

WALKtheTALK

SGFMC Action for Justice News

This is a limited compilation of **CURRENT** opportunities for action. **Additional suggestions are welcomed at:** marynpaul@comcast.net We will make every effort to share them as quickly as possible.

Earth Month Special - APRIL 2024



"**EARTHDAY.ORG** is unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040...Join us as we build a plastic-free planet for generations to come!" <https://www.earthday.org/> **[Earth Day is April 22, 2024]**

"It's estimated that humans inhale up to 22Million micro- and nano-plastics annually." **[That's equivalent to eating a credit card per week!]** https://www.ciel.org/breathing-plastic-the-health-impacts-of-invisible-plastics-in-the-air/#_ftn24

Discover your plastics footprint: <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/>



2nd Annual "Trash Bash" – SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 10AM-2PM, Miller Meadow South (1st

Ave. south of Roosevelt Road, across from Loyola Hospital) – Drop off hard-to-recycle items such as electronics and small appliances, prescription drugs, books, bikes, musical instruments, clothing and textiles. Many other family-friendly events are scheduled. Details at <https://fpdcc.com/event/2nd-annual-trash-bash/>



APRIL 17th – 23rd (Opportunities for virtual and in-person viewing)

<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az>

 **River Forest Park District** **DES PLAINES RIVER CLEAN UP** (Riverbank and Thatcher Woods): **April 20th, 8AM-10AM – Details and registration HERE: <https://www.rfparks.com/earth-day-events>**



The Official Website of the

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Earth Day Park Clean Up at Austin Town Hall April 20th, 9AM-Noon, 5610 W. Lake Street <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/earth-day-park-clean-austin-town-hall#description>



Oak Parkers are invited to safely dispose of **sensitive documents** and **foam products with the No. 6 symbol** at a free paper shredding and foam recycling event scheduled for **9 a.m. to noon, Sat., April 20** at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd."

FULL DETAILS HERE: <https://www.oak-park.us/newsletters/marchapril-2024/paper-shredding-and-foam-recycling-event>



International Compost Awareness Week 2024 – May 5th – 11th

("COMPOST – Nature’s Climate Champion") <https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home>

Also: **ICAW FOR TEACHERS** <https://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-for-Teachers>

(Downloads, videos, and free copies of *A Garden for Every Child: Reconnecting Children with Nature*)

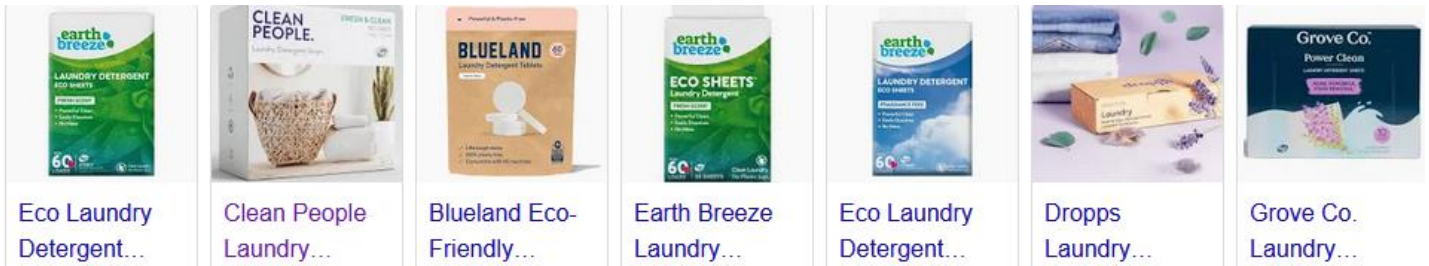


SAVE THE DATE: 2024 MAY 9th - CLIMATE LOBBY DAY in Springfield

"This year, environmentalists will come together to push for legislation that advances our policy goals in the Power, Buildings, and Transportation sectors while also creating good jobs, protecting consumers, and safeguarding our communities. **JOIN US** at Lobby Day to rally at the statehouse and meet with your state representative and senator about these critical bills. [Sign up to attend Climate Lobby Day](https://ilenviro.org/2024-climate-action-lobby-day/) on May 9! **Be sure to check off "Sierra Club Illinois"** on the sign-up link. <https://ilenviro.org/2024-climate-action-lobby-day/>

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(Deep thanks to "green champion" Mary Swion for much of this great information!)