



## May you continue to Green your Life

Earth Day might be in April, but we know we can make every day Earth Day through the choices we make, from riding our bike instead of driving, to planting a garden, cleaning with non-hazardous products, washing our car at car wash instead of in our driveway to purchasing a fuel efficient vehicle, adding solar to a home or business or simply turning off the water when we brush our teeth and recycling! Consider the opportunities offered throughout the coming days to improve the choices you make and our environment as well!

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## Textile Collection 5 Day Event Opens Impressively

On Monday, April 30, Will County opened the annual five-day clothing/shoe/linen drive at the County Building to an amazing level of participation. Residents are encouraged to bring clothing in all conditions. What cannot be resold, will be recycled. This year the partner is Savers of Orland Park and they regularly donate to animal shelters, schools and non-profits, including the Epilepsy Foundation. WJOL's morning crew will be on-site from 5-9am on Friday! Don't send any textile to the landfill - bring it to the event to be reused or recycled!



## Limited Time - Child Safety Seat Recycling - Target

Now, through May 5, bring any unwanted car seats to your local Target store and receive a coupon for 20% off a new car seat, booster seat, car seat base, travel system or stroller. Bring your used car seat to the drop-off box located near Guest Services at a Target location and a team member will give you your coupon. Guests can get one coupon per seat dropped off, and the coupon is eligible through May 19, 2018.



## May is National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month! Plan to join the fun and challenge yourself or your family to bike to work. Consider trying it for a day: Bike to Work Day is May 18 or Bike to School - designated day is May 9, 2018 but of course weather may be a factor. Take a photo and send it to our Facebook page! We will applaud your efforts!



## May 19 Bluestem Earth Fest at Univ of St. Francis in Joliet

This FREE festival is packed with opportunities! Get ready for an exciting day featuring over 90 eco-conscious exhibits and vendors, earth-friendly activities, workshops, live demos, entertainment, local food and children's activities.

Step inside the ISEA Solar Home. The ISEA Solar House is a self-contained demonstration lab containing photovoltaic (pv) panels. Bring your new or gently used pots and pans for a food kitchen general supply collection to be donated. This year's event is **Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10am to 3pm**. Make your life greener - learn more by attending!



## First Weekend in June: Book Event

Thousands of books are available FREE of charge at the County's annual Three-Day Book Reuse & Recycling Event. Everyone is invited to bring the books they no longer want, perhaps they are children's books, text books, books you'll simply never re-read or you need the shelf space. Whatever the reason, bring your books to **Pilcher Park in Joliet on June 1, 2 or 3** and while there, pick up some books! Libraries and schools across the County donate books to this effort. **Join us from 9am to 4pm Friday, Saturday or Sunday!** Whatever isn't taken, is recycled.



## Make an Appointment for an Electronic and HHW Event

Our third Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held in Mokena on Saturday, June 23. The events in Peotone and Joliet were very successful with the appointment system making wait times less than 5 minutes for all participants! Please click our link below to make an appointment for next event!

[Mokena on Saturday, June 23](#)

**New Lenox** on Saturday, September 8

**Homer Glen** on a Saturday to-be-determined

(these Fall event links will activate this summer)



## Solar Goes Through the Roof

Not satisfied with having the largest solar roof tops in the state, Romeoville manufacturer, **Magid Glove & Safety** is building a 3.5 megawatt solar array, becoming the largest solar rooftop in the midwest! The rooftop array will consist of over 10,500 solar panels that will produce enough electricity to offset 575 residential homes (or 100% of the company's current needs). Convergence Energy is the project developer and Continental Electric, is Magid's engineering and installation partner. Installation begins soon!



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## Cut Plastic Use - Switch to Durable Refill Bottles

The University of St. Francis community eliminated the need for 11,607 water bottles in April by utilizing the 25 water bottle refilling stations located around the main campus, St. Clare campus, and the Plaster Center at the St. Bonaventure Campus.. This brings the 2018 savings up to 45,981 water bottles!



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## Will County switches to 50% Alternative Energy

Will County used to be home to two coal plants, but over the past decade, these have switched to Natural Gas electric generation plants. We are home to a Nuclear Power Plant, which generates electricity without air pollution issues. This past month, the County Board voted to improve the sources of electricity for County Buildings by choosing to make 50% of our power come from solar and wind generation. This will result in financial savings for the County while also cleaning the air!



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## Best Gardening Secret

The University of Illinois offers tips and expertise on vegetable gardening, composting, and flower growing! A local resource is a Master Gardener and anyone interested and willing to donate some time can become one to help others. If you are planting your garden and have a question, consider asking an expert by contacting our [local office](#).



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## Treat yourself to a pro Car Wash

If you are the kind of person that turns off the faucet when you brush your teeth and only runs the washer or dishwasher when it is full, because you respect our water resources, then be sure to take the car to the professionals for a wash. Letting the local car wash do the dirty work could save up to 100 gallons. They recapture the water instead of letting it run into the yard with oil and other contaminants, or worse, into the local storm water system.



## Will County Farm Bureau offers Teacher Training

July 11-13 & July 16-18 **Summer Ag Institute**- join the Ill Farm Bureau and their new graduate credit partner University of St. Francis for 6 days of fun, educational experiences that will be sure to enhance any educator's curriculum! Teachers in Will County Schools have the opportunity to qualify for one of five \$100 scholarships! Email [terri@willcfb.com](mailto:terri@willcfb.com) for details!



July 31 **Flavors of Ag** - This is **open to all interested consumers** to learn more about where their food comes from and all the hot topics of the day.

This program is in conjunction with Joliet Junior College and the Illinois Farm Bureau. Contact the [Farm Bureau](#) for more info!

### Click for more information:

[Battery Recycling](#)

[Book Reuse](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronics](#)

[Latex Paint](#)

[Medication](#)

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Play a fun game!

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EV Charging



Commuter Options



Community and School  
Garden Program



Farmer's Markets and  
Fresh Food Options



Solar Info



Wind Info



Water Conservation



Geothermal Info

## Upcoming Events

### Textile Collection Week

(clothing/shoes)  
County Office Building  
Joliet

**Monday-Friday**  
**April 30-May 4**  
**8:30am - 4:30pm**

### **Bike to School Day**

Nationwide  
**Wednesday**  
**May 9**

### **Bluestem Earth Festival**

University of St. Francis  
Joliet  
**Saturday**  
**May 19**  
**10am - 3pm**

### **Bringing Nature Home Native Plant Sale**

(Benefits the Forest Preserve of Will Co)  
Sugar Creek Admin  
Joliet

**Saturday**  
**May 19**  
**9am - 2pm**

### **Shredding Event**

Fountaindale Public Library  
Bolingbrook

**Saturday**  
**May 19**  
**11am - 3pm**

### **Book Reuse & Recycling Weekend**

Pilcher Park Nature Center  
Joliet

**Fri, Sat, Sun**  
**June 1, 2, 3**  
**9am - 4pm**

### **Electronics & Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Mokena  
**Saturday**  
**June 23**  
**8am - 3pm**

**By Appointment Only**



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