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Make Your Sustainability Voice Heard Before October 9

The COVID crisis will understandably and unavoidably affect Evanston's 2021 budget. However, climate disruptions continue to worsen. If you, dear reader, want to let the City know that you support a budget that helps us achieve the goals laid out in Evanston's [Climate Action and Resilience Plan \(CARP\)](#), now is the time to contact the Mayor and City Council. The City will release its proposed budget for next year on Friday, October 9. Make your voice heard.

Become a Community Solar Subscriber and Support the Evanston Community Foundation!

CGE is excited to be partnering with [Trajectory Energy Partners](#) to offer Evanston residents the opportunity to become community solar subscribers. For every new subscription through this partnership, \$75 will be given to the Evanston Community Foundation (ECF), specifically its [Evanston Community Rapid Response Fund](#). Each donation will be matched through ECF's \$1,000,000 grant challenge.

out by joining the upcoming webinar on Tuesday, October 13, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)



Next Steps for Evanston's Climate Justice Resolution

Last month Evanston took the historic step of passing a [climate justice resolution](#). Now these good ideas and intentions must become actions based on policy. To that end, [Environmental Justice Evanston \(EJE\)](#), a CGE committee, has started work on an ordinance that will contain the detailed information needed for a comprehensive environmental justice policy for the City. This will include, for example: a) changes to City code, policies and processes and b) the specification and creation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping tool that will support the City's decision-making related to environmental justice issues. At the same time, Evanston's Equity & Empowerment Committee will be creating a Public Participation policy that will be a key element in the City's ability to achieve its environmental justice goals. Want to help or find out more? Contact the EJE team at ej@greenerevanston.org.

How Are Evanstonians Grappling with the Climate Crisis? Find Out in the RoundTable.

To spotlight the climate crisis and its solutions, the [Evanston Roundtable](#) recently published a series of articles authored by community members, including some from CGE. Check out what they have to say and get involved!

- [The Cascading Effects of the Climate Crisis](#) – Kumar Jensen (Evanston Office of Sustainability)
- [Join Local Actions Addressing Climate Crisis](#) – Rachel Rosner (CGE)

- [Leave the Leaves and Plant Stalks](#) – Leslie Shad (Natural Habitat Evanston)
- [Divesting from Fossil Fuels at Northwestern](#) – Fossil Free Northwestern
- [Militant Optimism and the Green New Deal](#) – Bella Hubbard (ETHS student)
- [The Real Cost of Fossil Fuels](#) – Joan Muller and Laura Winston (Citizens' Climate Lobby)

“The Climate Crisis: Solutions Are in Reach” – a Climate Reality Event

Join one of the thousands of conversations worldwide facilitated by the Climate Reality Project during a 24-hour period on the weekend of Oct. 10-11. In this webinar, Climate Reality's Jane Goldenberg will discuss the climate crisis and actions we can all take to preserve a livable planet for generations to come.

When: Saturday, October 10, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

[Register for the Zoom event](#)

The "24 Hours of Reality" culminates on Sunday Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. (CT) with former Vice President Gore's presentation — streaming live via both the [Climate Reality website](#) and the [Climate Reality Facebook page](#).

Food Waste Awareness – Now More Than Ever

The global COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a global wake-up on the need to transform and rebalance the way our food is produced and consumed. That's why the United Nations is asking us to observe the first ever [International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste](#). Now, more than ever, we need to be aware of the importance of food loss and waste in order to promote and implement efforts towards resolving it. Check out the always-valuable site for [SWANCC \(Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County\)](#) for resources on this. And, by

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Bring the Outdoors to Your Virtual Event with Natural Habitat Evanston

Looking for an engaging speaker for your virtual event? [Natural Habitat Evanston \(NHE\)](#) welcomes the opportunity to speak with your group, whether it's a community of worship, block club, or school group. Through colorful presentations they can open up your world to gardening for pollinators and birds, and are happy to tailor length and topic approach to your needs. Contact them at Habitat@NaturalHabitatEvanston.Org.



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