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CGE NEWS

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Cara Pratt is Evanston's New Sustainability Coordinator



Welcome to Cara Pratt, Evanston's new Sustainability Coordinator! Cara joins the City from Racine, Wisconsin where she previously worked as Racine's first Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator. She is a recent graduate of Cornell University with a Master's in Public Administration, and holds Bachelor's Degrees in Environmental Policy and International Relations from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to relocating to the Midwest, Cara lived abroad, most recently working with the United Nations in Rome. She served in the United States Peace Corps from 2012-2017 in both Paraguay and Mexico.

Your Input Needed on Chicago Ave. Project on November 11

The [Chicago Avenue project](#) is an ambitious multi-modal effort that stretches from Howard St. to Davis St. This is a major N-S route through Evanston and a gateway for those coming here from Chicago via train, bus, car, bicycle or on foot. The public is being asked for input on what is truly a Complete Streets concept -- but it's not going to get built that way without a LOT of public support. Please join the second of two public information sessions for the Phase 1 study (the analysis, design and planning part of an infrastructure project) for the Chicago Avenue

And please spread the word about this meeting!

When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Where: City Volkswagen, 1034 Chicago Ave.

Help Ensure That D65 Aligns with Evanston Climate Goals

Evanston School District 65 recently committed to a Master Facilities Plan, which will help the district design future building allocation changes. Please take a moment to ask District 65's leaders to ensure that the Plan aligns with CARP goals. This is a time-sensitive issue that needs their attention now. You can copy/paste [this brief message](#) and send it to: schoolboard@district65.net, as well as to Superintendent Horton (hortond@district65.net) and CFO Raphael Obafemi (obafemir@district65.net).

You can also sign up for public comment at the next Personnel, Buildings & Grounds & Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Joseph E. Hill Early Childhood Center (1500 McDaniel).

Regional and Local Climate Action Are Focus of Go Green Illinois November Meeting

Join Go Green Illinois on Tuesday, November 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a program on regional and local climate action. Guest speaker Edith Makra will speak about the Regional Climate Action Plan, one of the first regional plans in the US, and representatives of several member communities will share their processes of developing and implementing local climate solutions.

You must register in advance for the meeting [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting. If you do not receive a confirmation within a few minutes, please contact Go Green Illinois directly.

ETHS Students: "We demand that the City of Evanston implement CARP"

Hundreds of ETHS students walked out of class and marched to Fountain Square in downtown Evanston on October 22 to support climate justice. Local climate action group E-Town Sunrise organized the event, at which students also spent



Let your representatives know that you support a price on carbon

There is popular support for a carbon tax, and the Biden administration and our Senators are also behind it. But the politics are challenging, and our representatives need to know what their constituents want. If you support a price on carbon, please contact the Whitehouse to show your support for it [here](#). In addition, you can [contact our Senators here](#). For more information on the carbon tax, see the [Citizens' Climate Lobby page](#).

Have You Visited the Clark St. Bird Sanctuary Lately?



This is the sanctuary's sixth year, and it's been a thrill to watch it develop at its lake front location at Clark St. and Sheridan Rd., just south of the NU campus. This year alone, volunteers have added 31 shrubs, 184 flowering plants, and 64 members of a new grass species! And it all appears to be working - during the Fall 2021 migration period from August 23 through October 9, approximately 80 species were reported. If you'd like to help with habitat restoration or bird monitoring along Evanston's lakefront, please [check out their website for information](#).

Two CGE Board Members Heading to the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow!

ETHS Senior Lily Aaron and CGE president Rachel Rosner are both attending the historic [UN Climate Summit](#) aka COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland this week as part of It's Our Future, a youth-driven climate justice program of [Seven Generations](#)

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the [SGA newsletter](#), @iofyouth on Instagram, @itsourfutureyouth on Facebook and @ItsOurFuture30 on Twitter. Lily and Rachel will hold a follow-up event after they return to share how lessons from COP26 can inform policy in Evanston.



Do you celebrate Thankswasting?

Thanksgiving is the holiday for making excessive amounts of food and then trying to dig out of the leftovers. There are two solutions to this: 1) Don't make so danged much food in the first place unless you're planning to share it; and 2) composting. If, like many Americans, you're incapable of making less food because you worry that people will think you're not generous or thankful, you can reduce both food waste and greenhouse gases by composting. Sign up to have your food scraps regularly picked up and hauled off by [Collective Resource](#), an affordable Evanston-based service provider. The City also has [a simple program](#) for backyard composting.



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