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Quarterly Newsletter of the Environmental Defenders
of McHenry County



2022 ANNUAL DINNER BACK IN PERSON

WRITTEN BY DESTINY SEATON

After being virtual for our 2021 meeting, it was so refreshing to be together for our Annual Dinner at McHenry Country Club once again on March 13. Thanks to Tom Skilling, WGN-TV Chief Meteorologist, being our rock star guest speaker, the Defenders had a record turn-out of almost 250 people for our Annual Dinner! We were so thankful to have Tom Skilling as our speaker, as he was not only informative about climate change, but also incredibly personable and such a joy for everyone to talk with. We reached our goal of raising over \$6,000 to support our paid summer interns!

The night began with social time, a cash bar and time to bid on items in our bag raffle, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Because of the huge success of last year's online auction, The Fundraising Action Team decided to keep the silent auction online again. (Cont. on PG 6)



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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am so pleased to announce the receipt of grants in the amounts of \$2,500 to work with zero waste school cafeterias through Seven Generations Ahead (a Full Circle Foundation grant) and \$10,000 for stream crossing signs also through the Full Circle Foundation. And, we are incredibly grateful for continued support from the Grand Victoria Foundation in the amount of \$75,000 over the next two years! Diversifying where our funding comes from, including grants, membership (both general and business), IRA required minimum distribution donations, the Fundraising Team's work on various fundraising projects, the annual appeal and dinner, is all so vital to our continued success and ability to support our growing staff and programs. We are grateful to all those who support us as grantors and volunteers. And, we are thankful for all the partnerships throughout the community that help make our work so relevant and in many ways, possible.



This month, to honor Earth Month, I will be kicking off a town by town plastic reduction tour with help from the Environmental Defenders' Waste Reduction Action Team members. The purpose is to bring continued awareness to the problems of plastic in our environment here in McHenry County. Inspired by our Defenders' Waste Reduction Team's Sustainability Summit held on January 31, 2022 and work we've been doing in the area of single use plastic reduction for the past decade, we will deliver a message to our towns' council members and trustees regarding the urgency of reducing single-use plastics, including bags, straws, bottles, take out containers and balloons. Results of an Environmental Defenders' microplastic study will also be shared while encouraging local legislation as a means to mitigate this environmental problem.

Related to advocating, it is crucial that as Environmental Defenders we stay engaged with our elected officials on the local level (and state level through the Illinois Environmental Council), so that we can all support one another, learn, share and work toward communities that are more resilient and that create lasting plans to preserve and protect the environment. If you are interested in being a part of advocacy work, please contact me and learn more about becoming an Environmental Ambassador. Ambassadors keep informed of local meeting agendas in their respective home towns and help keep our office and teams informed of environmental actions that may be of interest. To that end, we are looking for two Ambassadors per town. Please contact me about this important volunteer opportunity at defendersdirector@gmail.com. With things opening up again, I'm looking forward to getting this grass-roots program back on track! Happy Spring!

Paddle the Kish & Paddle On! Event

Paddle On Outfitters has teamed up with the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County and Paddle the Kish in Marengo. Join us April 30th for a leisure paddle through the North Branch of Kishwaukee River. Our voyage will begin at 10am by parking at Siems Memorial Park in Union. There Paddle On will have your kayaks ready for you. If you would like to bring your own kayak, Paddle On will have a shuttle service available. Tickets for rentals and shuttles are available at www.paddleonoutfitters.com or their Ticket Tailor link: <https://buytickets.at/paddleonoutfitterscom/653663>. All paddlers are required to fill out a paperless waiver after you have purchased a rental or shuttle ticket.

The trip could take up to 3 hours to complete. We will be keeping track of water levels throughout that week. We highly encourage bringing towels, plenty of water and a light snack. All rentals will have life jackets provided along with paddles. Dry boxes will be available to rent through the Ticket Tailor link. All paddlers bringing their own kayak are highly encouraged to provide their own life jackets.

Age requirements: All ages are able to attend. We do not encourage newborns or very small infants to attend due to the potential dangers. Trained guides will be available if you are a beginner and/or want to learn. After the trip, Paddle On will provide a shuttle back to Siems Memorial Park. Checkers is a local favorite in Union, and all who attend are encouraged to visit after the trip for lunch and a refreshing drink.

What a way to welcome the springtime air! Come paddle with us! Any questions, please feel free to ask Paddle On through their website or call/text 815-762-4009.

Saturday, April 30, 2022

10am - 2pm

Location subject to change



Citizen Climate Lobby



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization empowering people to experience breakthroughs exercising their personal and political power. Our chapter is just one of hundreds of chapters across the world working to create the political will for a livable world. We always need volunteers and members to take action concerning our climate.

What action can you take? Call your representative. We need people to contact their representatives to express your concern about our climate and help them hear our voice.

Sign up at: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-calling-campaign/>.

When you sign up, you will be asked to call your representatives each month, be given a script and directions. It's easy and really helps! The calls work!

More information at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>. Become part of the solution!

Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church Green Living Fair 2022

April 30 - May 29, 2022

Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church, 8505 Church Street in Crystal Lake, will host its annual Green Living Fair from Saturday, April 30 through the end of May. Some events will be both in person at the church and on Zoom while others will be virtual only. Each time a person attends a session either in person or on Zoom, their name will be placed in a drawing to win a native plant. Information about how you can participate in virtual events can be found on the calendar page of the church's website at RCLPC.org. If you have questions, contact Ann Legg at aglegg@sbcglobal.net.

- Saturday, April 30 - Trail Cleaning Kickoff – contact Laura Baumann lpbauman0@gmail.com
- Sunday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. Hybrid - Environmental Theme in Worship Service, Rev. Brian Sauder, Executive Director, Faith in Place preaching
 - 10:30 a.m. Hybrid - Rev. Sauder and Candace May will speak about the work of Faith in Place
- Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m. Virtual - Richard Tobias of McHenry County College – Composting
- Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. Hybrid - Kim Hankins, Director of Sustainability, McHenry County College – Recycling
- Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. Virtual - Sarah Michehl of the Land Conservancy – Birds, Bees and Butterflies: Plant Your Own Pollinator Garden
- Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m. Hybrid - Beth Holland – Cleaning Green

Welcome New Defenders' Members!

- Sherryl & Steve Ehren
- Alex Papadopoulos
- David Hanetho
- Jodi Stone
- Lisa McLaughlin
- Mary Byrne
- Deborah Firak
- Shannon Rodgers
- Jennifer Kohnke
- Star Hansen



THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR 2022 FRIDAYS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TALKS AND TOURS

BY CINDY SKRUKRUD

Beginning in April, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County's Water & Natural Resources Protection Action Team and the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development have scheduled a series of Friday Talks and Tours that showcase some of the exciting Best Management Practices (BMPs) being implemented in McHenry County.

The events will be held monthly on Friday afternoons, to make attending them convenient for staff of municipalities, townships, school districts, park districts, libraries, schools and churches, as well as the general public.

To improve the resiliency of our communities and sustainably manage resources, it is becoming increasingly important to implement the BMPs showcased in these workshops. Join us to see these inspiring projects in action and learn from the experts how they can be successfully implemented in your communities. Learn how you can save money and resources for your communities or facilities by implementing these best management practices.

See the evolving schedule of planned Friday BMP Talks and Tours.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uNw9aNZSvq5uvbMcTGkdMhBZ5T03itInxPW7QudlFSY/edit?usp=sharing>

To register to attend and receive email reminders of the series, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/3dJiNRqcydZGzrfu5>



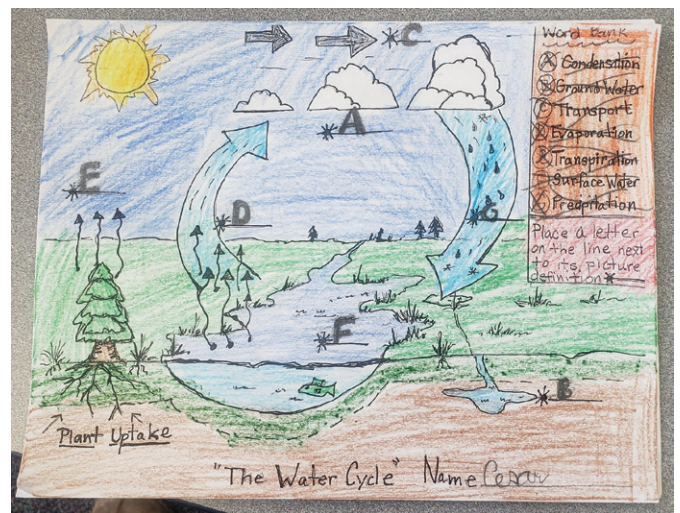
TOUR DESCRIPTION	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	SPEAKERS
SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	FRIDAY, APRIL 8 2- 4 PM	HUNTLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 13719 HARMONY RD, HUNTLEY	-DOUG RENKOSIK, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AT HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 -VENDERS WHO SUPPLY PRODUCTS THE SCHOOL USES
ENERGY SAVINGS DURING THE ILLINOIS SOLAR REVOLUTION	FRIDAY, MAY 13 1-3 PM	MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE SHAH CENTER 100 W SHAMROCK LN, MCHENRY	-KIM HANKINS-DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY, MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE -HAL SPRAGUE,TRAJECTORY ENERGY PARTNERS
ELECTRIC VEHICLES 101: A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR COMMUNITIES	FRIDAY, JUNE 17 1-3 PM	1PM- THROOP ST PARKING LOT SW CORNER OF THROOP ST AND RTE 120, WOODSTOCK 1:30 PM- STAGE LEFT 125 W VAN BUREN ST, WOODSTOCK	-CYNTHIA KANNER, ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY ON WOODSTOCK'S EV CHARGING STATIONS -TIM MILBURN, GREEN WAYS 2GO ON EV HOW-TO GUIDE FOR COMMUNITIES

UPDATE FROM MCSEEP

BY GIGI CARLSON

MCSEEP has increased their in-person experiential presentations by 100% from the numbers from last year during the winter months alone. Despite different mitigations at different schools throughout the county, we adapted and mustered on to offer environmental education for grades 1-8. In January and February we saw more students than the collective 2020/21 school year! So much fun! So many opportunities to work with children in person, to listen to their questions, and to feel their excitement that they can make a difference for our planet! We look forward to the packed schedules of March - May as we expand time outside with two new Ecology Clubs (Marlowe Middle and Woodstock High School). Both schools are interested in composting because they were a part of the Waste Reduction Action Team's Sustainability Summit. We are grateful for that platform to have had conversations with professionals from various areas of the education family.

Currently, we are looking for businesses or environmental groups that could offer volunteer or small wage one day jobs for a group of special needs high school seniors. They want to learn about green careers and service possibilities. If you have a connection for this request, please email us at: mcseepdirector@gmail.com



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Would you drink this water?



Some people in America are

THIRST FOR JUSTICE

a film by Leana Hosea

Join us for our April Green Screen Film showing!

Monday, April 25th at 7pm

at McHenry County College in the Luecht Auditorium

Thirst for Justice

In the spring of 2015, residents from two separate communities enlisted the help of scientists to prove their suspicions that their water had become dangerously contaminated. Now they are fighting back.

Movie will be followed by discussion of lead service line replacement legislation led by Iyana Simba, City Programs Director, Illinois Environmental Council.

**MOVIE IS 1 HOUR AND 10 MINUTES LONG.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE EDUCATION ACTION TEAM AND MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY CENTER

ANNUAL DINNER CONT.

The reception featured music by the Dundee-Crown High School Jazz Combo. Before Tom's presentation on climate change, we had Carla Baldwin of Baldwin Web Design in Crystal Lake (top right) present our members with the Defenders' new website which went live the following week. If you haven't already, be sure to check out our new website at mcdef.org!

Tom Skilling, introduced by Nancy Schietzelt, was the highlight of the evening with his presentation titled "Climate change is here and real, its effects already evident. Weather extremes are up, increasingly impactful and expensive. There's such misinformation out there and from sources ill-informed on the subject. Scientists have been onto the notion our planet would warm since the 1800's – it's not a new concept at all." We had several members submit questions to Tom, which he will answer and we will share via our email mailing list. And if you missed his presentation, we filmed it live and posted it on the Defenders' Facebook, and it will also be posted on the Defenders' YouTube.

During the business portion of the dinner, we presented five awards.

The Theta Award went to Small Waters Education (below) for their work on advocating for, creating and helping to maintain "outdoor classroom" native gardens for pollinators at schools; for inspiring the youth in our county to help take care of the land and its critters; for serving the Latino community with Spanish pollinator garden brochures and through program participation with *Conversación de Conservación* – a partnering of community and conservation organizations; for working on the county's first Food Forest with The Land Conservancy; and for all their work in educating our community on the importance of land and soil health, especially in the areas of permaculture, and deep ecology; and for being a leading local resource for practical information and education about building a healthy ecosystem for all.





The Government Award was presented to McHenry County Division of Transportation (top left) for their leadership in coupling environmental sustainability with a safe and efficient transportation system; for partnering with us to install signage identifying names of streams and their watersheds at road crossings; for naturalizing their roadsides; for continuing to be a leader in the sensible salting movement; for installing environmentally-friendly and crash-reducing roundabouts; and for offering McRide and pursuing 'Complete Streets' to provide better, equitable options for people to bike, walk and use transit to move around our county.



The Business Award was given to Julie Ann's Custard (left, second from top) for their passion for their community and the environment, for their use of compostable containers and packaging, for sourcing ingredients locally, and for offering vegan options for their guests.



Larry Baum (left, third from top) was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for seamlessly taking over the reins to help operate The Defenders' Styrofoam Collection Program and for constantly thinking of ways to improve the process; for logistics of scheduling trucks, people power, supplies, improvements to sheds and reporting volunteer hours and needs; for increasing seasons sheds are open and for his excellent and consistent communication skills of program needs.



And last but not least, the Young Defender award was given to Mac Hansen (bottom left) for their volunteerism at The Green Spot Used Book Store and for their devotion to saving books from the landfill, creativity with decorating the store and outstanding friendliness with customers, and for helping to keep the store open on Mondays which helps to earn money for our environmental protection projects.

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

After dinner everyone enjoyed delicious frozen custard donated by award winner Julie Ann's Frozen Custard, and vegan chocolate cake partially donated by UpRising Bakery and Café.

Thank you to the generous sponsors of our 2022 Annual Dinner: Wells Fargo; William R. Kreznor & Associates, Inc.; McHenry County Conservation District; Marvin's Toy Store; McHenry County College Sustainability Center; Natural Communities Native Plants; Phil Zack; The Foodshed Co-op; Bluestem Ecological Services; and Certasun.

And of course, thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this event successful.



We reached the Summit

BY CECILIA CARMAN, WASTE REDUCTION ACTION TEAM CO-CHAIR

On January 31, 2022 70 local leaders gathered to listen, learn, collaborate and create goals to make McHenry County more sustainable. This did not happen on a whim, but by the hard work of the Waste Reduction Team.

Let's start from the beginning. At a meeting in early 2021 co-chair Michell Myrun mentioned how there are many resources to become sustainable, but they are not always shared. She thought if we could have a meeting, like a summit, to gather people to discuss what barriers they have we could collaborate to find solutions. Cynthia Kanner was at this meeting and she loved the idea, and came back to us with a grant from the Aptar group! The summit "seed" had been planted and now we needed to make it grow.



I reached out to the EPA Region 5 Director on food waste and asked if she would be our keynote. I got an immediate, enthusiastic yes, and we continued to get so many yeses. So many people were willing to help us! The EPA Region 7 office has held several food waste summits, and met with us and explained how to organize the summit. The Illinois Sustainability Center at UIUC introduced us to potential speakers, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition reviewed our speaker list and gave suggestions. The list goes on.

For the Summit to be a reality it took more than the chairs meeting with organizations to secure the agenda and speakers. It took the amazing hard work of our team. Zak Dolezal dedicated an exorbitant amount of time and worked tirelessly. He was able to secure our second keynote, which discussed single-use plastic reduction; speakers for the restaurant break out session; and a second sponsor who would give restaurants free samples of compostable takeout containers. He also hit the pavement and personally invited many restaurants. When the chips were down and we were concerned about the whole thing coming together, we had Kelli Boeckman. She swooped in and brought the fire and magic back to the team. She became one of the most valued members. She was able to use her resources at the county to make this a reality. Her list of contacts and personal connections were instrumental in getting the word out for the Summit. We went from 1 to 50 attendees by her sending one email.

We have a few members who I say "attended the fire and got the firewood when we needed it." Ashley Lange and Annette Parrent worked tirelessly on the backend. Ashley, who never used Google Docs, is now proficient in maintaining documents, making spreadsheets and can also give you all the ins and outs on how to use Eventbrite. She worked daily to keep our lists up-to-date so we knew who to continue to reach out to about the Summit. She didn't stop there; she relentlessly ensured all her friends and family reached out to their local leaders to attend the Summit. She had so many hidden talents that blossomed. Annette Parrent is a woman who knows how to use her time well. We can all learn efficiency skills from her. She helped design emails, flyers and made contact lists so quickly we couldn't keep up. She was an instrumental part of making our school breakout session a success. We can't thank her enough. We are so lucky to have 2 board members on our team, Zak Dolezal and Claire Hodge. Claire kept all of us on our toes. If you need someone to make a list, she is your person. I would think there is not much else to do then I would look at Claire's list and be reminded we weren't close to the finish line. She thought of everything! Claire challenged us and pushed us to do our best.

Oh, the Summit itself. Sorry, I couldn't stop writing about our amazing team. The day went without a hitch, no internet or signing-on issues and we had a great turnout. 120 people registered and 70 attended. Not bad for a bunch of newbies. Our keynotes did amazing presentations explaining the issues with waste and climate change with great examples and resources. We later broke out into 3 sessions: municipal leaders, restaurants and schools. The municipality's session focused on curbside composting, how to work with your hauler, plastic bag tax and building a sustainability committee. We had 7 towns, the county board and one chamber of commerce represented. They listened and brought back all the information to their towns to reevaluate their goals. It was great to hear that many of them learned a lot and needed time to absorb. The restaurant group had real concrete goals to begin composting and find alternatives to Styrofoam/plastic containers. They were presented with great resources and will be collaborating to gain better prices for sustainable materials. The school breakout was our most lively group. The pandemic has stalled some of their plans, but teachers love to plan for the future. Many ideas were discussed: shared tables, composting and decreasing food waste. It was inspiring to see what our schools want to do. If you want to get involved with your local schools, this is a great time. As we closed our computers at the end of the day that Monday morning, we saw the fruits of our labor begin to blossom. That seed we planted 8 months earlier had grown into a beautiful budding plant that needs continuous care. Our work is not nearly done and we hope this little plant turns into a field of opportunity. We couldn't have accomplished this without the work of the team. We are forever grateful and can't wait to see what happens next.

AVAILABLE APRIL 1

2022 MCHENRY COUNTY RECYCLING DIRECTORY

GREEN GUIDE**Inside the 2022 Edition**

- McHenry County Electronics Recycling events
- Recycling tips: take out items, delivery packaging, what to look and ask for
- Two guest articles from Terracycle and Flat Can Recycling

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WINE AND CHEESE ON THE PRAIRIE**Saturday June 11, 2022 at 6pm**

An evening with a nice bonfire, wine, cheese and crackers and good Defenders' friends on the hilltop of our Dean Street property! What could be more relaxing than that? Our Membership Action Team would like to invite you to such an evening on June 11 at 6pm. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share, and we will supply the cheese and cracker! We'll have soft drinks as well as other snacks to top off the evening. Bring your own cups and plates. Please park in the Soil and Water Conservation District parking lot at 2222 Dean Street. Then join us at the bonfire at the top of the hill on our property to the south of the lot. We have picnic tables to sit at, but you may wish to bring lawn chairs. And please plan for mosquitoes with long pants, long sleeves and repellent. We'll hope for great weather, but just in case, our rain date is set for June 18. Please email defenderscommunication@gmail.com to RSVP by June 6. Hope to see you there!

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE 2022 DEFENDERS' GARAGE SALE!**

You can help raise funds for the Environmental Defenders by donating items, shopping the garage sale, and/or volunteering to help at the event! Start saving your clean and re-sellable household items now to donate to the sale. Some great sellers that we especially like to receive are: tools, kitchenware, lawnmowers, furniture, lawn and garden items, toys and camping goods.

Please note that all small appliances, yard tools, lawnmowers, etc., must be in working order, cleaned up, and have all their parts and cords. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept the following: large appliances, monitors or TVs, upholstered furniture, baby car seats/carriers/cribs/strollers, clothing and stuffed animals. They are difficult to keep clean and dispose of if not sold.

DROP OFF: SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 FROM 2 TO 4 PM**MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.****SALE: THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022 FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.****WHERE: ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT GARAGE B, 8900 ROUTE 14, CRYSTAL LAKE****SIGNUP TO VOLUNTEER ONLINE AT WWW.MCDEF.ORG – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL POSITIONS****QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE AT ENVIRODEFMC@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 815-338-0393.**

BOOKSTORE NEWS

BY SUE JENSEN & PAM JOHNSON

Happy 2022 everyone! It's been a great start to the new year following a wonderful 2021 at both stores. Lots of new changes were implemented and there are many more to come! If you are on the Woodstock Square, you can't help but notice new signage in the front window of the quilt shop and at the back entrance (right). New to both bookstores is the addition of Defenders merchandise! Various T-shirt styles and sizes are displayed to help you decide which you like best. You may purchase some in-stock t-shirts, coffee mugs and stickers at the stores or order online at mcdef.org for even more options.

On January 9, children's author Megan Prendergast read her book *Included* at The Green Read followed by an informal talk and Q&A session (below right). She was joined by illustrator Alexander Johnson. Copies of this enriching and insightful children's book and the accompanying activity book are still available at The Green Read.

On the horizon are perhaps the biggest changes, yet, for The Green Spot. A generous donation has allowed for the replacement of some of the older bookcases, increasing the amount of available shelf space. A new layout will allow for easier access to all areas of the store, plus the addition of an area dedicated to environmental books, information, and sustainable products. The older bookcases will be repurposed in the Clearance Corner, replacing the utility tables that are currently holding books. We are hoping to create a comfortable and inviting seating area in the Clearance Corner as well.

The Green Read will also go through some changes, but not quite as dramatic as those at the Green Spot. Several more bookcases will be added as well as the creation of an Eco Nook where customers can find information about the Defenders and environmental topics as well as sustainable merchandise.

Keep your eyes on the eNews if you would like to help with these transformations. We will be looking for some volunteers to help assemble and move the new bookcases, box up and move books, and organize the new bookcases once they are installed. Many hands will make light work!



Clean-up of Boone Creek 1-3 pm, Saturday, May 14



On Saturday, May 14th, you are invited by our Water and Natural Resources Protection Action Team and the Boone-Dutch Creeks Watershed Alliance to help clean up the mainstem of Boone Creek that runs through the City of McHenry. This event, held in collaboration with the City of McHenry and the Fox Waterway Agency, will begin at 1 pm and conclude at about 3 pm, or when all the trash has been removed.

Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes, gloves, and boots and to park in the Public Works parking lot at 1415 Industrial Dr. in McHenry, located behind the Jewel grocery store. All necessary equipment as well as snacks will be provided. Please bring your own water. If you would like to help or have any questions about this event, please contact Cindy Skrukud at cskrukud@gmail.com. Invite a friend and come help us make a positive difference in our environment and enjoy some time outdoors!

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 23

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

**Prairieview Education Center
2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake**

- Multiple Exhibitors • Activities & Crafts
- Guided Hikes • Puppet Shows

Live Music 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Bring a Picnic Lunch

Save
THE
Date



USED BOOK SALE

September 19 - October 9, 2022

Located at the
Algonquin Township Road District
3702 U.S. Highway 14
Crystal Lake, 60014

More details to come closer to the date



HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING DROP OFF: Get your spring cleaning done and stop by the event to recycle some household items. A variety of items accepted including: electronics, CDs/DVDs/cassettes, fiber/textiles/shoes, batteries, fluorescent tubes and polystyrene foam. Check the District's website, MCCDistrict.org for the list of accepted items and any possible fees.

2022 Recycling Events

April 9 - Milkway Park, Harvard

May 21 - Chesak Elementary School, Lake in the Hills

September 17 - Woodstock North High School

October 15 - McHenry County Courthouse, Woodstock

Paper Tiger Document Shredding will be at all events, in addition to special paper shredding and household hazardous waste collection dates throughout the year



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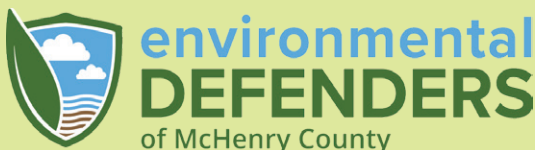
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

April

FRI 8 | Best Management Practices Talk

2pm - 4pm
Huntley High School, Huntley

SAT 9 | McHenry County Recycling Drive

9am - noon
Milkway Park, Harvard

SAT 23 | Earth Day Celebration

Noon-4pm
Prairie View Education Center, Crystal Lake

MON 25 | Green Screen Film: *Thirst for Justice*

7pm
McHenry County College Luecht Auditorium

SAT 30 | Paddle the Kish, Paddle On! Event

10am-2pm
Siems Memorial Park, Union

May

FRI 13 | Best Management Practices Talk

1-3pm
McHenry County College Shah Center

Sat 21 | McHenry County Recycling Drive

9am - noon
Chesak Elementary School, Lake in the Hills

SAT 21 | Young Advocates Hike

Pleasant Valley Conservation Area, Woodstock

June

SAT 11 | Wine & Cheese on the Prairie

6pm
2222 Dean St., Woodstock

FRI 17 | Best Management Practices Talk

1-3pm
Parking Lot SW corner of Throop St & Rte 120,
Woodstock

Sat 21 | Document Shredding Event

9am - noon
Woodstock North High School, Woodstock

Sat 25 | Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9am - noon
Prairie Ridge High School, Crystal Lake

Recurring Events

FIRST WED OF EVERY MONTH | Green Drinks

5pm - 7pm
Duke's Alehouse & Kitchen
In-person and virtually on Zoom
Registration required, Presentation begins at 6pm

THIRD SAT OF EVERY MONTH | Triangle Prairie Work Day

9am - 11am
Corner of Lake Ave & Hwy 14, Woodstock

FOURTH SAT OF EVERY MONTH | Defenders' Property Work Day

9am - 11am
2222 Dean St., Woodstock

FOURTH SUN OF EVERY MONTH | Sterne's Fen Restoration Work Day

9am - 11am
5617 Hillside Dr, Crystal Lake

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