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CGE NEWS

April 2021

April is Earth Month - and CGE's 10th Birthday!

This year's Earth month in Evanston's is probably the most ambitious and exciting ever. Visit the City's page to find out about the variety of [interesting events and challenges happening throughout the month](#). On April 22-24 CGE is hosting *Earth Month for Everyone*, a three-day extravaganza that will include a conversation with new mayor Daniell Biss, a climate update with Jan Schakowsky, and panels on environmental justice, greening the City's schools, and much more. We'll also be celebrating CGE's 10th Anniversary! Stay tuned for announcements with details and registration information.

Get Evanston Candidate Positions on Sustainability

On Tuesday, April 6, voters will make their choices for alderman and D65 school board representatives, among other offices. To help voters understand how candidates in these two races will support the City's Climate Action Plan, CGE recently surveyed them and we're pleased to share their responses with you on our web site:

[Aldermanic candidates.](#)

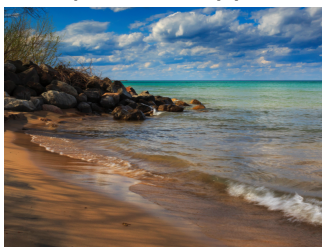
[D65 schoolboard candidates.](#)

Evanston's 2021 Priorities on the Climate Action Plan

brief, the City's five priorities for 2021 are:

1. Addressing waste transfer station concerns
2. Continuing the Partners for Places Grant
3. Completing the Municipal Operations Zero Emissions Strategy
4. Implementing the Environmental Justice Resolution
5. Launching new Aggregation and Community Solar Program

Each of these priorities is a significant undertaking, and we urge you to [visit the City site for details](#) on each of them to understand what needs to be done and how you can support the efforts.



Carbon Neutral **by 2050**

A Special Community Solar Event on April 7

Join CGE, the Evanston Community Foundation (ECF), and Trajectory Energy Partners for this Earth Month webinar that will discuss the great partnership between us and how Trajectory donates \$75 to ECF for everyone who subscribes for community solar. You'll also learn about community solar program details, savings benefits, contract terms, and more.

[Register here](#) or check out the [Facebook event](#).

When: Wednesday, April 7, noon - 1:00 p.m.



Environmental Spring-Summer Internship

Do you know of an Evanston youth, 18 or older, who loves working outdoors in nature? Perhaps a young person who's interested in career training in environmental sciences, forestry, landscaping, or gardening-related fields? This

Upcoming Outdoor Seed Swaps and Food Forest Workdays

Edible Evanston is offering two opportunities to get free seeds and for you to share your saved vegetable, plant, and flower seeds. These events are outdoors, and masks and social distancing will be required. Dates and locations:

- **April 10, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** in Harbert-Payne Park Shelter (McDaniel Ave. along the canal between Main and Dempster)
- **April 24, 10:00 a.m.–Noon** at the Ecology Center Earth Day Celebration (McCormick Blvd. and Bridge St.)

Edible Evanston is also welcoming volunteers for workdays at their [Eggleston Park Food Forest](#). This month's workdays are Sunday, April 4, noon – 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., preceded by a class at 10:30 a.m. [Register here.](#)



Join the CGE Board at Canal Shores for Tree Planting and Buckthorn Removal

Time to get to work! Help fence and plant 150 trees and shrubs and remove buckthorn around Isabella Woods. Wear masks and, if you have them, bring gloves, loppers, tree saws, and shovels or spades.

When: April 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Where: Meet at Canal Shores Course, Hole 10. Work will take place at holes 11, 12, and 14-18.

Help Clean Up Evanston Beaches This Month

To close out April, [Alliance for the Great Lakes](#) is organizing cleanups at Evanston beaches on two separate weekend mornings: Sunday, April 18 and Saturday, April 24. Choose a beach and sign up via the links below:

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Plant a Tree to Offset ETHS Paper Use

The [Tree-Plenish program](#) at ETHS aims to help offset the high school's paper usage by having people plant a tree in their yard. You can help this effort by requesting a tree to plant (redbud, red maple, or quaking aspen). Trees will be distributed on April 24, so please [request your tree here](#) before that date.



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