

# EARTHCONNECT



Quarterly Newsletter of the Environmental Defenders  
of McHenry County

## THANK YOU, CYNTHIA!

BY DESTINY SEATON

As of August 31, 2022, Executive Director Cynthia Kanner has moved on from her position of leadership within the Defenders after over fifteen years of dedicated service. She plans to pursue more statewide environmental initiatives and will continue working with the Defenders as a volunteer.

Cynthia joined the Defenders as a member in 2001. As a volunteer she started the BYOBag program in 2013 and It's Our River Day at the local level in Algonquin.

She began working for the Defenders as the newsletter editor in 2007, served on the board of directors for a short time, came to the office as the outreach coordinator in 2015 and took on the job of executive director in March of 2018.

Since becoming executive director, Cynthia has overseen many new projects and moved the organization forward significantly within local and state-level environmental endeavors.

“Cynthia helped to advance the mission of the Environmental Defenders immensely through her proficiency in obtaining grants and her ability to forge partnerships with organizations that have similar goals,” says current board member and former president, Nancy Schietzelt. “She will be sorely missed,” Schietzelt adds.



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## THANK YOU, CYNTHIA CONT.

Because of her skills in grant writing, Kanner was instrumental in securing funding for the organization to add more employees; get grants for three electric vehicle charging stations to be placed throughout the county; plan a community solar farm to be built on the Defenders' property in Woodstock; start a countywide Latino outreach coalition, Conversacion de Conservacion and much more.

During her tenure as executive director, Cynthia has overseen the Defenders in taking on McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program (MCSEEP) as their fiscal sponsors and physical home, becoming fiscal sponsors to Paddle the Kish in Marengo, creating a new logo, launching a new website, opening the Green Read Book Store in Crystal Lake and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization, all while navigating the world during a global pandemic.

We are so thankful for the time we had with Cynthia as our Executive Director. We wish her the very best in all that life brings her way!

Cynthia's shoes will be difficult to fill, but we are looking forward to what the future holds for the Defenders during this transitional time as we continue to search for a new executive director.

## A Fun and Successful Corn Roast

How lucky we were to have a beautiful afternoon on August 13th, wonderful Defenders' members and the best hosts on Earth, Alice and Bill Howenstine (and Chuck, of course!), for our Environmental Defenders' annual Corn Roast. After a cancellation last year and of course, missing 2020 altogether, we were all so thrilled to be back together for this longstanding event at a very special place: Pioneer Tree Farm and The Howenstine homestead. Thank you to Rico and Scott for grilling the corn, which was just perfect, and to all of our members for bringing delicious dishes to share, as well as their good company. The evening included some special announcements by Kim Hankins, including a thank you to our outgoing Executive Director, Cynthia Kanner. In turn, Cynthia had the chance to say a few words and highlight some of the fabulous things The Defenders has accomplished this year. Enjoy the photo journey of this special event and many thanks to the Howenstines! Photos by Cynthia Kanner



# BOOKSTORE NEWS

BY SUE JENSEN & PAM JOHNSON

So much happened at the bookstores last summer! Perhaps most impactful were the water leaks at both stores. In June, the pipes above the Green Read started leaking while a kitchen sink was being rodded, resulting in a smelly mess near the register but thankfully no real damage.

In August, an air conditioner condenser froze causing a significant leak in The Green Spot, requiring the quick removal of hundreds of books and a number of bookcases. Once the carpet dried, the affected area was blocked off and operations resumed until the carpet could be replaced.

All of the Green Spot books and bookcases were crammed into the office and Clearance Corner while the new carpet squares were being installed. After being closed only three days for the renovations, the store was back up and running again by Labor Day weekend. A HUGE round of applause for the volunteers and board members who helped (on very short notice!) on the day of the leak, and later with the removal and replacement of everything in the store!

And now for the good news! The Green Read was voted a 2022 Neighborhood Favorite in Nextdoor's annual celebration of local businesses in Crystal Lake. Thank you to all our neighbors and customers who voted for us!

There are a lot of exciting events coming up at both of the bookstores this fall. Visit downtown Crystal Lake for the Halloween Handout from 3 - 5pm on October 31. Bring your little ones to The Green Read and other downtown merchants for candy and non-food treats. Thanksgiving weekend the store will be celebrating its 4th birthday and participating in Small Business Saturday, kicking off the official holiday shopping season. Expect to see some unique new gift items made by local artisans this year and don't forget that our books and puzzles make wonderful gifts as well!

Stop by The Green Spot when you are at the Woodstock Farmer's Market. The Saturday market runs through October 22, while the Tuesday market runs until September 27. The bookstore is open at 10am on Saturdays and 11am on Tuesdays. A selection of new puzzles and locally made gift items will be available at The Green Spot for the holidays as well, just in time for the Holiday Members Open House on Friday, December 9th from 5 - 8pm.



**RIGHT: GREEN READ WATER LEAK**



**RIGHT: GREEN SPOT WATER LEAK**  
**BELOW: NEW CARPET IN GREEN SPOT**



**LEFT: BOOKS AND BOOKCASES BEING STORED IN THE CLEARANCE CORNER WHILE NEW CARPET SQUARES WERE INSTALLED AT THE GREEN SPOT**





## BOOKSTORE NEWS CONT.

Over 45 volunteers help keep the bookstores running, from sorting and shelving books to pricing new merchandise and changing out window displays. There is so much the volunteers do that there is no way to begin to list it all! Because of their hard work and dedication, the bookstores have come through a summer of unexpected changes and emergencies looking better than ever! Everyone who has had a role volunteering for the stores is tremendously appreciated and always will be. Thank you so so so much for all you do!

## SUPPORT THE DEFENDERS WHILE SAVING ON TAXES (IF YOU QUALIFY)

By Carl Edstrom

As a grassroots organization, the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County has always relied on our members to succeed in our mission – members who offer hours upon hours of donated time, pay annual membership dues, donate items to be sold in our bookstores and fundraisers, and occasionally or regularly give financial donations “above and beyond” annual dues. Everything our members have done, and continue to do, is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your loyal support! We would not exist today without it!

Over the past several years, to further build our financial strength, we have been applying for grants to add income so we can fund more initiatives, pay our staff and help cover the cost of rent and utilities for our bookstores and office spaces. In addition, several long-time members of the Environmental Defenders have introduced us to a new funding source by generously giving to the organization in a relatively “new” way: by making donations through IRA charitable rollovers, also called qualified charitable distributions (QCD).

What is a qualified charitable distribution, why might you consider it, and what are the benefits?

Once you reach age 72, or if you turned 70½ in 2019 or before, you may be required to withdraw a certain amount of money from your tax-deferred retirement account each year – a required minimum distribution (RMD).

Since RMDs are taxed by the IRS as ordinary income, these normal withdrawals count toward your total taxable income for the year. They can effectively push you into a higher tax bracket and possibly increase the taxes you pay for Social Security or Medicare.

A qualified charitable distribution - which is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian to a qualified charity (and the Environmental Defenders qualifies!) - can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions for the year. And, since the amount donated is excluded from your taxable income, it actually makes it possible to benefit a charity of your choice while saving you money!

There are certain rules that must be met, and it's best to consult with a tax advisor and/or your retirement fund administrator to determine exactly when you need to take RMDs and if a QCD is appropriate for your particular situation. Carl Edstrom, our Treasurer, can also provide direction on where to find more information.

If you qualify (or will soon) because of your age and can afford it, we hope you'll consider this tax-free option to help us continue to defend the environment in McHenry County!

## Welcome New Defenders' Members!



Andrew & Shila Khan- Schaumburg  
Katherine Weber- Woodstock  
Peter Waldmann- Wonder Lake  
Karen Meyer- Woodstock  
Emilie Hoffman- Crystal Lake  
Amelia Dawson- Fox River Grove  
Cassidy Hannah- Fox River Grove  
Angela Martin- Harvard  
Samantha Johnson- Wonder Lake  
Jessica & Connie Myjak- Crystal Lake  
Connie Happ- Woodstock  
Thomas Hall- Crystal Lake  
Jessica Phillips- Huntley  
Emily Froehle- Woodstock  
Gary Thrall- Marengo  
Jan Beverly- Woodstock



# UPDATE FROM MCHENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (MCSEEP)

By Pam King

This summer has been an exciting time for the McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program. Since opening registration on August 22, twelve schools in McHenry County have scheduled presentations for the coming school year. In anticipation of demand for our program, we have added two Environmental Educators - Jodi Stone and Andy Long. Also, there has been change in the directorship of MCSEEP as of September 1st, where Pamela King will be taking on the administrative and public relations role and Gigi Carlson will be joining Hannah Pfaff, Jodi and Andy in the classrooms. In September and October, we have already scheduled presentations for Prairiewood Elementary School in Woodstock, Goddard School in Lake in the Hills, Head Start in Woodstock and Landmark School in McHenry.

The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County has been the fiscal sponsor of MCSEEP since 2020. At this time, we would like to spotlight each of our Environmental Educators that make our program possible. Environmental Educators are the direct connection between our program and classrooms across McHenry County. This fall we will be spotlighting Hannah Pfaff.

Hannah is currently our longest-serving Environmental Educator. Hannah also served as co-director of MCSEEP during the change in our administration. Hannah organized our county fair participation and helped establish and maintain the Garden Club at North Elementary School in Crystal Lake, in addition to her teaching role throughout McHenry County classrooms. With Jodi Stone, Hannah also presented three environmental lessons she designed for our developing Pre-K outreach. The lessons Hannah developed were: The Importance of Native Pollinators, Worms Help Make Our Soil and Bio-Blitz: Exploring Diversity in Our Own Yards.

Hannah lives in rural Crystal Lake with her husband Jason and two children, Charlie and Georgia. She has been a Defender since 2018 and enjoys gardening and cooking. She has a great recipe for Garlic Mustard Pesto. We might as well eat our enemies!

Hannah, thank you for your continuing work with MCSEEP and bringing our environmental programs, both formal and informal, to the next generation of environmental defenders.



**HANNAH DEMONSTRATES HOW TO GENTLY HANDLE WORMS. JULY 2022.**



**HANNAH TEACHES "ROYAL COURT" AT THE MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR. AUGUST 2022.**



**HANNAH INTRODUCES OUR NATIVE POLLINATORS TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM GODDARD SCHOOL. JUNE 2022**

## 2022 Intern Reports

### Grace Rogers

This summer I worked with the Water and Natural Resources Protection Action Team, supervised by Nancy Schietzelt and Cindy Skrukud. We had a fun and action-packed summer! There were many restoration workdays at properties associated with or managed by the Defenders, such as the pollinator gardens at the County Administrative Building and the County Fairgrounds, along with Triangle, O'Brien, and Kishwaukee Headwaters Prairies. Additionally, I participated in various educational opportunities, such as a stream macroinvertebrate survey led by Randy Schietzelt and attending the Defenders' Best Management Practices talks and tours. Furthermore, I participated in and tabled at outreach events, such as the pollinator garden planting with Conversación de Conservación, the Pollinator Safari at Boloria Meadows, the County Fair, and the Monarch Mania Fest. Throughout the summer, I worked on finishing and editing a guide to pollinators started by previous interns (which can be found on the Defenders' website!) and creating games and educational materials for children to use at our outreach events. It's been a great summer, so thank you for your support!



**GRACE ROGERS SHOWS A CHILD FROM THE YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER HOW TO PLANT NATIVE PLANTS**

### Meghan McCann

During my time as a summer intern for the Waste Reduction Action Team, I worked closely with co-chairs Cecilia Carman and Michelle Muryn on one main focus: a food asset map of McHenry County. Since food waste is a huge problem in our society, I wanted to find a way to decrease the amount that we discard. This food asset map was created to help reduce food waste and food insecurity in the county by displaying the uneven distribution of food resources. By revealing these patterns, the map lays the groundwork for future partnerships between food donors (farms, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.) and recipients (food pantries) to direct food that would have otherwise been thrown out to people who need it. I also had the opportunity to network with many individuals and organizations, including members of the McHenry County Health Department's "Produce Project," whose mission of providing fresh food to food insecure families was complementary to the mission of my own project. Overall, I gained many valuable skills and connections from this internship, and I am so grateful that I was granted this opportunity. Thank you to Cynthia, Cecilia, Michelle, and everyone else who helped me throughout the summer!

### Alex Wojnicki

This summer as an environmental justice (EJ) intern, I was tasked with researching EJ issues in our county. I spoke with local officials and farmers regarding food insecurity, water-related issues and broad environmental discrimination. My time spent with the Defenders taught me how to educate and inform the public as to what environmental injustices exist. I had many people connect with me regarding their issues in their own communities, and I referred them to the EPA and other resources. The community was responsive to my concerns of environmental issues and I had many good conversations with people, such as Shannon from Ramshackle farms in Harvard and Karen Mooney from the Defenders. They were helpful and honest with their advice. I put together an extensive survey with questions regarding the issues in our county and received great responses and presented the information to the board. I am proud of the work I did this summer along with all the friendly faces I met. Thank you Cynthia and Destiny for helping me along the way, and all the caring people I met.



## Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser Seeking Volunteers

It's time to prepare for the annual Christmas tree sale! This is an opportunity for you to volunteer to help sell cut-your-own Christmas trees at the Howenstines' Pioneer Tree Farm, one of our business members. Defenders get a portion of the sales, and if you work a day or more you earn a free tree.

We need greeters, tractor drivers, shakers and balers, and warming house attendants and bakers. There will be crafts available for purchase from approved vendors. Volunteers are needed for Friday after Thanksgiving, and the two weekends after. Call the Howenstines, 815-385-8512, to volunteer.



## Baked Goods are back at the Christmas Tree Farm!

By Anne Basten

After two years without your delicious baked items at the Pioneer Tree Farm, we are back in business! We need your cookies, candies, brownies, and bar cookies! Make them now and freeze them before you get all tied up with the Holidays yourself. They freeze at the farm anyway. Under the Health Department rules, they must be pre-portioned in your home kitchen and labeled with the product name which includes possible allergens such as "mint chocolate chip with nuts" or if you are making gluten free, then include that in the name. Avoid cupcakes and anything with soft icing as they do not hold up well with kids rummaging through the baskets. Also, the Health Department says no custard fillings or cheesecake bites 😞. All will be sold for \$1 per pre-portioned package to make it easier on the volunteers doing the selling and the counting. The Warming House is busy!

Portion size is: Two 2" or larger cookies, two small brownies or two small bar cookies per package. If the servings are smaller, then include 3 items. If you make giant cookies or brownies or bar cookies, then only 1 would be sufficient. Candy should be packaged in \$1 valued packages (depends on the cost of the ingredients).

Packaging: All items must be packaged in clear or see-through plastic (yes, we do not like plastic, but it is a sanitation thing). Small sandwich or snack size zip locking bags work great or the "Press and Seal" type plastic wrap. The plain plastic wrap comes off too easily and cellophane taping them closed makes them unrecyclable, so let's practice what we preach. All packages need to be labeled with their contents, especially if they contain allergens. A sharpie type marker works great on the outside or a slip of paper can be inserted in each package. Example: "mint choc chip with nuts". Your donation bag/box must have your name and phone number (per Health Department) on it but that info should not be on each package.

Dates needed:

November 25th, 26th, and 27th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

December 3rd, and 4th (Saturday and Sunday)

Your donations can be dropped off at the Defenders Office or at the Green Spot or Green Read books stores Monday-Wednesday before Thanksgiving or weekdays before 3 pm until December 2nd but please call Anne Basten at (815) 344-5647 (leave a message - landline so no texts) to let me know who you are, when and where the packages will be dropped off, so I will know approximately how many items are coming in (and if I need to make calls for more baking!). Even one batch makes an impact, but we rarely have leftovers, so the more, the better. Any questions? Call Anne Basten (815-344-5647) or the Defenders office at (815) 338-0393.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2022 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9 – 11AM DEFENDERS' PROPERTY ON DEAN STREET**

Make a Difference Day is celebrated annually in October. If you have ever wondered if your actions can make a difference, the answer is yes! Make a Difference Day was created in 1992 by *USA Weekend* magazine and joined by Points of Light. Together they sponsored the largest national day of community service for more than twenty years. While the organizations no longer support Make a Difference Day, the observance still impacts communities around the country. Volunteers and organizations such as the Defenders have taken up the banner to help their communities in many different ways. We have taken part in this day of service for many years by organizing volunteers to help remove invasives and collect trash at our property on Dean Street in order to improve habitat for native plant and animal species.

On Saturday, October 15 you're invited to "make a difference" by helping with restoration efforts at the Defenders' Kishwaukee Headwaters property on Dean Street in Woodstock as part of the national Make A Difference Day celebration. Volunteers will be removing invasive species along the north side of our property as we continue to remove the last of the buckthorn and honeysuckle. We'll also be collecting trash around the perimeter of our property as well as the Soil and Water Conservation District property. The event will begin at 9am and conclude at 11am.



Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes, gloves and boots and meet at the Soil & Water Conservation District building at 2222 S. Dean Street (corner of Dean and Route 14). All necessary equipment and snacks will be provided. Please bring your own water. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Nancy Schietzelt at [buroak92@gmail.com](mailto:buroak92@gmail.com) or call the office at 815-338-0393. Come help us make a positive difference in our environment and enjoy some time outdoors!

## **JOIN US FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL GREEN LIVING EXPO AT MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 10AM-3PM, FREE ADMISSION!**

We are so excited to bring the Expo back in person! All our favorites - Duke's, Foodshed, Goodwill, Magitek Energy Solutions, MCCD, WPPC and many more will be at Expo, plus some great new friends! Businesses and organizations with sustainable options such as carpet cleaning, personal care products and beekeeping will be ready to chat with you about how to be more sustainable but stay within your budget.

We will also have vegan and vegetarian food trucks (and donuts!). We will be collecting and composting all the waste from the trucks – no Styrofoam permitted. Joining the food trucks outside will be a very special exhibit - a 2,500-gallon fish tank. This popular outdoor exhibit showcases native fish in a huge tank! So much fun to watch them swim around and try to identify your favorites. No fishing 😊, just watching.

We hope to see you there!

Questions? Please contact [sustainability@mchenry.edu](mailto:sustainability@mchenry.edu)





### Defenders at the McHenry County Fair

Since 2010 the Environmental Defenders have participated in the McHenry County Fair to share environmental information related to recycling, waste reduction, water resources protection, habitat improvement for pollinators, etc. This year's informational display was located in the hoop house in Conservation World and staffed by many volunteers, including our summer interns. Visitors helped themselves to free reusable bags, children's activities, and lots of handouts about protecting our environment. Our volunteers spent most of their time outside by our pollinator garden playing a monarch migration game, supplied by MCSEEP, with visitors and teaching them to use an online app called Seek to identify the plants and insects they found in our pollinator garden. A big thank you goes out to all our volunteers who helped provide environmental education to many fairgoers as well as obtaining four new members for the Defenders!



### C de C Latino Conservation Week Picnic

By Kaina Gonzalez

This summer was C de C's best Latino Conservation picnic yet! Over 70 attendees, many of whom were visiting Pleasant Valley Conservation Area for the first time; enjoyed live music by Mariachi Festival; delicious tacos from Teresita Tacos; and a guided, bilingual hike. Many families learned about the event through social media, word of mouth or from the flyer posted throughout Woodstock and Harvard. The goal of this picnic was to celebrate and connect Latino community members to the natural beauty and opportunities for environmental involvement that exist within the county. Throughout the duration of the picnic, questions were asked in regard to the environment, stories were shared and many expressed their desire to come back and explore other sites. These questions, stories, and desire to explore the sites were indicators of a successful event and a goal achieved. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year better than ever. To many more picnics! Photos by Destiny Seaton





## Charging Up the Future

By Cynthia Kanner

Over the past three years, the Environmental Defenders has been very fortunate to provide EV charging stations to two municipalities in our county, Woodstock and Crystal Lake, and the county itself. Currently, The Defenders is in beginning stages of working with the City of Harvard to possibly partner on bringing EV charging to the western part of our county. We are grateful for the support of the Full Circle Foundation, a donation from Barbara Oughton for the purpose of climate change mitigation and clean energy efforts and to the towns and county that budgeted for this new endeavor.

With additional charging stations available to the public, folks in our county will be more willing to purchase electric vehicles while at the same time supporting their towns' efforts to be part of the broader clean energy future in Illinois. The current (pun intended!) locations for Defenders' charging stations are the City of Woodstock at the Metra-Throop Street parking lot, the City of Crystal Lake downtown train station by the gazebo and in front of the County Courthouse in Woodstock. Woodstock can charge two cars simultaneously and is a Clipper Creek station, as is the county's, where there are two stations (one also purchased by the county itself) so that four cars can be accommodated. The City of Crystal Lake has a Juice Box station and can charge one car. At the moment, the Woodstock and county stations are free of charge. The Environmental Defenders is very grateful for the partnerships that help make this continuing program possible and encourages businesses and municipalities alike to take advantage of the current incentive program available in the State of Illinois to bring even more electric charging to our county.



## GREEN READ BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

There are now two book clubs meeting at The Green Read! The Green Readers meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7pm. Book selections are chosen by the members for the upcoming year each December and cover a wide range of genres and topics. Nature Nerds is our newest book club and focuses on fiction and nonfiction with environmental themes. Their meetings are on the 4th Thursday at 7pm but may not meet every month, depending on the length of the book chosen. To receive meeting reminders by email or for more information, please email [thegreenreadbookstore@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenreadbookstore@gmail.com) and indicate which book club(s) you are interested in. Anyone is always welcome at either meeting!

### THE GREEN READERS

- October 13: The Rich Part of Life by Jim Kokoris
- November 10: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- December 8: My Mother's Secret by J.L. Witterick

### NATURE NERDS

- October 27: Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
- November 24: Thanksgiving NO MEETING
- December 22: TBA
- January 26: One Square Inch of Silence by Gordon Hempton





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.

We are thrilled to embrace the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act! The IRA is a step toward a more responsible environmental policy. The IRA will reduce carbon emissions roughly 40% while creating more than 9 million good paying jobs. Find out more at: Group Discussion Topic - CCL Community ([citizensclimate.org](https://citizensclimate.org))

We are helping reach our Elected Representatives by making and logging calls for CCL. Join us in this easy to do essential project! Visit the sight for more ideas and instructions. <https://community.citizensclimate.org/tools#action-tools>  
When you sign up, you will be asked to call your representatives each month, be given a script and direction.

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

The IL McHenry County CCL Chapter meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Email [tpdieckhoff@ameritech.net](mailto:tpdieckhoff@ameritech.net) for more information and directions to the meeting. Our Facebook page has important updates and information specifically for McHenry County. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/276199626119190/>  
See you at the meeting!

Save  
the  
Date

## Environmental Defenders' Annual Membership Dinner Meeting

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2022  
4PM - 7PM**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS'  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER  
MEETING & SILENT AUCTION –  
AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUEST  
SPEAKER!**

**LOCATION: TBA**

**DINNER TICKETS \$50 PER MEMBER  
AND \$60 FOR NON-MEMBER  
GUESTS.**

**TABLE PURCHASING INFORMATION  
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### DEFENDERS' STAFF

**Destiny Seaton, Communication &  
Membership Specialist**

**Sue Jensen & Pam Johnson, Co-  
Managers, The Green Read and The  
Green Spot**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

## October

### 15th | Recycling Drive

9am- noon

McHenry County Courthouse, Woodstock

### 15th | Make a Difference Day

9am-11am

Defenders' Dean Street Property

## November

### 5th | Green Living Expo

10am- 3pm

McHenry County College

### 26th- Dec 4 | Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday & Sundays 9am- 4pm

Pioneer Tree Farm

## December

### 9th | Holiday Open House

5- 8pm

Defenders' Office, Woodstock Square Mall

## Recurring Events

### FIRST WED OF EVERY MONTH |

#### Green Drinks

Co-sponsored by The Environmental Defenders & Duke's Alehouse & Kitchen

5-7pm in-person at Duke's

6:00 - 7:00pm Virtually on Zoom

(Registration required for Zoom)

### FOURTH SUN OF EVERY MONTH |

#### Sterne's Fen Restoration Work Day

9:00 - 11:00am

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