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Earth Fest set for Sat., April 24

More than 30 vendors and a host of local businesses will be participating in the first ever Earth Fest set for this Sat., April 24 in honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

Vendor booths and a variety of kid-friendly activities will be available from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd. Children’s activities will include planting seedlings, composting demonstrations and readings of eco-themed books. Vendors will be selling eco-wares including clothing, personal care items, books and garden items. Other offerings include:

- Interactive energy conservation exercise from Chicago Solar Architects
- Free snacks and chair massages from Harmonious Places
- Live chickens and custom-built cages from Home to Roost
- Solar energy display from New Edison Energy
- Remote-controlled, solar-powered toy car race from Green Envelope Construction
- Cats and dogs available for adoption from Animal Care League

An appearance by Miss Cook County also is planned, and musician Kevin Durr will perform throughout the day.

Oak Park businesses also will be honoring Earth Day by hosting eco-related events and sales, including giving away tickets for a drawing for eco-friendly prizes that evening. Tickets should be brought to the Avenue Ale House, 825 S. Oak Park Ave., for *Raise a Glass to Mother Earth*, the final event of the day, which begins at 6 p.m. Tickets should be turned in to the drawing station by 6:45 p.m. and the drawing will begin at 7 p.m.

Raise a Glass to Mother Earth also will feature musician Kevin Durr, along with a performance by the Oak Park Farmers’ Market Band.

A map listing many of the participating businesses is posted at www.oak-park.us/environment – just click on the Earth Fest logo and look for the link.

For more information on Earth Fest, call 708.358.5778 or e-mail village@oak-park.us.

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Participating Businesses



- 1. Barclay's American Grille**, 1120 Pleasant St., Goose Island Green Tree Pale Ale (on tap) drink special.
- 2. Classic Cinemas (Lake Theatre)** 1022 Lake St
- 3. Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest** 1001 Lake St., Open a *Green Leaf* checking account and Community Bank will donate \$10 to Seven Generations Ahead. All bank visitors will also receive a reusable shopping bag.
- 4. Fly Bird**, 719 Lake St. Free reusable bags with purchase of \$40 or more while supplies last. Bike to Fly Bird and save 15% off your purchase.
- 5. Green Home Experts**, 823 S. Oak Park Ave., On-site activities, 20% off compost bins. Plant sale by Forest Park Community Garden. Green Envelope Construction will have weatherization packages, solar installation information & energy reduction talk.
- 6. Marion Street Cheese Market** 100 S. Marion St.
- 7. O Joy Kids Consignment** 823 S. Oak Park Ave. 10% off total purchase storewide on April 24 only.
- 8. Oak Park Arms**, 408 S. Oak Park Ave.
- 9. Oak Park Public Library**, 834 Lake St., Earth Day-themed story time at 10 a.m.
- 10. Oak Park Animal Care League Second Chance Shop**, 159 S. Oak Park Ave., 25% off sale.
- 11. Pamela Penney Textile Arts**, 130 Harrison St.
- 12. Poor Phil's**, 139 S. Marion St., Free pine tree saplings while supplies last.
- 13. Sirius Cooks**, 142 Harrison St., Biodegradable poop bags 50% off, free homemade worm food for composters while supplies last or if they buy a composter from Green Home Experts (must have receipt).
- 14. Ten Thousand Villages**, 121 N. Marion St. Forty products in the store that are made from recycled materials will be flagged.
- 15. Unity Temple Restoration Foundation**, 875 Lake St., Free tours of Unity Temple that emphasize green architecture, geothermal and other green features of the building from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free with a bike helmet.
- 16. Wonder Works Museum**, 6445 North Ave. Nature Stations will be added to encourage outdoor exploration and to build an affinity for nature. Hands on activities for children will also be available 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.