



Working Bikes Cooperative

Drop off your old bikes, working or not, and bike parts at the Working Bikes booth. They will give new life to your old bike and independence to those who ride them, in the underserved communities of Chicago, Africa and Central & South America. This action diverts bicycles from the waste stream in Chicago by repairing them for sale and charity. They repair some bikes for local donation & sale to help fund the overseas shipment & donation of all the remaining bicycles.

Each year Working Bikes gives away over 5,000 bicycles locally and internationally. It distributes about 500 bicycles and wheelchairs in the Chicago area alone: to City programs, refugees and day camps. **Drop off bicycles and parts at this event!**



Metropolitan Water Reclamation

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Stop by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) booth to learn about their new "Restore the Canopy, Plant a Tree" program. This initiative gives residents an opportunity to restore our region's depleted tree canopy which has been decimated by emerald ash borer infestation and extreme weather. Not only do trees provide a beautiful green canopy for our communities, they are a powerful and effective form of green infrastructure. A medium-sized oak tree can help prevent flooding by absorbing 2,800 gallons of rainfall per year. **The MWRD is inviting Green Fair visitors to learn more about water conservation/reuse and take a water environment pledge. The first 50 visitors will receive an 18" potted oak tree sapling to take home along with planting instructions.**



Buffalo Grove Board of Health

Do you want to know what has been kept out of our landfills due to the village's comprehensive recycling program? **Stop by the Village of Buffalo Grove booth to learn about the village recycling programs.**



Lions Club

Stop by the Buffalo Grove Lions Club booth to learn more about this volunteer organization. Their display will show all the different ways that Lions Clubs all over the world are advocating for environmental awareness and preservation. Stop by and spin the Environmental Challenge Wheel of Green ... and win a prize (vegetable seeds). And meet the Lions Club mascot! The Lions clubs collect millions of used eyeglasses each year to address the need for glasses around the world as part of the club's worldwide SightFirst program. **The Lion's Club booth will be collecting used eye glasses, old hearing aids, ink cartridges and all those mystery keys you have around the house.**



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Buffalo Grove Park District

The Buffalo Grove Park District will be collecting shoes in any condition, from new or gently used or worn out. Shoes will be delivered to the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) for their Reuse-A-Shoe program where shoes are either recycled or reused. Learn more about the Reuse-A-Shoe program at swalco.org/collections/shoes and be a part of this great effort by donating shoes at the Green Fair. Please tie laces together!



The Park District will also be collecting new or used crayons, to be donated to the School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE) for their Super Crayon project. SCARCE collects broken crayons and sorts them by color, so that they can be melted down and poured into candle molds to create Super Crayons. Children with special needs who generally are unable to grip regular crayons use these Super Crayons. Learn more about the Super Crayons mission at scarcecoed.org/rescue-programs/super-crayons and be a part of this wonderful project by donating crayons at the Green Fair.



SCARCE is glad to announce that we are **now collecting plastic bread tags** for recycling in partnership with [Danielle Cares for Chairs](#). Plastic bread tags are those square clips commonly used to seal bags around a loaf of bread, bagels, or even produce. If you are trying to reduce

your plastic use, they can be hard to avoid. Further, plastic bread tags are **not recyclable** in your curbside recycling bin. Therefore, millions end up in landfills each year, just adding to our disposable [plastic problem](#).



Reduce Environmental Impact, Increase Social Impact



Danielle Cares for Chairs came to SCARCE in 2019 to award a wheelchair to a local child in need.

[Danielle Cares for Chairs](#) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in Indiana that collects and recycles plastic bread tags for funds to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. It was started by high school junior, Danielle Rothchild, after an upcycling challenge got her working with bread tags. She found an organization in South Africa collecting them to raise funds for wheelchairs. She was inspired to take action.

Taking an otherwise non-recyclable item and transforming it into something for social good is what we like to call a win-win here at SCARCE. Danielle Cares for Chairs agrees “we are young and concerned about our planet and want to start by educating young people about sustainability...we can collectively benefit while making a better planet.”

According to Danielle, it takes about 260,000 bread tags to purchase a basic wheelchair – so every bread tag counts!



Buffalo Grove Garden Club

Is it a weed or is it a flower? What plants will attract butterflies to my garden? Are their native plants that will work in my yard? If you have questions like this then visit The Buffalo Grove Garden Club Booth. **Experienced gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions and provide information on Native Plants!**



BG-Environmental Action Team (BG-EAT) – Information

Stop by the BG-EAT booth to learn more about this team of dedicated residents that work together to make Buffalo Grove a greener place to live through projects and activities. They get involved with prairie restoration, road side clean up, water stream sampling and community events. Did you know that the contents of CDs, DVDs, can be toxic to the environment? **The EAT team will be collecting metal coat hangers for re-use at local dry cleaners.**



Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Help save our endangered butterfly! Buffalo Grove has recently joined other local governments in taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose population has declined by 90% in the last 20 years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge, cities and municipalities are committing to create habitat and educate citizens about how they can make a difference at home. **Stop by to learn more about the flowers and plants that attract butterflies and gives habitat to the caterpillar.**



Re Edge Giving Circle, which will gives knives, scissors and other blades that would otherwise be in a landfill a new purpose. Please donate these items in any condition at the EAT Booth. Sharpening by Dave will then use their time to repurpose the items and prep them for their new homes. Examples are soup kitchens, shelters, low income senior homes, group homes, students in need and many other opportunities for these items to make a full circle. Repurposing one edge, two sharpen a life. **Drop off these items at the EAT booth.**



RAUPP MUSEUM
At the Buffalo Grove Park District

Stop by the Raupp Museum to see what is going on there this fall. They will have hands-on artifacts and a nature craft.



Citizens' Climate Education (CCE) is a nonpartisan grassroots advocacy organization that empowers individuals to educate key stakeholders, policymakers, and the general public about effective solutions to climate change. By training and mobilizing a powerful coalition of climate advocates, CCE builds political will for long-lasting climate solutions. Their vision is transitioning to a global clean energy economy that is structured by the principles of inclusivity, equity, and sustainability. Citizen's Climate Lobby is a sister organization with a goal to empower everyday people to work together on climate policy.



CUB is a non-profit, non-partisan utility consumer advocacy group that serves as a voice for utility ratepayers across Illinois. **Stop by their booth to learn about energy efficiency programs designed to help you save energy and money. They will also be giving away energy-efficient light bulbs.** And you can also learn about the latest energy-efficiency and renewable energy policy developments happening in Springfield, plus how grid improvements being conducted by the electric utilities can help consumers use energy more wisely.



An official campaign of the Sierra Club's Woods & Wetlands Group, the mission of **La Coalition's RAIL SAFETY CAMPAIGN** is to protect people, air, water, and land from the negative impacts of hazardous materials transported by rail. The Rail Safety Campaign conforms to the guidelines set by the Sierra Club's Clean Power Lake County community agreement and includes underserved communities as identified under Environmental Justice policy to reduce persistent environmental health disparities. La Coalition also works to protect children and staff at schools and other public facilities located within hazardous proximity to rail corridors where toxic and explosive materials are transported and/or stored.



This organization believes that usable goods DO NOT belong in landfills. Their mission is to connect goods with nonprofits to benefit our community and our environment. **They will be collecting kitchen cooking and eating utensils as well as small working kitchen countertop appliances.** Even if you have nothing to donate stop by their booth and learn about their awesome organization and learn other ways you can help



The Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley ReStores (Elgin and Arlington Heights) accept donations of new and gently used goods from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, contractors, and homeowners. The items are then sold for a fraction of the price to the general public at ReStore. Through the help of their amazing volunteers, ReStore generates funds that directly assist the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley partner families. **Stop by their booth to learn about recycling and donation of products to ReStore to reduce dumping in landfills.**

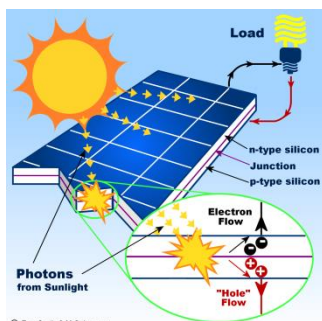


The Aroma Grow Store is a full service specialty garden center, specializing in indoor gardening, sustainable living, micro greens, hemp, and medical cannabis. We sell supplies from soil to pots and saucers, nutrients to fans and grow tents. Aroma Grow Lighting is our own line of LED grow lights. They also offers free grow classes, green house and grow room consultation, design, and full build outs. **Stop by their booth to learn about sustainable living including planting seeds from fruits and vegetables that we are eating. And how to add microbial life to our soil.**



The North Shore Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers incentives to encourage business customers to make energy-efficient improvements. **Learn how you can reduce your energy use, shrink your carbon footprint and make your workplace more comfortable through one of their six programs.**

SOLAR POWER



Solar Panels and Electric Cars—

Learn how Buffalo Grove residents Steve and Mary have generated enough power with their solar panels to power their house and charge their two electric cars. Stop by and talk to them to learn more. They will have their cars on display.

Meet Jeff, a BG resident and a Solar Ambassador with the Illinois Solar Education Association. His mission is to inspire others with his enthusiasm by communicating the benefits of transitioning from traditional fuels to clean renewables, especially solar. Jeff will bring some printouts showing his home solar production stats and how it works with charging his electric **2021 Mustang Mach-e First Edition, which will be on display.**



Certasun is a residential solar energy company based in Buffalo Grove. Stop by our booth to learn about the government incentives for installing solar on your home. And, check out how we design solar systems by using our interactive solar design tool to design a system.



Solar roofing has never been more accessible. Phoenix Exteriors is a certified installer of the TESLA Solar Roof, which is a solar energy system made up of tempered glass tiles with solar cells embedded inside. It is built to last, will pay for itself with the energy you produce, and get the most out of your roof. It's time to Go Green and invest in a sustainable future.



The Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove is part of an international service organization that has over 35,000 member clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.2 million individuals. We raise funds for community grants to organizations that are impacting the Buffalo Grove community and award scholarships for young people who show a dedication to service. Our outreach touches individuals through reading to young children, delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need, structured activities for the developmentally disabled and more. Globally, Rotary is involved in the fight to end polio and we organize yearly mission trips to Guatemala to help build infrastructure for a school and to provide filters for clean drinking water. Stop by our booth to hear about our environmental projects in Guatemala and learn more about us.



The League of Women Voters Deerfield/Lincolnshire Area will offer voter registration at the Green Fair. This is one of many services to the community that League members provide. With membership open to persons of any gender, the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.