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CGE NEWS

November 2020

Lobby Day Is Nov. 12 – And It’s Your Chance to Support the Clean Energy Jobs Act

We can’t gather in Springfield like last year, but we can still make our voices heard in support of the [Clean Energy Jobs Act \(CEJA\)](#). And right now any progress we've made toward clean energy could stall. [Register here](#) for this virtual event on Thursday, Nov. 12 so you can meet with your representatives and let them know what matters to our future.



“Life on Wheels” – A Screening and Conversation

The documentary film [Life on Wheels](#) addresses the promises, dangers, and absurdities of our current auto-centric transportation system and explores new possibilities and stories of change. View it and stay for the panel discussion. The subject of mobility touches our core values of

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to be challenged. Thanks to the [Metropolitan Planning Council](#) for hosting this event.

When: Thursday, Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Dump Your Pumpkins at the City's Pumpkin Composting Event

Those jack-o-lanterns you so skillfully carved are now officially food waste. So what to do? Take them to Evanston's drive-in, drop-off pumpkin composting event this weekend at the City Hall parking lot.

When: Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Where: Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Final Food Forest Workday is November 7

Help put Evanston's Food Forest to bed for winter with mulching, a little harvesting, a little weeding, putting away hoses and securing everything for the winter. There will be groups of up to 12 working safely with supervision to maintain the food forest. [Registration is required.](#)

When: Saturday, Nov. 7, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Eggleston Park Food Forest, 2100 Hartrey Ave.



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

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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.

Find out more about community solar in Evanston at these November webinars:

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ([live from a community solar farm!](#))

Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:00- 8:00 p.m. [Register here.](#)



Grant Will Help Boost Evanston's Natural Habitat

CGE and Natural Habitat Evanston's commitment to native habitat received a boost this month with a grant from the [Illinois Clean Energy Foundation \(ICEF\)](#). The grant, which runs from November 2020 through April 2022, will provide up to \$21,000 to support continued restoration and expansion of natural areas in the Ladd Arboretum and Harbert-Payne Park. Both were part of the North Shore Channel Habitat project. Donations will be matched 3:1 by the Foundation, so please consider a gift to the Channel Habitat Fund. To donate, send your check payable to Citizens' Greener Evanston and include the notation "Channel Habitat Fund" in the memo line. Send it to:

Citizens' Greener Evanston
PO Box 1748
Evanston, IL 60204-1748

Please contact stewards [Allison Sloan](#) or [Wendy Pollock](#) to find out more or to get involved.

Kids on Bikes – Raising a Generation of Cyclists

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by [Ride Illinois](#). The latest one, [Kids on Bikes](#), is aimed at parents of elementary to middle school children, and is co-hosted by Go Evanston's own Liz Durham. Find out about more webinars from Ride Illinois [here](#).

Evanston Public Library Receives Grant to Help It Address Climate

Libraries are hubs for community engagement and information (they also have a lot of good books). Recently [Evanston Public Library \(EPL\)](#) became one of 25 public and academic libraries in the country (and the only one in Illinois) to receive a [Resilient Communities grant](#) from the American Library Association (ALA). The grant will help EPL engage the Evanston community in programs and conversations that address the climate crisis. The pilot program project will fund library film screenings, community dialogues, and related events based on local interest, as well as the creation of free programming resources about the climate crisis.



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