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CGE NEWS

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Evanston Approves Resolution Declaring Climate Emergency

On Monday, April 25, the Evanston City Council unanimously approved [a resolution](#) declaring a climate emergency as well as an immediate mobilization effort to restore climate stability. Drafted by the Evanston Environment Board, the resolution calls for the City Council to adopt implementation of the City's [Climate Action and Resilience Plan \(CARP\)](#) as a City Council goal and to regularly review the City's progress, and revising targets to reflect the most recent science, data and best practices. The resolution notably calls for greater accountability of City staff "to ensure that they prioritize decisions and actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions over those that do not."

Let's All Participate in No Mow May for Evanston

Worried about what your neighbors will think if you don't mow your lawn? Just smile and ask them why they need a lawn in the first place. Mowing less can save on energy, water, expense and chemicals. It's also critical for biodiversity. Many communities have embraced the [No Mow May](#) idea and have found that it did help local bumble bee populations, including the federally endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee. See [the story](#) about No Mow May in the Daily

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Connecting Earth, Moon, and Community - Full Moon Lunar Eclipse Jam

We've been isolated way too long. Come out to Evanston's lake front the night of May 15 and connect with friends, neighbors, and nature at [this celebration](#) of the lunar eclipse! CGE is delighted to sponsor the event, which will include fire dancers (yes, we said fire dancers) and drumming . . . and who knows what else? But once it's over, you can say you were there.

When: Sunday, May 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Where: Arrington Lagoon, Dawes Park, Evanston



Webinar: Building Electrification – An Opportunity to Decrease Evanston's Climate Impact

A key way to address our climate emergency is the electrification of building systems by using heat pumps to displace natural gas heating. This webinar will discuss how Ithaca, New York and clean tech company [BlocPower™](#) are collaborating to electrify heating systems in buildings throughout Ithaca, creating a novel opportunity to positively impact GHG emissions, resident health,

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Pratt, Evanston's Sustainability and Resilience Coordinator; Ariel Kalishman Walsh, Director of Enterprise Partnerships at BlocPower; and Luis Aguirre-Torres, Director of Sustainability at the City of Ithaca, New York.

This webinar is cohosted by the City of Evanston, Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club, and Citizens' Greener Evanston.

When: Wednesday, May 18, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Webinar registration link to follow in a separate communication.

Getting Ready for Summer Weather Events

And speaking of climate emergencies . . . Join Chief Kimberly Kull and the Evanston Fire Department's Emergency Management Team for this meeting focused on safety and preparedness for summer extreme heat and power outages. This is the third in the 2022 series focused on preparing for extreme weather.

When: Thursday, May 12, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Evanston Main Library

Provide Your Input on Illinois' Next Sustainable Transportation Platform

With car and truck emissions now the leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in our state, this election is critical to building a more sustainable and equitable transportation system in Illinois. With that in mind, the [Active Transportation Alliance \(ATA\)](#) has developed a survey and will share the results with candidates this year. What transportation policy changes do you think the next governor of Illinois should pursue? [Take the survey here.](#)

To find out results from this survey and learn more about the platform, register for ATA's virtual discussions on [May 3 \(6:00 pm\)](#) or [May 4 \(noon\)](#).



Reducing Our Miles Traveled – Next Go Green Illinois Meeting

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transit. While technology like electrification can play a role in cleaning up transportation, we also need to reduce the trips we take in single occupancy vehicles.

When: Tuesday, May 10, 1:00 p.m.

[Click here to register.](#)

How to Talk to Children About Climate Change

As part of the library's Climate Action Program, Genie Albina, former District 65 teacher will discuss how to bring compassion, understanding and action to this important conversation. [Register here.](#)

When: Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Robert Crown Library



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