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CGE NEWS

September 2022

North Shore Century Bike Ride is Right Around the Corner!

The CGE fundraising team is ready to strap on their helmets and get going, and we hope you'll join us on September 18 for this year's [North Shore Century bike ride](#). Our team of riders is raising money that will go toward helping create a more livable planet for all. Can't ride but want to contribute to our CGE team? You can do that, too. Whatever you choose, simply [visit our page](#) for background on the race and easy directions on how to donate or participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@greenerevanston.org



First Alternative Bike Show on Sept. 24

And speaking of bikes . . . Are you thinking of buying an alternative bike? Do you ride one and want to share your stories? Then head to Wilmette for [the Alternative Bike Show](#) where you'll be able to see various alternative bikes and

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with Go Green Wilmette's electric car show. If you have questions and/ or have a bike to display, please email bikewalkwilmette@gmail.com

When: Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: St. John's Church parking lot, Wilmette (across from the library)

Grow Solar Program Ending September 30

Time is running out to take advantage of the [Grow Solar Chicagoland](#) program, which makes solar more affordable and easier to attain for Chicagoland residents. 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. The next (and final) event in Evanston takes place on Thursday, September 15, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Evanston Public Library, room 303. [Find out more here.](#) Topics covered will include how to participate in Grow Solar Chicagoland; the basics of solar, and how to tell if a site is suitable for solar.

Pitch in and Plant Trees in the 5th Ward

On Thursday, September 22, Morton Arboretum will deliver 11 trees to the 5th ward that will be moved to their planting sites. That Friday and Saturday, volunteers - for example, YOU - will plant the trees at various locations around the 5th ward and at nearby schools. Come out and meet your neighbors and help the schools! Interested? [Sign up here.](#) Or get [MORE INFO HERE.](#)

When: Friday - Saturday, September 23-24, afternoons.

Where: Various 5th Ward locations



Isabella Woods Discussion with Joe Keefe

Joe Keefe, owner of the land abutting Isabella Woods, has called a meeting for Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028

council will discuss the Keefe proposal on Monday, September 12, and Natural Habitat Evanston will share their letter regarding Keefe-Cullerton at that time. If you want to sign their letter, you can do so [HERE](#).

Yes - There is an Environmental Justice Discussion Group

There are a lot of book discussion groups, but few focus on Environmental Justice - until now. Hosted by Collective Resource, these monthly meetings use both books and films as a springboard for discussion. They're facilitated by librarian [Lesley Williams](#) and meet on Zoom the second Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The September 8 discussion will look at the 2009 film [Avatar](#) through an environmental justice lens. [Click here](#) for more information about the series and to register for the September 8 session - and others.

This Year's Illinois Solar Tour Takes Place September 24

The [2022 Illinois Solar Tour](#) is a hybrid format with home and business owners with renewable energy installations opening their spaces to the public and sharing their passion, knowledge, and experience of owning, maintaining, and living with renewable energy. [Three Evanston homes are part of the tour](#). You can also check out the full site map [here](#).

When: Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Register to attend the tour.](#)

Transitions and Updates for Environmental Justice Evanston

Environmental Justice Evanston (EJE) continues its efforts with the City to conduct an environmental equity investigation, with support from a consultant. They are currently seeking partner organizations to continue their listening sessions with neighbors, especially those in areas affected by the Waste Transfer Station. Two of their key members, **Rick Nelson** and **Andy Schlickman**, have both moved on after years of dedicated service. Rick was co-chair of EJE with Janet Alexander Davis. Jerri Garl has been named as co-chair in his place. We deeply appreciate Rick and Andy's dedication and service. Fortunately, there are two recent additions to the EJE team: **Doug Sharp** and **Laura Corona**.

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Doug is a resident of the Ninth ward and brings extensive professional experience with GIS mapping and data analysis. He recently retired from Northwestern where he served in the Psychiatry Department as a Senior Statistician. He also works with the “Harbert-Payne volunteers” – part of Natural Habitat Evanston – which is planting native plants in the Harbert-Payne park.



Laura grew up in Evanston (ETHS '08), as a first-generation Mexican-American in a tight-knit community in Evanston's second ward. She now lives in the third ward and is passionate about climate adaptation, mitigation, health equity, and environmental justice. Laura holds degrees in Economics and Emergency Management.



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