



## VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION



Thursday, November 16, 2023  
Terrace Room – Second Floor  
Village Hall – 1225 Cedar Lane

### AGENDA

#### 5:30 P.M.

- 1) Call To Order
- 2) Review of Minutes – February 28, 2023
- 3) Hear From the Audience – Items not on the agenda
- 4) Community Planning Report
- 5) Community Moments
- 6) 2023 Earth Month Events
- 7) Updates on Other Items
  - a) Communication Initiatives & Messaging
  - b) Solar Permit Data
  - c) Recycling & Waste Data – Solid Waste, Recycling, Compost, E-waste, Textiles, Plastic Bags
- 8) Old Business
- 9) New Business
- 10) Remarks for the Good of the Order
- 11) Next Scheduled Meeting – April 20, 2023
- 12) Adjourn.

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***Jeremy Reynolds, Chair of the Sustainability Commission***



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK**

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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**TO:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
**FROM:** TESSA MURRAY, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR  
**DATE:** MARCH 16, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY MOMENTS

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On March 16, 2023, the Sustainability Commission will schedule topic and presenter assignments for Community Moment presentations during Regular Board of Trustees meetings in 2023.

Regular board meetings are scheduled for 7:30pm at Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The Community Moment is part of the regular board meeting agendas under the Village President's Report, which is towards the beginning of the meeting. The Community Moment rotates each meeting between topics relating to sustainability or DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion).

The Sustainability Commissioners are responsible for planning and coordinating the Community Moments focused on sustainability. The following meeting dates are those in which sustainability will be the focus of the Community Moment:

- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26

The goal of this presentation is to educate the public on issues and opportunities pertaining to sustainability. Presentations should be 2-3 minutes long, with option to include audio / visual capabilities given advanced notice.

At this time staff is asking the Commission to prepare topics to be addressed during the next four Community Moments on sustainability. Commissioners are expected to present at least one Community Moment per year. Commissioners are expected to have responses prepared for the March 16 meeting.



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**FROM:** TESSA MURRAY, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR  
**DATE:** MARCH 16, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 EARTH MONTH EVENTS

On March 16, 2023, the Sustainability Commission will review Village events planned for Earth Month.

The below listed events are shared in the March-April Village print newsletter and on the website at [www.northbrook.il.us/earthday](http://www.northbrook.il.us/earthday). This page also hosts the virtual vendor fair which promotes events and information from partner organizations.

Membership is encouraged to attend and participate in the Village Earth Month events on behalf of the Sustainability Commission.

**1. April 1, 9am-12pm: Earth Month Kickoff Celebration at Somme Woods**

The Village will co-host an ecological restoration workday alongside the leadership of Somme Woods Community experts. Dress for the weather, expect to get muddy, and bring gloves and water to drink. For more information on what to expect, visit the brush cutting webpage. For first-time volunteers, RSVP to [sommepreserve@gmail.com](mailto:sommepreserve@gmail.com).

**2. April 22, 9am-12pm: Earth Day Recycling Event at the West Metra Commuter Lot**

Residents can drop off any of the following items: Paint (oil/latex only, no thinners or solvents); Molded Styrofoam; Tires; Printer Cartridges; CFL, LED, and Tube Fluorescent Bulbs; Computers, TVs, Other Electronics; Residential Document Shredding; Household Batteries; and Bicycles (adult bikes in repairable condition and gently used kids bikes).

**3. April 28, 3pm-5pm: Arbor Day Seedling Giveaway at Village Hall**

Stop by Village Hall for a free tree seedling, available first-come first-serve until supplies last.

**4. April 30, 1pm-2:30pm: Earth Month Work Day at Techny Prairie Trail Through Time**

Celebrate Earth Month at this community event which will include removal of woody invasive species, litter pick-up, educational discussions, and free giveaways! This sustainability project is brought to you by Monarchs, Milkweed and More, Northbrook Park District, and the Village of Northbrook. The event is free to attend, but pre-registration is required to ensure we have materials for all interested volunteers. Register at [www.nbparks.org/earthmonth](http://www.nbparks.org/earthmonth).