

May 12, 2020 Go Green Illinois Meeting
Topic: Community Sharing of Ideas

Go Green Illinois hosted its first on-line meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. Sixty members from eighteen communities/Go Green groups and five organizations participated in the forum. Each community was given 3 - 5 minutes to explain how they are pivoting to remain active and effective during the Covid shut down. They shared new, interesting and innovative ways they were continuing their work and engaging with their communities.

Minutes were not taken during the meeting, but the edited version of the chat room notes from the meeting (below) provides some very helpful resources.

Feel free to contact other members of the Go Green Illinois community to share ideas and ask for help. Please be sure to post events and stories on the Go Green Illinois website. (It is very easy to do!)

The next Go Green Illinois meeting will be held on July 14 at 1 pm. At this time, we do not know if we will have an in-person meeting at the Chicago Botanic Garden (which plans to open on July 1st) or if we will choose to have another on-line meeting. If you are not yet on our email list and want to be notified of future meetings, there is a newsletter sign up form on the homepage of gogreenillinois.org.

Stay well and keep up the good work in your communities and organizations.

Beth Drucker and Kim Stone

Chat/Notes from meeting:

Beach Clean up opportunities:
Hands Across the Sand
International Coastal Clean Up

Garden Walks:
Glen Ellyn is having a garden walk and hopes to have a sample garden.

Community Solar webinars:
You can register here too:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k3XjzXxyRkiQWcHC7yFP5Q
From DONNIE Dann : When I contacted Clearway and sent them my bill, they calculated I'd save all of \$11 a month. I believe in the goal of supporting renewables but it's a lot of rigamarole for a minimal financial incentive.

Books and book discussions:

From Celeste Flores : Pitching Lake Effect by Nancy Nichols as a book to read in a book club (local author)
From Andy Amend : Highland Park partners with the HP library and our next chosen book is Rising. Just haven't moved to virtual format.
From adam kreuzer : The End of Night is a great book.
From Liz Kunkle : Questions/suggestions re/for Go Green Reads environmental book group - gogreenreads@gmail.com

Gardening:

From Celeste Flores : <http://edenrestorationproject.org/>
From Erika Vernon : www.erikavernon.com
From Barbara Lonergan : Elmhurst Cool Cities is working to support a local resident who has been fighting to use a seasonal extension device (hoop house) on her backyard garden. A bill supporting Right to Garden was to be addressed in Springfield this spring, but obviously is on hold. To learn more: righttogarden.com
From Laurie Breitkopf : Check out Project Wingspan's native seed collection event to protect monarch butterflies and Rusty Patched bumble bees at www.pollinator.org/wingspan

Farmer's Markets:

From Celeste Flores : <https://www.tasteofedenmarket.com/>
From Jenny Futterman : Dane County Farmers market in Madison is doing an order online and drive though pick up www.dcfm.org for ideas

Composting:

From Dorothy Elfring : Glenview started curbside composting - if you pay for a yard waste bin.
From Barbara Lonergan : Katie Nahrwold, we have the same composting option in Elmhurst, and have had no problems with the yard waste bags. We also have the opportunity to purchase a rolling cart, but three carts gets to be too cumbersome for some residents.

Webinars/resources/websites:

Climate Action in your Community - Illinois Green Alliance webinar
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_8qkEob6qC4qvGna9aY55LXUa_Ugccj1/view?usp=sharing
US Dept. of Education Green Ribbon Schools award <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/awards.html>
From Elsabe Drost : www.ecodistricts.org
From Erika Vernon : People also like WIX for website building for free
From Celeste Flores : <https://www.faithinplace.org/events>
<https://www.faithinplace.org/our-programs/eco-ambassador-youth-host>
<https://monarch-community-science-fieldmuseum.hub.arcgis.com/>
<https://winnetkaearthday.wordpress.com>
job opportunity:
<https://www.facebook.com/elawafarm/photos/a.709423512450878/3032142186845654/?type=3&theater>

Cloth face mask drive <https://www.brushwoodcenter.org/events/on-going/face-mask-drive>
From Dorr St.Clair : Dorr St.Clair with Friends of the Green Bay Trail, Glencoe. Webinar: Urban Ecology of Coyotes: Fact & Fiction May 20, 3 pm www.gbtrail.org

Leaf blowers:

From Beth Drucker : Find White Paper of leaf blowers on the Quiet Communities website. See also American Green Zone Alliance

From Leslie Shad : Leaf blowers quiet communities: https://www.quietcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/FINAL-QC_White-Paper_GLBs-COVID_v1.2_2020.05.03.pdf

From Sarah Sanford : GGN Plant a Tree Pledge:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7ZkseG10oBTMxAM4V0E3VU8AOXTv6DYJqfVM2ABJUKIT8ew/viewform>

From Lauren Grodnicki : Yuh Schabacker, will you please post a reference to the science articles you're using to try to convince Lake Forest to allow reusable bags? Or can we talk outside the meeting?

From yuh schabacker : <http://www.green-minds.org/bring-your-own-bag.html>

Lake County update:

From David Husemoller : I've got to go, but I'm glad to report that we are going ahead with 1.9 MW of solar in Grayslake. Also proud to receive the other US Dept of Ed Green Ribbon Award in 2020.

Recycling:

From yuh schabacker : Another thing is that our members have been helping the City of Lake Forest with a recycling campaign. Our Board Member Marcus Norman has been appointed by the City to run their recycle education campaign paid by the LF Garden Club. Recycling chart is downloadable in English and Spanish. <https://www.bartthecart.com/>

From Jenny Futterman : sevendgenerationsahead.org has bi-lingual sorting signs for compost and recycling in their zero waste schools guides too

Clean Jobs Coalition/Clean Energy Jobs Act:

From Celeste Flores :

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ferc2020?source=direct_link&fbclid=IwAR1sSeZF4QdHeH7Qwcs523kv-6lWI-AYyJKaV0Ulr7YrSUbR6zG_FMFwqxo

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