



Save the Date



Goodwill at GR2012
May 19 8am-3pm

Featured Environmental Program



Series at JJC
Campus Center Room
A1061
Vanishing Bees
May 1 - 6pm
As honeybees disappear at an alarming rate, filmmakers probe the political, economic, and ecological overtones of "Colony Collapse Disorder." In illustrating the ancient connection between the human race and the honeybee,

Keep the GREEN Going!

The green events and celebrations just keep coming throughout May. Get out with friends, family or neighbors to enjoy one or more of the many activities being offered throughout the County.



Local Environmental Fair

Saturday, May 5 10am-3pm

Plainfield United Methodist Church is participating in a global event on May 6 called "Change the World". They are open to the community for electronic and battery recycling. The address is 15114 S Illinois Street and for more information call (815) 351-9004



Sunday Electronics Event

Sunday, May 6 9:30am-12pm Noon

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Textile Collection Event

All Week, May 7-11 8:30am-4:30pm

The Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division will host its annual textile collection event the week with assistance from USAgain and WJOL. Collections bins will be available during normal business hours on the first floor lobby of the Will County Office Building, 302 N. Chicago Street, Joliet. Items accepted



filmmakers attempt not only to solve this disturbing mystery, but to provide us with suggestions for reversing it. 1hr, 27 mins

Dirt

May 8 - 6pm

The amazing and little known story of the relationship between humans and living dirt. It feeds us, gives us shelter, holds and cleans our water. Dirt heals us and makes us beautiful. Dirt regulates the earth's climate. Dirt is the ultimate natural resource for all life on earth. The film offers a vision of a sustainable relationship between Humans and Dirt through profiles of the global visionaries.

Carbon Nation

May 15 - 6pm

An optimistic, solutions-based, non-partisan documentary that illustrates why it's incredibly smart to be a part of the new, low-carbon economy: it's good business, it emboldens national and energy security, and it improves health and the environment. Through a cast of engaging and endearing characters from across the country, in towns big and small, Carbon Nation introduces a new wave of American ingenuity. Creative solutions are already being available. 1hr, 26 mins.

include gym shoes, boots, shoes, pants, shirts and dresses as well as drapes, tablecloths and towels. Items with stains, broken zippers, rips or missing buttons will be accepted for recycling. Cotton and polyester can be recycled into other items.

Homer Glen Earth Fair



Saturday, May 19 1pm-4pm

Celebrate Earth Day~Arbor Day at the Konow Farm located near 167th St. & Cedar Rd. Free Admission includes exhibitors, demonstrators, family fun with recycling, pony & hay rides, Master Gardeners, green solutions, environmentally friendly products, crafts and items for sale..

Celebrating Sustainability

Saturday, May 19 Opens at 8am & 9am



For the 3rd year in a row, the 3rd Saturday of May is the climax of a series of Earth Day events, including an award for Sustainability (*given to Steve Tiwald for his dedication and success with educating others on organic farming*) and a series of environmental topic movie & discussion events that lead to a single day of family fun, exhibits, seminars and, of course, recycling opportunities.

Will County has been a proud to be one of nearly a dozen local government and educational organizational partners. That is coupled with nearly two dozen funding sponsors to bring entertainment, exhibits and activities to the community. Thousands of folks went through Joliet Library on Black Road in past but due to the growth of the event, it is being held at Joliet Junior College for the first time this year. Consider the array of FREE events:

Live music, classroom presentations, student art exhibit, petting zoo, climbing wall, dozens of exhibitors, free give-aways and enormous collection event called **Recyclepalooza running 8am - 3pm**. This event is



**Wednesday, May 9
JJC at 6pm**

Dr. Sandra Steingraber is an internationally recognized ecologist, author, and cancer survivor. She has keynoted conferences on health and the environment throughout the U.S. and Canada, and has lectured at many universities, including Harvard and Yale. She is speaking at JJC. After the presentation, a dessert reception and book signing will be held. Due to limited seating availability, reservations are required for the presentation: visit www.jjc.edu/info/grow to make reservations.

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May 2012

an opportunity to really clean out your house in the greenest way possible:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection- offered by Will County
Electronics Collection - offered by Will County and Vintage Tech Recyclers



Scrap Metal Collection - offered by Acme with proceeds donated back for GR2013 includes screens, car parts, drain spouts, etc.

Medical Device Collection - offered by Little Sisters of Mercy

Textile and Home Goods Collection offered by Goodwill, which will also accept toys, sheets, towels, tablecloths, curtains, and small furniture



Jewelry Drive - offered by JJC for repurposing

Foam Plastic (such as Styrofoam) Recycling - offered by DART includes block pieces



American Flag Collection for ceremonial destruction

Non-working Pens and Markers - offered by JJC for recycling

Cookie Wrapping & Tray Collection - offered by Terracycle through Plainfield School volunteer

Finish the day with a Communitywide Picnic featuring a live band on the lawn from 4pm-7pm

More information is available at www.celebratingsustainability.com

Book Reuse, Recycling & Paper Shredding Event

For over a decade, Will County has offered an annual Book Collection Event where people may bring unwanted soft and hard cover books to be placed on tables for others to take. Everyone is welcome to take books for FREE. All materials remaining are recycled. For the past few years, this event has expanded to include document



destruction services. Residents place sensitive paperwork in a sealed container to be shredded by a company offsite and recycled. Share with friends and relatives, there is certain to be something for everyone at the Annual Book Reuse and Recycling Event.

Plicher Park Nature Center - Friday, Saturday & Sunday
2501 Highland Park Drive - June 8, 9, & 10
Joliet, IL, 60432 - 9am to 4pm daily

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