



upcoming events 2010

march

13, & 20: **Vegetable Gardening.** 10 a.m. - noon.
Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St.

27: **Start Your Own Seeds.** Taught by Charlie Ruedebusch from Cheney Mansion. 1 - 3 p.m.
Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St.

april

1 & 8: **Gardening 101 - Basic plant care.** New to the neighborhood and don't know where to begin with that beautiful garden? This is the class for you.
7 - 9 p.m. Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St.
\$40 fee.

6: **Green Tuesday Lecture - Our Community Garden.** Understanding the benefits of creating a community garden to support locally grown vegetables, container gardening and composting. 7 - 9 p.m.
Oak Park Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd.

7: **Small Gardens.** You may think that your urban lot is too small to have a beautiful garden. Learn the special techniques used to create a serene, inviting garden in a small space. Learn what makes a garden unique and how these special elements can be incorporated into your own private retreat. Instructor: Mike Kolaczewski, Landscape Consultant. 7 - 9 p.m.
Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St. \$30 fee.

11: **Green Sunday.** Cheney Mansion, 220 N. Euclid Ave.

17: **Tool Sharpening.** Learn the recommended method to clean and sharpen common garden tools and review the best practices and safety measures for accident-free gardening. Bring two small hand tools to sharpen in this hands-on workshop.
Instructor: Don Nekrosius, Master Gardener. 9 - 11 a.m. Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St. \$20 fee.

22: **Herbs for Your Health.** Learn the herbs you should grow and the herbs you should know, for a healthier, happier life. We' will look at the cultivation requirements (as well as practical home uses) of both the better and the lesser known garden herbs for our area, and you'll be a sage in no thyme. This class is essential for anyone who gardens on a balcony or in containers on a patio - both ideal locations to grow herbs Instructor: Mel Zaloudek, Horticulturist and Landscape Consultant. 7 - 9 p.m.
Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St. \$30 fee.

24: **Earth Fest.** The Village's first Earth Fest is intended to spread awareness about environmental issues, support environmental initiatives, highlight Oak Park's dedication to sustainability and build momentum for the environmental movement. A kid-friendly indoor festival featuring family friendly, eco-related activities. For more information on participating, call 708.358.5778 or e-mail village@oak-park.us. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Oak Park Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd.

may

8: **Rain Barrels Work.** You did your part to help the environment by purchasing your first rain barrel and it looks very decorative sitting in your yard. So now, take the next step to make it a functioning tool in your garden. This workshop will demonstrate how to install and effectively use a rain barrel, how to manage it in the winter and how to add additional barrels as needed. Instructor: Andrea Green, Owner of Gardens by Design. 10 a.m. - noon. Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St. \$20 fee.

june

26: **Garden Walk.** Private and public garden displays featuring colorful vegetable gardens, creative garden designs, and artistic touches. Tickets available at the Oak Park Conservatory, the Oak Park Area Convention and Visitors Center, and local gardening merchants beginning May 1. For more information call 708.386.4700. Tickets \$15 in advance.