

Evanston's Future!

Electronic Newsletter of

*Evanston's Energy Future
Evanston's Transportation Future
Evanston Interreligious Sustainability Circle
Evanston's Affordable Housing Future
Citizens Lighthouse Community Land Trust
Evanston Food Policy Council
Evanston Climate Change Campaign
Evanston's Water Group*

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Network for Evanston's Future groups welcome new members, at any time and at any level of interest or participation.

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- August 3, 7 – 9 pm** **Evanston Food Policy Council Meeting**
Location: Home of Linda Kruhmin, 1422 Greenwood, Evanston
Contact: DLHillman@sbcglobal.net, 847-328-7175
- August 13, 3 - 5 pm** **Evanston Interreligious Sustainability Circle**
Location: Friends Meeting House, 1010 Greenleaf, Evanston
Contact: Steve Perkins, steve@cnt.org or 773-269-4055
- August 16, 7 – 9 pm** **Urban Farm Meeting, Evanston Food Policy Council**
Location: Home of Debbie Hillman, 1118 Sherman, Evanston
Contact: DLHillman@sbcglobal.net, 847-328-7175
- August 16, 7:30–9:30pm** **Evanston's Energy Future**
Location: Home of Drina Nikola & Andy Irwin, 2008 Keeney St, Evanston
Contact: Joel Freeman, 847-869-0955
- September 12, 6 – 9 pm** **Urban Farm Community Support Meeting**
Location: Dawes Elementary School (Oakton & Dodge)
Contact: Debbie Hillman, DLHillman@sbcglobal.net, 847-328-7175

Network Updates

**September 16,
8 am - Noon**

Evanston's Farmers' Market Non-Profit Day

Grab a friend and join the Network to promote a sustainable vision.

Contact: Gina Lettiere, AmazonPaganQueen@yahoo.com, 847-424-0724

Visit www.evanstonfuture.org and click on [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming meetings and activities.

Special Announcement!

NEF Receives Wooden Nickels

NEF is one of the beneficiaries of the Wooden Nickel program at Wild Oats! When you bring your own bags, you receive a wooden nickel, which you can then deposit in the container just past the cash registers. At the end of the quarter, NEF will receive a check for the amount of wooden nickels in that container.

Evanston's Farmers' Market Non-Profit Day

Volunteers are needed represent the Network on Saturday, September 16th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Farmers' Market in Evanston. Select your favorite topic and share with the community – transportation, affordable housing, food policy, energy, water, faith in place, or community land trust.

Please contact Gina Lettiere with a time period in which you can participate at the NEF table. Gina's contact information is AmazonPaganQueen@yahoo.com or by phone 847-424-0724.

Network Updates

Urban Farm Community Support Meeting

(Submitted by Debbie Hillman)

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 12th. From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Evanston Food Policy Council will host an informational meeting about what an urban farm in Evanston could look like.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tours of the Edible Garden at Dawes Elementary School

7:00 p.m. Expert presentation on working urban farms, followed by a Q&A session. How big can a farm be in a city? How much can it grow? Who benefits? Where could it be located? Why grow food in an urban area? How you can get involved?

Contact: Debbie Hillman at 847/328-7175 DLHillman@sbcglobal.net

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(Submitted by Debbie Hillman)

Form Based Codes: An Alternative Approach to Regulating and Shaping Development

Featured Speaker: Paul Crawford, Chairman, Form Based Codes Institute
Tuesday, August 8th, 6-9 p.m., City Council Chambers, Evanston Civic Center
Hosted by Evanston Plan Commission, Downtown Plan Sub-Committee

Form Based Codes are emerging as one of the most interesting recent reforms to traditional zoning codes. Often associated with Smart Growth and the rise of “New Urbanist” planning concepts, form-based codes place primary emphasis upon the physical form of development, including building height, bulk, façade treatments, and the relationship of the buildings to the street and to one another and the location of parking. Simply put, form-based codes emphasize the appearance and qualities of the public realm by addressing both structures and the places they create.

As individuals actively involved with development in this city, you are likely to have been part of discussions as to how Evanston can become the most livable city in America. There are several significant planning efforts now underway – including Downtown Planning and the West Evanston TIF Master Planning – which will be the focus of similar discussions. For this reason, the Plan Commission and its Downtown Plan Subcommittee has invited Paul Crawford, a nationally recognized expert on form-based codes, to speak on the subject.

Please plan on joining us for an evening of information and discussion about this innovative alternative to traditional zoning.

For additional information contact Tracy Norfleet, General Planner, at tnorfleet@cityofevanston.org or Susan Guderley, Neighborhood Planner, at sguderley@cityofevanston.org. They may also be reached at 847-866-2928.

For more information on Form-Based Codes, please visit www.formbasedcodes.org/.

Evanston's Energy Future

(Submitted by Joel Freeman)

Reminders for Future Energy:

Tax Credits - For qualified energy efficiency improvements of existing homes, tax credits are approved by the Treasury Department and the IRS. These improvements must be in place during calendar 2006 and 2007 to be eligible. Visit the IRS website for more information: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=154657,00.html>

Electricity costs - Electricity customers will have new rates beginning in 2007 in this phase of the electricity deregulation and restructuring plan for the Illinois electric power industry. With expiration of the rate freeze that began in 1999, many forecasts are for higher overall electricity costs. Budget planners take note. For those implementing energy conservation strategies and energy efficiency projects, the payback will like become shorter!