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# CGE NEWS

January 2021

## Talking Climate and Resilience in Evanston

Thanks to the Evanston Public Library, several online discussions about tackling climate change and becoming a resilient community will take place this month and well into spring. Register via the links below.

On Wednesday, January 13 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. the library and [WiseUp](#) will co-host [“Climate Crisis: Here and Now”](#) at which representatives of several local environmental groups, including CGE, describe their activities and suggest what actions we can take as individuals, and as a community, to mitigate the effects of climate change. Seventh ward alderman Eleanor Revelle will moderate the discussion.



Then, beginning January 19th the library will kick off its series **“Climate Resilient Communities”** with a discussion of the film [“Decoding the Weather Machine”](#) led by CGE vice president Lauren Marquez Viso. (Please view the film prior to the discussion.) Additional January events in the series will be:

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[Greening Your Bills.](#) Co-sponsored by Evanston's Office of

Sustainability, this presentation will offer attendees tips on how to save money through optimizing their use of water and electricity and various public transportation options.

- **Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.** A Spanish session entitled [“Cambio Climático: Qué Es y Cómo Me Afecta”](#) will be hosted by CGE board member Bea Echeverria. It is cosponsored by Latinos Evanston North Shore (LENS).

Events through the spring will range from presentations to “grab and go” kits, to outdoor asynchronous events, and more. Stay tuned.

## “Electrifying Transportation” – a *Go Green Illinois* Webinar on Jan. 12

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the US. This [Go Green Illinois](#) webinar on January 12 will share some of the work being done to clean up the transportation sector, and how you can help. Guest speakers will discuss the major role that electronic vehicles will play.

**When:** Tuesday, January 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Registration is required.** (If you don't receive a confirmation within a few minutes, please try to register again or contact [Go Green Illinois](#).)



## Lead, Water, and Evanston's 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

We know that high levels of lead in drinking water can pose health risks, particularly over long stretches of time. The Daily Northwestern has been leading an in-depth investigation into lead in Evanston pipes, particularly in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. How has the City gathered information over the years? What role does income level play? What options does the City

amounts on bottled water: The answers are complex – and critical. [See the full series here.](#)

## Have a Nature Conversation with Natural Habitat Evanston



CGE's Natural Habitat program is launching an online series of nature conversations with sessions every 2-3 weeks. The first of these will focus on small pollinator gardens and will take place on Thursday, January 21, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and focuses on small pollinator gardens. [Register and get link here.](#)

## Learn About Community Solar at These January Sessions

If you can't put solar panels on your own home, you can now subscribe to a community solar project with no upfront investment. Learn how you can save money while supporting local renewable energy by checking out one of these upcoming webinars.

Thursday, January 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m. [Find out how community solar works and how to subscribe.](#)

Thursday, January 14, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. - [Live at a community solar site.](#)

Wednesday, January 27, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. - [Live at a community solar site.](#)



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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.

## Two New Members Join the Environmental Justice Evanston Team!

Welcome to **Robyn McMurray Hurtig** and **Maddy McNear**, who have joined the EJE team. Robyn and Maddy will be helping EJE craft one or more Environmental Justice ordinances and working on important related initiatives in 2021.



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