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CGE NEWS

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Gather Your Stuff for the July 9 Evanston Recycles

Evanston will host its annual "Evanston Recycles" event on Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Evanston Township High School. This year, the City will only be collecting electronic waste, documents for shredding, and unused or expired medications. For details, see [the City website](#).

First EcoVoice Event on July 9 Links Music and Environmentalism

The EcoVoice arts organization brings awareness to climate change and environmental issues through music and interdisciplinary collaboration. Their first major event is a summer festival that offers live performances with accompanying panel discussions focused on the intersection of music and environmentalism. This first festival is being held concurrently with the annual Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy program and bilobate between Loyola and the University of Illinois Chicago. [For more information](#).

When: Saturday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. - evening

Where: Loyola University Chicago



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Through A 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 closes on Friday, September 30*. To take advantage of it, you can attend a free Solar Power Hour presentation. Webinars take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays monthly through September. [Check this page](#) to find a convenient date and time for you. Topics covered include the basics of solar, suitable sites for solar, and financials.

No, We Are Not Done Protecting Isabella Woods

A new Keefe-Cullerton proposal to use public land to increase the value of their private property is circulating at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The proposal may come to MWRD commissioners **as soon as July 14**. The Keefe group already received an easement from Maple Ave. in Wilmette across the golf course to their property, but they would like a different approach from Isabella Avenue. [Find out more and sign on to the letter to protect Isabella Woods.](#)

Thanks to CEJA, ComEd Customers Are Getting a Refund

There's good news if you live in the ComEd territory: at a time when energy prices are skyrocketing, the average ComEd customer received a refund of about \$20 this month because of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). CEJA is not only the most equitable clean jobs bill in the nation, it's also adding a major credit to our bills when we need it most. This isn't a one-time credit, either. The [CEJA Refund](#) will continue for at least the next 12 months, providing hundreds of dollars of relief.

Save the Date for the Next Northshore Century Ride

You're invited to join the CGE team and ride in the [Northshore Century](#) on **Sunday, September 18th**. The event is one of Chicagoland's premiere invitational

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How Bicycle-Friendly is Your Driving?

All roadway users deserve to reach their destination safely. [Ride Illinois](#) is offering a series of one-hour online courses to educate drivers of motor vehicles on how to drive safely in proximity to cyclists and increase safety for all road users. Topics include causes of common crashes, bike infrastructure, and taking the lane.

When: Thursday, July 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register here.](#)



Next Repair Café July 12

[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. So bring your small appliances and other household items and have experts help fix them. [Register here for the next session.](#)

When: July 12, 10 a.m.

Where: Robert Crown Library Branch, 1801 Main St.,

Now is the Time for Trees – Book Reading and Discussion

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[Valuable Resource](#) as part of Winnetka's Green Reads series. The book celebrates the Arbor Day Foundation's important role in conservation and energizes readers to plant trees as a means of individual climate activism.

When: Monday, July 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: The Book Stall, 811 Elm St., Winnetka

Help Restore Our Natural Canopy

Natural Habitat Evanston is sharing baby pin oaks as part of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's *Restore the Canopy* program. If you want one or more of these trees, you can arrange a pickup by emailing

Habitat@NaturalHabitatEvanston.Org

The 2022 Solar Tour is Coming Up!

The Solar Tour is a state-wide free event that offers us all the chance to tour innovative green homes and buildings, and to learn how solar energy can be used efficiently. The annual Tour inspires people across the state to make sustainable energy choices that reduce costs, support energy independence, protect against power outages, and reduce carbon emissions. While the tour itself is on September 24, [you can apply now](#) to have your home or business featured.

New Report: Climate Change Could Trigger Toxic Disasters Along Lake Michigan

[A study](#) just released on June 15 by the Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center (EPLC) warns that rising lake levels, strong wind gusts and high waves are inching closer to flooding northern Illinois spots such as Rogers Park, and damaging coal, nuclear and Superfund sites along the lake. It points out that the region's 200+ shoreline communities have already spent \$878 million in the past two years repairing damages from extreme weather events and stresses that "Now is the time to prepare for the risks ahead."



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