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CGE NEWS

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Never Take Broken for an Answer – Have Your Household Items Fixed at the Next Repair Café

[Repair Café's](#) are free meeting spaces where people fix things together. Besides the obvious money savings, the cafes keep our stuff out of landfill, and promote collaboration, skill-sharing, and community self-reliance. At the June 11 Repair Café, volunteers will help you with appliances, bikes, sewing/mending and jewelry). [Get details and register here.](#)

When: Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Robert Crown Library

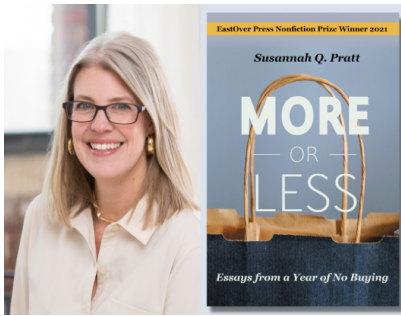


How Do You Not Buy Stuff for One Year?

How can we live well in a culture of consumerism and not be defined, and confined, by what we own? Join Evanston writer Susannah Pratt, whose book [More or Less: Lessons from a Year of No Buying](#) considers what might bring someone to step outside the usual American consumerism and examine the ways in which what we buy and own can change who we are or want to be. [Get details](#)

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Get Out and Help Out at Food Forest Workdays

The Food Forest is one of Evanston's great treasures. Get some outdoor time and help maintain this unique spot while hanging out with friendly people.

Registration is required. [Find out more and register here.](#)

When: Sunday, June 5 and Sunday, June 18 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Every Thursday evening, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Eggleston Park Food Forest, 2100 Hartrey Ave.



How Artificial Light Pollution Affects Insects and Birds

This webinar, part of the Evanston Public Library's Climate Action series, hosts visual resource scientist Robert Sullivan who will discuss how artificial light at night (ALAN) negatively affects wildlife around us and what to do to prevent and minimize these impacts. This event is co-sponsored by CGE's Natural Habitat Evanston.

When: Thursday, June 2, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)

Rewilding Evanston - New Group to Build Community Around Native Plants

each month from May through September. You are welcome to bring a beverage to share if you'd like. On Saturday, June 4th the group is meeting in the backyard of [2750 Bernard Place](#) in Evanston (between Crawford and Lovelace Park.)

Get Low-Cost Solar Through This Group Buy Program

[Grow Solar Chicagoland](#) makes solar more affordable and easier to attain for Chicagoland residents through community education and volume purchasing. The more residents who participate, the lower the cost. For a third year, Cook County is co-sponsoring this program, which is run by the [Midwest Renewable Energy Association](#) and [Citizens Utility Board](#). However, the program will close on Friday, September 30. To take advantage of the program, you can attend a free Solar Power Hour presentation. Webinars take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now through September. [Check this page](#) to find a convenient date and time for you.

Thanks to Our Intern, Tiffany Christian!

We are delighted to have had an intern, Tiffany Christian, working with us for the last couple of months. Tiffany, a PhD student in the Statistics department at Northwestern, has been helping us summarize historic accomplishments of CGE through the years, identify grant opportunities for our Programs, and initiate two grant applications. Thanks, Tiffany for your efforts!

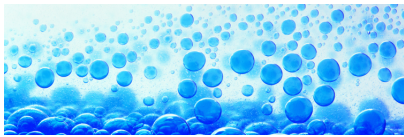
Bringing Retirees Together to Address Environmental Issues

Fighting climate change cuts across generations. The [Retirees in Service to the Environment \(RISE\) Program](#) is an environmental education and leadership training program for retirees and those over 60 who want to play an active role in addressing environmental issues in their communities. Participants are asked to commit to attend the eight-part series either participating in live sessions or viewing the recording afterwards. Participants agree to take action in the form of a group or individual capstone project of their choosing in the year following the program. RISE will be held via Zoom and feature local and national experts. **The first meeting is on June 7, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** To learn more about the Evanston chapter, contact Paula Cleave at pcleave@mather.com / 847.721.1413.

NOW AVAILABLE

Last month CGE hosted a highly informative webinar with the City of Evanston that looked at efforts in the city of Ithaca, NY, to decarbonize through building electrification. You can now [access the recording here](#).

What You Need to Know About Evanston and Water



Water is everything. Make sure you're on top of how to manage it and are prepared for weather incidents by checking out these City programs:

- **Get rain alerts from City** - Evanston experiences two to three high-intensity rain events each year. City of Evanston "Rain Alerts" will notify subscribers when intense rain is in the forecast for Evanston. [Sign up here](#) for text messages or email notifications to help you reduce the risk of basement and street flooding during heavy rain events.
- **Monitor your water usage online** - The City is offering community members and businesses the ability to monitor their water consumption through its [WaterSmart software portal](#).
- **Affordable Water/Sewer Rate Program** - Evanston community members who qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can receive a reduced rate for water and sewer services provided by the City of Evanston. For questions, visit [the City page](#), email at water@cityofevanston.org or call/text 847-448-4311.
- **Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program** - This program provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills. Eligible households may receive a benefit of up to \$1,500. For more information, visit cityofevanston.org/LIHWAP or contact CEDA at 800-871-2332 or cedaorg.net/sites.

Northwestern Professor Will Discuss Removing Plastics from Waterways With ... Sponges?

You read that right. Vinayak Dravid, a materials science and engineering professor at Northwestern, is leading the development of an exciting technology to remove microplastics from water that makes use of discarded kitchen

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out the fascinating article about his work in [FastCompany](#).

High school students and Northwestern undergraduates only pay \$5 for tickets.

For community members tickets are \$15.

When: Tuesday, June 21, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m.

Where: Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston



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