#) continues to provide a forum for environmental groups from more than 20 local communities to share best practices and collaborate on addressing environmental challenges that cross municipal boundaries. This month's discussion will focus on transportation.

**When:** Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

## It's March – and Time to Get Growing with

[Edible Evanston's](#) 2020 theme is "Creatively Using and Responding to (Climate) Change." Join them at these upcoming events to learn about sustainable food growing and sharing.

Two events on Saturday, March 7 – come during the afternoon for the annual seed swap where you can get free seeds and share the ones you've saved. This will be followed by a workshop "What to Sow When: Planning for Maximum Yield." Both events are at the Evanston Ecology Center (2024 McCormick Blvd.). [Register and get details here.](#)

Saturday, March 21 – the first of Edible Evanston's "[Work and Learn Days](#)," will take place, this one focused on mushroom cultivation. Work and Learn events take place in the Eggleston Park Food Forest (2217 Simpson St.).



## Youth Leads at This Year's Loyola Climate Change Conference

This year's agenda focuses on youth climate activism, and includes an intergenerational conversation between keynote climate activists and their mentors. Additional critical topics will include how climate change is driving migration, and climate advocacy through art. [Find out more and register here.](#)

**When:** Thursday, March 12 – Friday, March 13

**Where:** Loyola University, Chicago

Please note that local high school and college students get **FREE ADMISSION** to the Student Climate Summit and keynote conversation

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## Wild & Scenic Film Festival Continues!

If you missed the screening in February, you're in luck - you can still see some of the year's best, most inspiring environmental short films on March 13. The festival is presented by the Evanston Environmental Association and the City of Evanston. [Buy tickets and learn more here.](#)

**When:** Friday, March 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston

## “Just Eat It – a Food Waste Story”

Why do we throw 50% of our food in the trash? This [highly acclaimed documentary film](#) takes a deep look at waste from farm, through retail, and all the way to the back of our own refrigerators. It has won numerous awards for being both educational and entertaining.

**When:** Sunday, March 22, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Evanston Public Library, Community Meeting Room



## “Art for the Earth” Will Celebrate Earth Day Anniversary

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50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [Earth Day](#) (which, by the way, is April 22). Organized by [Evanston Made](#), "Art for the Earth" will use the voices and work of Evanston's visual artists to bring attention to protecting the environment, bringing attention to the [Evanston's Climate Action Plan](#), and taking action against climate change. April programs will include exhibitions, artist talks, demonstrations, and art making for all ages throughout the city. Related events will include beach and park cleanups, field sketching, nature walks, and more. [See the complete calendar of events here.](#)

Evanston Made is collaborating on the programs with [CGE](#), [Natural Habitat Evanston](#), [Clark Street Bird Sanctuary](#), and [Alliance for the Great Lakes](#).



## Next Steps for the Environmental Justice Resolution

It's a long road, but we're on it! During [a joint meeting on February 20](#), the Environment Board and the Equity & Empowerment Commission recommended changes to the Environmental Justice Resolution. If these two groups approve the updated resolution at their March meeting, the resolution will next be reviewed by the City's legal department, then by the Planning & Development Committee. Final stop: the City Council for adoption.



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