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# CGE NEWS

November 2022

## It's Budget Time – Make Your Voice Heard if You Support Implementing Evanston's Climate Action Plan

It's clear that Evanston has reached a critical juncture if we're to attain our 2050 climate goals. Yes, we've made progress, but Evanston Sustainability Coordinator Cara Pratt provided a sober assessment in her October 23 update to City Council: "It is unlikely that the rate of progress can continue with the current allocation of resources." Pratt has requested funding for two key positions: a Resilient Buildings Specialist and a Community Outreach Specialist. So: if you haven't contacted your council member, written a letter to the editor, or made a public statement supporting funding, now's the time. If you can attend, **Evanston's next budget town hall is this Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ecology Center.**

## Get the Latest on Chicago's Regional Climate Action Plan

At the next [Go Green Illinois](#) meeting you'll learn how to more effectively take action on climate in our communities. Join Jared Patton, of the [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning \(CMAP\)](#), who will share information on the new municipal level climate analyses created for our regional Climate Action Plan.

**When:** Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (one week later than usual due to

confirmation within a few minutes, please email [info@gogreenillinois.org](mailto:info@gogreenillinois.org)

## Keefe-Cullerton Proposal to Be Discussed at Nov. 3 MWRD Meeting

The Keef-Cullerton effort to put its driveway through Canal Shores Golf Course is on the agenda for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) this week. Please join other Evanston folks there or [sign the letter of support](#).

**When:** Thursday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** First floor boardroom, 100 E. Erie St., Chicago



## Evanston to Offer Free Lead Hazard Reduction/Removal for Qualifying Residents

Did you know that homes built before 1978 are at risk for containing lead hazards? The Evanston Health and Human Services Department (HHS) has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide the removal or reduction of lead and other environmental hazards in the homes of Evanston residents. This is a great opportunity for eligible Evanston residents to receive potentially costly home repairs at no cost. To learn more about the program and determine eligibility, [visit this City page](#) where you can complete a short survey offered in several languages. Residents are also encouraged to use an [Illinois licensed lead inspector](#) to identify sources of lead.



## This Month's Repair Café is Nov. 8

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your small appliances and sewing/ mending needs. The library's Climate Action Programs are presentations, workshops and other events that promote awareness over the need to take action in order to reduce our carbon footprint. The weekday events are also great if you think your repair is more complex and might need additional repair time. [Register here.](#)

**When:** Tuesday, November 08, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Where:** Robert Crown Library (Main and Dodge)



## Curious About the Energy-Saving Potential of Heat Pumps? Try Them Out.

Heat pumps present a huge energy savings potential compared with conventional electric resistance and gas water heaters. ComEd and *CLEAR*Result are partnering for a limited time to recruit residential customers to participate [in a pilot project](#) to examine heat pump water heater (HPWH) technology and better understand potential energy savings and customer experiences. If you participate you'll receive a quality HPWH installed by a contractor identified by the project team to support this pilot. The new system will be sized and commissioned to efficiently meet your home's water heating needs. Interested? Send your contact information via email to [hpwhrespilot@CLEARresult.com](mailto:hpwhrespilot@CLEARresult.com) or phone 312-344-1521. *CLEAR*Result, the organization contracted to conduct this research project, will follow up with you within 10 business days to confirm eligibility, finalize your participation and discuss next steps.

## Evanston Activists Participating in UN Climate Summit, COP27

Two Evanston climate champions are living out the local-global connection as they join a team traveling to COP27 this month in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. ETHS student **Emmet Ebels-Duggan**, Hub Coordinator for E-Town Sunrise, and **Rachel Rosner**, IOF program director and previous CGE president, will be observing the climate negotiations and reporting back to all of us. Stay tuned for their reports in

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## Happy Thanksgiving. Now Start Composting.

Maybe, like many Americans, you confuse abundance with excess on Thanksgiving. You worry that people will think you're not generous enough, so you make so much food that you need to dig yourself out of leftovers. Well, 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.



## Celebrating the Clark St. Bird Sanctuary

The construction of Northwestern's Visitor Center on the lakefront in 2012 was a near-disaster for migratory birds. However, thanks to the [Clark Street Beach Bird Sanctuary](#), just south of the center, migratory birds continue to have two acres of habitat that also allows for the restoration of the native dune ecosystem. This year alone volunteers have planted over 1,500 new shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers and observed no fewer than 60 species of birds! We'd like to give a shout-out to founding stewards Julie Dorfman and CGE board member Jerry Herst who are stepping down from their roles this fall after seven years of service, and handing that role to Glen Madeja. Thanks to Jerry and Julie for their work! You can stay up to date with developments and sightings at the sanctuary

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