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EVANSTON WEEK-END ROUND UP

Green Living Fest, Bike the Ridge and Fire Dept. Open Houses – Fun for All

Think Green, Choose Green, Live Green

EVANSTON, IL – With a theme of "Live Green, Live Inspired," Evanston's third annual Green Living Festival takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Find out how being kinder to Mother Earth can save time and money as well as build a better future for coming generations. Admission to this educational and entertaining festival is free, and all ages are welcome.

The keynote speaker for this year's festival is Howard Learner, the award-winning Executive Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center. His presentation, "Creating Evanston's Green Economy While Solving Global Warming Problems," begins at noon. As in past years, the eco-festival will include demonstrations, presentations and hands-on activities that will pique the curiosity of young and old. A marketplace highlighting the products and services of green businesses and organizations will also be set up.

The Evanston Green Living Festival is presented by the Evanston Environmental Association and the City of Evanston. For more information, call 847/448-8256 or go to www.evanstongreenfest.org.

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Bike The Ridge- October 4

EVANSTON, IL – Pull out the bikes and park the cars. Bikes rule when Bike the Ridge returns Sunday morning, October 4. For three hours, from 9 a.m. to noon, bicyclists can bike a 2-mile stretch of Ridge Avenue, from Howard Street to Church Street, a road normally closed to

bicycles. To accommodate Bike the Ridge, this section of Ridge Avenue will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day.

Bike the Ridge officially hits the road at 9 a.m. when Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl leads riders from the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Howard Street. Bikers are welcome to start at either end of the ride or join in anywhere along the route. Kids under age 14 who decorate their bikes will get a prize. Those who prefer walking to pedaling can also join in the event by strolling along the sidewalks. Along the route, located in parks along Ridge, riders and walkers can visit with a variety of clubs and organizations, get their bikes repaired, buy a hot dog or drink some tea.

Bike the Ridge is sponsored by the City of Evanston and supported by the Evanston Bicycle Club, Ridgeville Park District, Saint Francis Hospital, the McGaw YMCA, Oakton School PTA, Wiener and Still Champion, St. Nichols Church, Turin Bicycle Shop, Argo Tea and Krave Ice Cream. For more information and to volunteer, call Anjana Hansen at 847/644-5284 or email at anjanahansen@comcast.net.

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Fire Department Open House Set For October 3
Kick-off to Fire Prevention Week

EVANSTON, IL – To kick-off Fire Prevention Week, the Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services Department will hold open houses at all five of its fire stations throughout the city on Saturday, October 3, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Meet the firefighters and see fire engines, fire trucks, ambulances and all the equipment used to save lives and protect property up close. All residents are invited to stop by and learn what it is like to live and work in a fire station!

Evanston's five fire stations are: Station 1 - 1332 Emerson; Station 2 - 702 Madison; Station 3 - 1105 Central; Station 4 - 1817 Washington; and Station 5 - 2830 Central.

For additional information, contact Captain Geoffrey Block at 847/866-5936 or e-mail at gblock@cityofevanston.org.

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