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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## City Gears up for Next Year's Budget Process



The City of Evanston will begin its annual budget process this year on Monday, September 13, 2010 with a City Council goal setting session. Similar to last year, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz will seek citizen input in mid and late September prior to the release of the draft Fiscal Year 2011 budget to the City Council on October 8, 2010. Like this year, all budget related documents will be posted on the City's

web site at [cityofevanston.org/budget](http://cityofevanston.org/budget).

The purpose of these sessions will be to gather ideas and suggestions regarding the anticipated plan and to continue to foster a transparent budget process.

City Council budget discussions and Public Hearings on the draft budget will occur in October and November, with the final budget adoption anticipated just before the Thanksgiving holiday. This year's complete budget calendar can be seen on page 3.

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## Paint Evanston Purple! Evanston Day at Ryan Field Sept. 25th



Northwestern University Football and the City of Evanston are teaming up to "Paint Evanston Purple!" and we want your help! On Saturday, September 25, 2010 the Wildcats are taking on Central Michigan and hosting Evanston Day at Ryan Field! Evanston Day is a great opportunity to come together as a community and show Evanston's support for the Wildcats as they take on the Chippewas of Central Michigan.

The City has hosted several meetings for representatives of churches, community, civic... **CONT'D PAGE 3**



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## City Phone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergency	911
Police/Fire TTY	866-5095
Police Non-emergency	866-5000
Fire Non-emergency	866-5918
City info	328-2100
City TTY	448-8052
Library	448-8600
Health Dept.	866-2948
Recreation	866-2900

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Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

### 1st Ward

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### 2nd Ward

Lionel Jean-Baptiste

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### 7th Ward

Jane Grover

### 8th Ward

Ann Rainey

### 9th Ward

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### City Clerk

Rodney Greene

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Wally Bobkiewicz

### Editor

Eric D. Palmer



### Aug 22 CommUNITY Picnic

Noon – 5 p.m., Ingraham Park behind the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Free and open to the all the public.

### Aug 29 Taste of Armenia

Noon - 7 p.m., St. James Armenian Church, Clark St., between Benson & Sherman.

### Sept 6 Labor Day

All government offices will be closed. Public Libraries will be closed Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6. No refuse, recycling or yard waste will be collected on Monday; all collections will occur one day later this week.

### Sept 7 First Ward Meeting

7 p.m. Evanston Public Library.

### Sept 11 C.A.R.E. Dog Wash

We'll wash your dog and clip its nails in order to raise money for animals in need. On shelter grounds (2310 Oakton) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
\$10 - Wash and Towel Dry  
\$10 - Nail Trimming

### Sept 12 Backstage Evanston

2011 Season Sneak Preview from more than a dozen of Evanston's best performing arts organizations. 4 - 7 p.m. Theatre & Interpretation Center, Northwestern University, 1949 Campus Dr. More info. at [backstageevanston.com](http://backstageevanston.com) or call 847/328-2204.

### Sept 13 City Council Meeting

Goal Setting Meeting, Council Chambers, Morton Civic Center.

### Sept 16 Fifth Ward Meeting

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

### Sept 25 Evanston Day at Northwestern

Northwestern University has designated Saturday, Sept. 25 as "Evanston Day" at its football game versus Central Michigan. More info at [cityofevanston.org/purple](http://cityofevanston.org/purple).

### Sept 27 City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Civic Center.

### Oct 2 Green Living Festival

A fabulous day of environmental and sustainable options designed to inspire you to live green at home! Purchase a rain barrel, check out the great

demonstrations, shop from over 60 green exhibitors, and learn from our keynote speaker. Bring the kids and have a fun and informative day! 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Evanston Ecology Center, 847/448-8256; [evanstongreenfest.org](http://evanstongreenfest.org).

### Oct 3 Bike the Ridge

Evanston bicyclists will once again have the opportunity to ride on Ridge Ave. Stop by and enjoy the ride, 9 a.m. - noon.

### Oct 11 City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Morton Civic Center.

### Oct. 21 Fifth Ward Meeting

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

### Oct 22 Northwestern Homecoming Parade

Parade route to be announced.

### Oct 25 City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Morton Civic Center.

### Oct 31 Halloween

The City of Evanston's official trick-or-treating time is 4-7pm on Sunday, Oct. 31.

### Nov 8 City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Morton Civic Center.

### Nov 11 Veteran's Day

Ceremony at Fountain Square 10 a.m. – noon.

### Nov. 18 Fifth Ward Meeting

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center.

### Nov 22 City Council Meeting

Council Chambers, Morton Civic Center.

### City Council Meetings

are usually on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. Meetings convene 15 minutes after the Planning & Development Meeting but not before 7 p.m. Meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Updated meeting schedule at [cityofevanston.org](http://cityofevanston.org).

### Farmers' Markets

#### Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market

7:30 a.m. - 1p.m., Saturdays through November 6, 2010, Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday and special events on select dates.

**Now We're Cookin'** will be presented on Aug. 28; Sept. 18; and Oct. 9, 30 (Fall Fest). **Home Grown Artists** will be on site on Aug. 21, 28; and Sept. 4, 11.

Link cards may be used at the downtown Farmers' Market. For market info., please contact Zollie Webb at 847/448-8138 or [zwebb@cityofevanston.org](mailto:zwebb@cityofevanston.org).

Updates are posted at [cityofevanston.org/market](http://cityofevanston.org/market).

#### West End Market

Location: Intersection of Church St. and Dodge Ave. (ETHS lot). Saturdays through Oct. 30, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: Precious Wright, Manager, 847/756-0159

#### Ridgeville Market

Location: Intersection of Ridge Ave. and South Blvd. Wednesdays through Sept. 29. 4-7p.m. (until Sept. 1); 3p.m.-dusk Sept. 8-29. Contact: Michael Miro, Manager, 847/869-5640.

### 2010 Election Info

- Sept. 23- 1st day for absentee ballot applications. City Clerk has ballot applications
- Oct. 5- Voter registration ends
- Oct. 6- 1st day grace period registration & voting
- Oct. 12- 1st day early voting
- Nov. 2- GENERAL ELECTION

### OCTOBER IS ARTS + HUMANITIES MONTH



A kick-off event will be held on Fri., Oct. 1, at Design Within Reach at 1710 Sherman Ave.

Help make the arts a visible and vital part of everyone's everyday lives!

[cityofevanston.org/artsmoth](http://cityofevanston.org/artsmoth)

## Weekly Curbside Recycling Eliminates Need for Recycling Center

The Evanston City Council, as part of the adopted budget this year, decided to close its recycling center located at 2222 Oakton St. effective August 1, 2010 thus saving tax payers nearly \$100,000 yearly.



“The city conducted two surveys of people using the recycling center and found that over half of the users were not from Evanston,” explained Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works. “In our proposal to Council, we recommended that the city adopt a comprehensive curbside recycling program that would cover all residential, multifamily dwellings and businesses.”

The City now requires that multifamily dwellings make available to tenants at least one free 95-gallon cart provided by Groot Industries Inc. as a part of the commercial solid franchise agreement. All multifamily dwellings were scheduled to receive the 95-gallon carts by August 1st.

Additionally, businesses will now be provided a free 95-gallon cart that they must request from Groot.

“All entities (residential home owners, condo owners, multifamily buildings and businesses in the franchise) within Evanston will have a weekly curbside recycling collection option, eliminating the need to operate a recycling drop-off center at the expense of Evanston tax payers,” added Robinson. “Essentially we will no longer subsidize non-Evanston residents while at the same time providing for more convenient curbside recycling for those who do live here.”

Residents with questions regarding recycling or refuse collection can contact the City of Evanston Streets and Sanitation Division at 847/866-2940.

## Volunteer Evanston FROM PAGE 1

Looking for ways to volunteer and help make Evanston a better place to live and work? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for all ages with the City:

- Boards, Commissions, and Committees
  - Senior Programs
  - Youth Programs
  - Public Services
- For more information, visit

[cityofevanston.org/volunteer](http://cityofevanston.org/volunteer) to view volunteer opportunities and/or apply online. Questions can be directed to the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@cityofevanston.org](mailto:volunteer@cityofevanston.org) or call 847/448-8266.



## Paint Evanston Purple! FROM PAGE 1

and business organizations, area schools and other interested Evanston residents to begin planning the day and identify ways to fill Ryan Field on September 25th.

Ideas being discussed include special ticket offers for Evanston residents, pre-game events featuring Evanston organizations and during-game salutes to people who make Evanston a special place. Additionally, discussions are under way to organize a city-

wide pep rally on Thursday evening, September 23.

Please join us for our planning meeting on Tuesday, August 24th, 2010 at 4 p.m. in room 2200 at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue.

For further information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 847/859-7833 or by e-mail at [ahernandez@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ahernandez@cityofevanston.org).

## City Budget FROM PAGE 1

The City will continue to follow a similar budget process and calendar in future years. The City's fiscal year will be changing to a calendar year effective 1/1/12, so the schedule this year has been set to

anticipate that change in the future.

Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Administrative Services Director Joellen Earl at 847/866-2934.

### MONTH

September 13, 2010  
September 14, 2010  
September 20, 2010

September 29, 2010  
October 8, 2010  
October 23, 2010  
November 6, 2010  
November 8, 2010

November 15, 2010

November 17, 2010

November 22, 2010  
December 13, 2010

### ACTIVITY

City Council Goal Setting Session  
Citizen Budget Input Session  
Mid-Year Budget Review - 2011  
Preview for City Council & CIP Discussion  
Citizen Budget Input Session  
Proposed Budget to City Council  
Budget Discussion  
Budget Discussion  
Public Hearing FY 2011 Budget/  
Truth in Taxation Hearing  
Public Hearing - Proposed Budget  
Optional Special City Council Meeting -  
Budget Discussion  
Optional Special City Council Meeting -  
Budget Discussion  
Budget Adoption  
Tax Levy Adoption

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## Emergency Preparedness

Taking the time to prepare an emergency kit can make a big difference in ensuring your safety and that of your loved ones. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for extended periods of time.



### ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation (replace every three months)
- A three-day supply of non-

perishable food (replace every six months)

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

If you would like more information on emergency preparedness or would like to help prepare your community, please call Evanston Health Department at 847/859-7829 or e-mail

[ahan@cityofevanston.org](mailto:ahan@cityofevanston.org)

## Children's Dental Clinic

The City of Evanston's Health Department operates a dental clinic for children which was established in 1967 for children pre-school through 12th grade (high school senior).

Services include: dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, restorations, minor surgical procedures, dental x-rays, root canal therapy, dental health education and emergency care.

Evanston residency and income within eligibility guidelines are required. Call for details. Fees do apply and costs are based on a sliding scale. All Kids / Medicaid is accepted.



To make an appointment or for more information, call the Evanston Health Department at 847/866-2953 or 847/866-2948. CHILDREN ARE SEEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

## West Nile Virus Season Continues into Fall

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a virus capable of causing disease in humans. A key feature of West Nile virus disease is encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain.

Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. People get West Nile virus from the bite of a mosquito (primarily the *Culex pipiens* mosquito) that is infected with the West Nile virus.

The Evanston Health Department reminds residents should follow these steps to keep safe:

### PROTECT YOURSELF...

- Eliminate mosquitoes that cause West Nile Virus from your property;
- Dump water out of bird



- baths, children's toys, pet dishes and rain gutters;
- Remove old tires, empty planters, and other containers that hold water;
- Wear long sleeves and long pants at dusk and dawn; and
- Read instructions on repellent labels before using.

### REPORT...

- Water that has been standing for more than 5 days; or
- Dead birds seen in Evanston ... to the Evanston Health Department at 847/866-2949 or e-mail [health@cityofevanston.org](mailto:health@cityofevanston.org) for any additional information.

## September: National Food Safety Month

September is National Food Safety Education Month, and this year's theme is "Serve your Fare with Extra Care."



This is especially important when you are cooking foods at home for family and friends. In order to keep food safe it's important to consider the following:

- Those at highest risk include: pre-school aged children, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems;
- Foods to avoid: under-cooked foods (rare

steaks/hamburgers, eggs over easy); and

- Know your temperatures: The following are minimum final cooking temperatures for foods (a chart that you can print and cutout appears below). Use a thermometer to determine if food is done!

FINAL COOKING TEMPERATURE	FOOD ITEMS
145°F	Shell Eggs, Pork & Fish, Beef, Steak Lamb
155°F	Ground Meat
165°F	Reheat all Leftovers

## What You Should Know about Smoke Alarms

### SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

The most important things you need to know are smoke alarms save lives and they should be in every home. Follow these important smoke alarm safety measures:

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. This means testing smoke alarms monthly, replacing batteries once a year or when a low-battery alarm chirps and performing other maintenance as NFPA and your smoke alarm manufacturers recommend. And of course, a smoke alarm disabled because of nuisance alarms provides no protection at all.

- It is important to have not just one smoke alarm but smoke alarms in every location required by NFPA standards. (On each level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.) Tens of millions of U.S. homes are estimated to have smoke alarms but not enough smoke alarms to meet the standards and protect their homes.

- Interconnect your smoke alarms so that a fire detected by any smoke alarm will sound an alarm at every location where a smoke alarm is installed. Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless broadcast technology. Interconnected smoke alarms provide early warning of fires that are still far away or are located on the other side of a door or wall that may block sound.

- Develop and practice an escape plan so that everyone in the home knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds. That includes planning a second way out from every room in your home. Every house-

hold that develops and practices an escape plan with two ways out from every location improves its time to escape in every type of fire.

### FOR BEST PROTECTION USE BOTH TYPES OF SMOKE ALARM TECHNOLOGIES

For best protection, it is recommended both (ionization and photoelectric) technologies be in homes. In addition to individual ionization and photoelectric alarms, combination alarms that include both technologies in a single device are available.



### NUISANCE ALARMS CAN BE MINIMIZED

Ionization type smoke alarms are more susceptible to nuisance alarms due to cooking, the leading cause of nuisance alarms, but both types have some susceptibility to nuisance alarms from cooking fumes, and both have susceptibility to nuisance alarms from the steam from a hot shower. In the past decade or so, a number of steps have been taken to reduce the likelihood of nuisance alarms, including hush features and refinements to installation rules that include guidance on safe distances from nuisance sources.

For more information, go to [nfpa.org/smokealarms](http://nfpa.org/smokealarms).

## Cooking Safety - Things to Know Before You Cook

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? The Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services reminds residents that by following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

### COOK WITH CAUTION

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE...

- Get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

### FACTS

- The leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

## Join the Citizen Police Academy

Evanston residents are invited to participate in a 12 week, behind-the-scene exploration of law enforcement. The fall session begins Thursday, Sept. 2. Enroll a family member, friend, co-worker or friend.

For further information or to enroll, contact Officer Loyce Spells at 847/866-5019 or e-mail at

[lspeells@cityofevanston.org](mailto:lspeells@cityofevanston.org).



## Project Engage!

**An exciting new program comes to the Loft!**

**Reserve a space now!** Photography - Mixed Media - Murals - Graphic Design - Sculpture

If you are an EHS student, join us this fall as we create art (no art experience necessary), explore ideas, and participate in community service. In these hands-on workshops, we will explore themes of community, growing up, dreams, and civic engagement while creating our own art (in the mediums listed above) and viewing selected pieces of American art.

We will meet over the course of five sessions (pizza included!). You may participate in one, several, or all five. When the sessions conclude, participants and their families and friends will meet for a reception and viewing of the artwork, which will subsequently be part of a traveling exhibit.

If you are interested, e-mail [cchandler-s@cityofevanston.org](mailto:cchandler-s@cityofevanston.org) or call 847/448-8625. Sessions: Oct. 10, 3-5:00 p.m.; Oct. 15, 2-4 p.m.; Oct. 24, 3-5 p.m.; Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m.; and Nov. 7, 3-5 p.m. Reception & Exhibit: Nov. 21, 3-5 p.m.

**Earn up to 20 hours of community service by participating in the sessions!**

## The Sledding Hill Stage Adaptation at The Loft

Oct. 2 & 3, 3 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Main Library.

*The Sledding Hill*, a stage adaptation of Chris Crutcher's novel produced by **B.O.O.K.: Theatre with a Spine**. To celebrate "Banned Books Week 2010," The Loft's very own teen theatre troupe, **The Boudacious Oracles of Knowledge**, presents a stage adaptation of *The Sledding Hill*, a story about censorship, freedom, ghosts and courage by acclaimed young adult author, Chris Crutcher.

Featuring an ensemble cast of teen actors, musicians, and crew, this challenging, provocative production will embody the troupe's slogan, Theatre with a Spine. Suggested donation at the door:

\$5. Recommended for ages 10 & up.

Following the Saturday afternoon performance we will be joined by author Chris Crutcher for a discussion about censorship with the cast and crew, and a Q&A with the audience! Don't miss it!

Crutcher, whose books have been challenged and/or banned in several middle schools and high schools across the nation, will discuss censorship, young adult literature, reading, writing, and more. Don't miss this talk with one of the most influential modern young adult authors writing today. For more information, e-mail Jarrett, the production's director, at [jdapier@cityofevanston.org](mailto:jdapier@cityofevanston.org) or call 847/448-8625.

## African-American Book Discussion

### SAP RISING - SEPT 14

BY CHRISTINE LINCOLN

The African American Literature Book Group will discuss *Sap Rising* by Christine Lincoln on Tues., Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Small Meeting Room, Main Library.

Through her collection of stories set against a vividly evoked rural southern landscape, Christine Lincoln delves into the hearts and minds of African Americans, whose lives are shaped by unseen forces. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the second floor Reader's Services desk. Register by calling 847/448-8620.

### GABRIEL'S STORY - OCT 12

BY DAVID ANTHONY DURHAM

The African American Literature Book Group will discuss *Gabriel's Story* by David Anthony Durham on Tues., Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Small Meeting Room, Main Library.

A different take on the Western frontier, this tale is of a family of newly freed African Americans who are seeking refuge from the reconstructed South and the promise of land. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the second floor Reader's Services desk. Register by calling 847/448-8620.

## North Branch Book Group

### JUSTICE SEPT 30

BY MICHAEL J. SANDEL

In September we will discuss *Justice: What's the Right Thing To Do* by Michael J. Sandel.

"Michael J. Sandel, political philosopher and public intellectual, is a liberal, but not the annoying sort. His aim is not to boss people around but to bring them around to the pleasures of thinking clearly about large questions of social policy. Reading this lucid book is like taking his famous undergraduate course 'Justice' without the tiresome parts, such as term papers and exams."—George F. Will

All are welcome. To register, call 847/866-0330 or stop in to pick up a copy of the book.

### CUTTING FOR STONE

OCT 12

BY ABRAHAM VERGHESE

The North Branch Book Group will meet Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Addaba. Orphaned and coming of age in politically torn Ethiopia, the brothers follow their adoptive parents into medicine but are torn apart by their love for one woman.

All are welcome. To register, call 847/866-0330 or stop in to pick up a copy of the book.

### Meeting Services at Evanston Public Library

Discover the meeting service possibilities offered at EPL.

The Library offers a range of free services for small groups needing to meet in downtown Evanston.

For more information, call 847/448-8630.

Save the Date!

EPL Book Sale!  
Dec. 10 - 12

Gently used books in all categories, "vintage treasures," music cds, videos, audio books, and great gift ideas!

## New Evanston Green Ribbon Committee Tackles Climate Change

Earlier this year, seven of the largest employers in Evanston launched a new initiative to support the city's efforts to curb local impacts to climate change by forming the Evanston Green Ribbon Committee. The committee is comprised of representatives from the City of Evanston, Northwestern University, NorthShore Evanston Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, School District 65, School District 202 Evanston Township High School (ETHS) and Rotary International. The Evanston Green Ribbon Committee will work collaboratively on various strategies outlined in the Evanston Climate Action Plan.

Collectively, these entities represent one-third of the Evanston workforce. The effort demonstrates the commitment of local leaders to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions and to seek innovative, high impact strategies to meet the targets outlined in the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, signed by the city in 2006. Working together increases each entity's ability to leverage resources and influence behavioral change.

"As leaders of this community, we need to show we are willing to work collaboratively to find solutions," said Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl. "Meeting our greenhouse gas emissions reduction target is only going to happen if we all work together. If we are going to ask our residents and businesses to reduce their impact, then

we need to show we are reducing ours as well."

In addition to working community-wide to enact new policies and initiatives that reduce emissions, such as the recently passed Evanston Green Building Ordinance, the City of Evanston continues to take steps to reduce its own footprint by improving energy efficiency at its facilities, building to U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED standards, using B20 fuel to power its fleet and retrofitting street lights.

Each organization represented on the committee has also taken steps to reduce their impact. Energy efficiency improvements have earned Rotary International and several schools in School District 65 the Energy Star rating. Additionally, Northwestern's most recent facility is LEED Silver Certified and both hospitals and ETHS are taking advantage of programs offered through ComEd and the State of Illinois to reduce energy at their facilities. Additionally, Northwestern is implementing a multi-million dollar energy conservation program throughout the campus and recycles 30% of its waste stream.

"With funding assistance from the State of Illinois, we

replaced 15,000 lights with more efficient lamps and ballasts this spring, which will provide significant energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions for the high school," explained Dr. Eric Witherspoon, Superintendent of District 202. "Participating in the Evanston Green Ribbon Committee provides us with an opportunity to do even more and be a leader in the community we serve."

In addition to School District 65's involvement with this committee, there is a district Greening/Sustainability Committee that promotes school and district efforts to reduce energy use and costs through thoughtful capital and life/safety improvements, classroom instruction, and energy monitoring.

"District 65 manages eighteen facilities in this community. Recent improvements in lighting, school boilers, automatic controls for building systems, window replacements, etc. all reflect the commitment to environmentally sound practices," said Andrew Pigozzi, District 65 School Board member and former chair of the Ad Hoc Greening/Sustainability Committee.

The Evanston Green Ribbon

Committee, which meets quarterly, has met twice now this year and is currently in the initial development stages of its first collaborative project.

### BACKGROUND

In October 2006, the City of Evanston unanimously voted to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which calls on communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 7% below their 1990 levels by 2012.

In the fall of 2007, the City of Evanston completed a community-wide greenhouse gas emission inventory to determine its emission reduction target. The city then partnered with the Network for Evanston's Future, a local coalition of citizens' groups, to jointly develop a climate action plan.

Over the next year, hundreds of community members assisted in the development of the Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP), which contains over 200 strategies for meeting the city's emissions reduction target. The ECAP was unanimously accepted by the City Council on November 10, 2008. Evanston is only one of two communities in Illinois to inventory its community-wide emissions and develop and adopt a climate action plan.

For a more information, visit [cityofevanston.org/green](http://cityofevanston.org/green)

**"Meeting our greenhouse gas emissions reduction target is only going to happen if we all work together. If we are going to ask our residents and businesses to reduce their impact, then we need to show we are reducing ours as well."**  
- Mayor Tisdahl



The City of Evanston has teamed up with the Citizen Utility Board's Energy Saver program to help you save money on your electric bills.

**Sign-up, log in and start saving at [CUBenergysaver.com](http://CUBenergysaver.com)**