



Spotlight on Homer Glen Earth Day Fair

Village of Homer Glen
7th Annual
Earth Day ~ Arbor Day
Saturday, May 17
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Animal Shows • Pony Rides
Children's Activities
Arts & Crafts Fair
Antique Vehicles • Food & Fun

Konow Farm
16849 S. Cedar
Homer Glen, IL 60491
Free Admission & Free Parking
www.earthdayarborday.info

**Saturday
May 17
11am-4pm
Konow Farm**

The Village of Homer Glen is holding their 7th annual Earth Day-Arbor Day festival this Saturday from 11am to 4pm at Konow Farm. Each year the event gets better, this year it will feature 80 exhibitors and activities, including beekeeping, blacksmithing, gardening advice, crafts,

Apartment Buildings Save w/Efficiency!



The Multi-Family Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Program, offered by Nicor Gas and ComEd,

provides free energy-saving products for owners of apartment buildings of five or more units. These products include:

- Programmable thermostats
- Shower heads
- Faucet aerators
- Pipe insulation
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)

The program also offers discounted services and rebates to apartment building owners who complete recommended energy-saving upgrades or projects.

A multi-family property owner of an eight-unit Joliet building recently participated in the program. They received free installed energy-saving products in each unit and earned close to \$800 in rebates for a boiler tune-up and steam pipe insulation. The project is estimated to have an annual energy savings of more than \$1,300 a year.

Call 855.846.1148 to schedule an appointment for a FREE energy assessment, or visit NicorGasRebates.com/multifamily for more information.

antique and electric car displays, bird and reptile exhibits and "mining" for natural resources. Will County will have both the Health Department and Land Use Department offering information and give-aways!

Konow Farm is located at 16849 S. Cedar Rd. and admission is FREE. The event offer fun and educational opportunities for families and people of all ages. Homer Glen encourages wise use of our natural resources through protection, preservation and recycling. Parking is free, along with most of the activities.

Activities include beekeeping and blacksmith demonstrations, therapy dogs, miniature ponies, Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creatures (1:30-2:30 p.m.), Incredible Bats (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab (11 a.m. -4 p.m.). There will be a petting zoo, a tractor-pulled train, a jumping pillow, pony rides, and craft projects. The activities are both outdoors and indoors, inside the farm's historic barn. Plan to attend and enjoy!

Romeoville's Community Garage Sale is being held on May 17th.

The community garage sale is a 20 year tradition and a great community-wide event.



Romeoville does not require a permit for this weekend's event and publishes a list of those involved. Over 100 homes participate each year on average, with several other homes that have garage sales without being listed on the publication. The garage sale is on Saturday, May 17th from 8:00am-4:00pm at residences throughout Romeoville. The publication of participating homes is available to pick up at the Romeoville Recreation Center, Village Hall or by [clicking here](#).

Recycling & Sustainability Conference & Gala on June 3 & 4

County Executive Larry Walsh will welcome recycling and sustainability professionals from across the state and beyond to an annual conference held by the Illinois Recycling Association and the Solid Waste Association of North America - Lincoln Chapter. The conference offers early arrivals a tour of Panduit, a LEED Platium building in Tinley Park. Additional tours will be offered on Wednesday to other sites in Will County, including our Prairie View

Landfill in Wilmington, our electronic recycler's facility in Plainfield and a food scrap composting business in Romeoville.

Several staff of the Resource Recovery and Energy Division are involved in the conference, including Marta Keane, current

ReThink. ReDefine.
illinoisjointconference.com

Recycling & Sustainability 2014 Gala
Over 40 Related Businesses
Live Entertainment
Silent Auction
\$75 Early Bird/\$100 after May 16
6pm Cash Bar/Appetizers, 7pm Dinner

June 3, 2014 | Tinley Park Convention Center

**Mark Your
Calendar
2014**

**Saturday
May 17**

**Earth Day/Arbor
Day Fair
Homer Glen**

**Saturday
May 31**

**HHW &
Electronics
Collection Event
Joliet/Plainfield**

**Tues & Wed
June 3 & 4**

**Recycling &
Sustainability
Conference
Tinley Park**

**June 6,7,8
Book ReUse &
Document
Shredding Event
Joliet**

**Saturday
June 14
HHW &
Electronics**

president of the Illinois Recycling Association and Dean Olson, current Vice President of SWANA-Lincoln. There are 15 educational sessions and an awards program with more than 40 exhibitors involved in providing green jobs throughout Illinois and beyond. This serves as a fundraising opportunity for the recycling association, which offers a Gala on Tuesday evening with a magician, band and highly esteemed Steve Apothker award.

Our very own **St. Joseph school in Joliet** was selected for the annual statewide school recycling award! Join the fun and learn about some cutting edge recycling and sustainability information.

**Annual Book ReUse & Recycling Event
with Document Destruction on June 6, 7,
8!**

The 15th annual Will County book reuse and recycling event will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6 through the 8th! In recent years, the event has included document destruction service and is pleased to offer it again this year. Schools, libraries and individuals are invited to bring books to the event. Everyone is welcome to take books without a fee!

Each year thousands of books pass through the Joliet Park District's Pilcher Park Nature Center at 2501 Highland Park Drive finding new homes. Whatever books remain are recycled.

All types of hardcover and paperback books are accepted. Categories include fiction, non-fiction, children's, romance, hobby, travel, health and living, religion, textbooks and cookbooks. Magazines are also be accepted.



Book Reuse & Recycling | June 6,7,8 9:00-4:00 | Pilcher Park in Joliet

Safe Flea & Tick Treatments!

**&
Shredding Event
Elwood**

**June 14-20
Bike to
WorkWeek in
Illinois**

**Friday
June 27**

**Farmer's Market
Presentation on
Food
11am-1pm
Joliet**

**Friday
July 18**

**Farmer's Market
Presentation on
Recycling &
Cleaning Green
11am-1pm
Joliet**

**Friday
August 15**

**Farmer's Market
Presentation on
Composting
11am-1pm
Joliet**

**Saturday
September 13**

Even after the harsh winter that just passed, the fleas and ticks are out as strong as any year. To prevent your pets from being bitten or becoming ill, seek



medications that are safe for both you and your pets. These are available at supermarkets, pet supply stores, online retailers, and through your veterinarian. It is critical to read their labels and consult with your veterinarian. They may contain ingredients that could harm pets and people. These products are regulated by the [FDA](#) and [EPA](#). Both offer information on their websites to assist in selection and both encourage feedback should your pets or family have allergic or other unexpected reactions to the products. Also consider visiting the [Humane Society](#) website for guidance and information.

Will County Honored by Dept. of Energy!

On May 7, Will County was recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for its achievements in the Better Buildings Challenge and for reducing energy intensity by 2.5% percent across its entire building portfolio for 2013 bringing total saving to 15.5%. The announcement was made at the first National Better Buildings Summit on May 8, along with the release of second year accomplishments and results. Better Buildings Challenge Partners are demonstrating progress to achieve 20 percent energy savings in ten years, with annual energy savings of 2.5 percent or \$300 million.



Dean Olson & Kathy Pecora at
DOE Better Building Partner
Celebration

The Better Buildings Challenge is a national leadership initiative launched by President Obama in 2011 with the goal of making American commercial, multifamily and industrial buildings 20 percent more energy efficient in ten years. The Better Buildings Challenge supports President Obama's broader goal of doubling American energy productivity by 2030 while motivating corporate and public sector partners across the country to save energy through commitments and investments.

Sharefest 2014
New Lenox

Saturday
Oct 4
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November 15
America Recycles
Day

Conserve Water



Rain Barrels and
Compost Bins
for sale through
Conservation
Foundation

Will County's Resource Recovery and Energy Division of Land Use has partnered with the Conservation Foundation to offer residents Rain Barrels and Compost Bins year round. Now is a great time to purchase one or both to enhance your conservation efforts. Enjoy watering the lawn

Will County's most recent efforts include Installation of a new kitchen, windows and chiller at Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Lighting retrofit and strong staff involvement in reducing energy consumption at the Health Department, lighting retrofits at EMA Garage on Laraway Road and the Countywide Green Team's efforts to educate and engage all County Departments to follow the Energy Management Procedures enacted by the County Board in June 2012.

HHW & Electronics
Collection!

Saturday, May 31

8:00am-3:00pm

William B. Orenic School Parking Lot
5820 W. Theodore St

Plainfield, IL, 60486



If you are interested in cleaning out chemicals from your home and making it safer for yourself and family, please bring items to our second one-day collection event of 2014. The county offers one-day events and sponsors a permanent site open every Saturday and Sunday in Naperville. These events accept:

* Oil-Based Paints and Stains, Spray Paint, Aerosol Paints * Paint Thinners * Solvents * Drain Cleaners * Old/Unwanted Medication * Cleaning Products * Rechargeable Batteries, Automotive/ Boat Batteries * Mercury & mercury items * Pesticides * Lawn & garden chemicals and fertilizers * Motor Oil, Used Oil Filters, Old gasoline, Antifreeze, All Automotive Fluids * Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) * Pool Chemicals * Driveway Sealer

Each of the County Events also offers the opportunity to recycle electronic items that are broken or simply unwanted. These include:

- Personal Computers (PCs), Laptops, Monitors, Keyboards, Electronic Mice, Modems, Hard Drives, CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives, Cords, Cables, USBs, Power Strips, USP (Battery Backups), CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes, Floppies, any computer related items



or garden during a drought or fertilizing your plants with compost from lawn and food scraps!

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- Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix, etc.), Copier, Fax, Scanners
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD Players, Laser Disc Players, Blue Rays, Cable and Satellite Receivers, Digital Converter Boxes, Remote Control Devices, Radios, MP3 players, Two-way Radios, Speakers, Stereo Systems
- Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Handheld Devices (palm organizers, games, joysticks, game control devices)
- Cameras, Video Equipment, Projectors
- Microwaves, Digital Clocks, Coffee Makers (no glass), Blenders (no glass), Bread Makers, Fryers, Food Sealing Equipment, Electric Knives, Massagers, Toaster Ovens
- Hair Dryers, Curling or Straightening Irons, Electric Tooth Brushes, Shaving Equipment
- Vacuum Cleaners (no bags), Carpet Sweepers
- Fans, Heaters
- String Lights
- Metal Tools (drills, screwdrivers, saws, sanders, etc.)
- Calculators, Adding Machines, Typewriters, Word Processors, Postage Machines, Paper Shredders

We are also offering folks that have purchases Rain Barrels and Compost Bins through our internet partner, the opportunity to pick up the items to avoid a delivery fee! Please see the side panel for all the details on the great new way to green your life!

See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)