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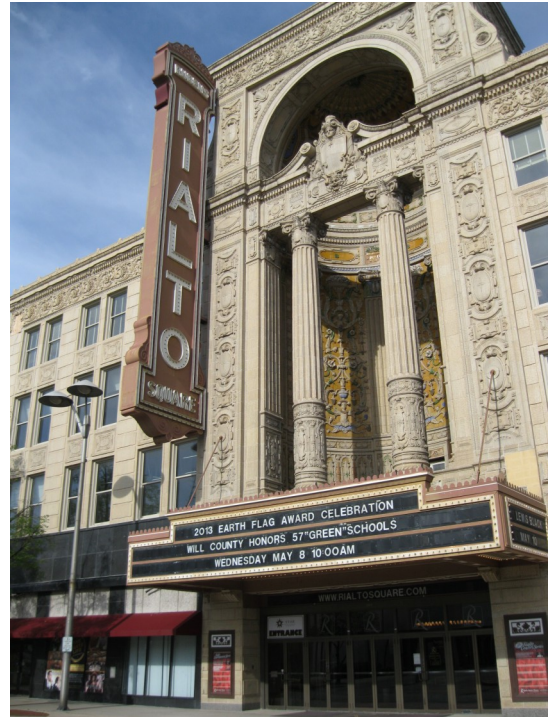
Environmental News for Will County Schools  
From the Will County Land Use Department/Resource Recovery & Energy Division  
Spring 2014

## **Earth Award Celebration** **Wednesday, May 7th** *back to the Rialto Theatre*



The Will County 2013/2014 Earth Award Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at the beautiful Rialto Theatre in Joliet. The theatre is located at 15 East Van Buren Street. Our celebration will run from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Dave Di-Naso's Traveling World of Reptiles will give a 40-minute presentation that may include hands-on opportunities for your students.

We are also requesting that each student attending this year's festivities bring one or two used, unwanted books for donation to our June Book Event. An area for collecting these books will be set up in the lobby of the Rialto along with flyers about the upcoming Will County event.



If you are an Earth Flag school this school year, please reply to [whyzer@willcountygreen.com](mailto:whyzer@willcountygreen.com) or 815-774-7893 to reserve your space, or notify us that your school will not be able to attend. We need to know how many people (students and adults) plan to attend, and if this is your school's first year participating in the Earth Award Program. We are very excited to be in the Rialto for the second year! We have space to accommodate all, and will not have to impose any limits regarding the size of your group. If you cannot bring a student group, you may still send a representative (administrator or parent) to receive your school's award. If you are not able to attend or send a representative, Will County will deliver your school's award before the end of the school year.

Not an Earth Flag Participant?  
Get information for the 2014-2015 school year by calling 815-774-7893.



## Will County's 2014 Book Recycling Event

*Reuse event open to the public, June 6-8*



This year we are offering schools and libraries a 10-day opportunity from June 2-8 to drop off unwanted books for reuse or recycling. This provides a great event for Earth Flag award participants. Will County will recognize your efforts and will acknowledge the contribution towards your Earth Flag accreditation. Donations made by students and families from a school will also be counted toward the school's contribution.

This program is entirely free. Please note, however, that schools and libraries **must** unload their own books and bring them inside the Nature Center.

**WHEN:** June 2 — June 8, 2014

9 am to 4 pm

(Drop-off open every day, but open to the public June 6-8)

**WHERE:** Joliet Park District's

Pilcher Park Nature Center

2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Route 30 Cass St. to Highland Park Drive, Pilcher Park. Follow signs to Nature Center Building.

Event Sponsor: Will County Land Use Department, Resource Recovery and Energy Division

Visit: [www.willcountygreen.com](http://www.willcountygreen.com) or call 815-727-8834 for more information.

Location Sponsor: Joliet Park District, Pilcher Park Nature Center

## Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Collections

*Two events in Will County this May*

Are bottles and cans of household hazardous waste filling every shelf in your garage? Don't worry. You have an opportunity to dispose of your oil-based paint, stains, varnishes, anti-freeze, brake fluid, pesticides, fertilizers, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs, and aerosol products this spring.

While you are cleaning out your shelves, take a look around for any broken or unwanted electronic items. This can include computers, TVs, video game players, and an array of other materials.

Bring all of these items to one of two collection events this May:



**Saturday, May 3**

**Mokena Hickory Creek Metra Parking Lot**

**9430 Hickory Creek Drive**

**Mokena, IL**

**8:00 am - 3:00 pm**



**Saturday, May 31**

**Wm. B. Orenic School**

**Troy School District Parking Lot**

**5820 W. Theodore St.**

**Plainfield, IL**

**8:00 am - 3:00 pm**



For a map and more information, check  
[www.willcountygovern.com](http://www.willcountygovern.com)

## Textile Recycling Event

*Clean out your closets*

Bring your old and unwanted clothing, table linens, bed sheets, drapes, towels, shoes, and more for a one-week reuse and recycling event in the heart of Joliet. Textiles may be dropped off only during normal working hours:



**April 28 - May 2**

**County Office Building**

**302 N. Chicago St.**

**Joliet, IL**

**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**





**From our May 2013  
Earth Flag Awards  
Day**



*Please POST for faculty or pass to Environmental Teacher/Club*

**FROM:**  
**www.willcountygreen.com**  
**Will County Land Use Department**  
**Resource Recovery and Energy Division**  
**58 East Clinton**  
**Joliet IL, 60432**

**TO:**



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