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How climate change will impact Evanston and your constituents: Learn more and weigh in

**Wednesday, May 9, 9 to 10:30am
(check-in & breakfast beginning at 8:30 am)
Lower Level Dining Room, 1560 Sherman Ave.**

rsvp@evanstonforever.org

This meeting is a unique opportunity for all nonprofits that serve the Evanston community, and not just for organizations that focus on the environment. ECF invites the entire nonprofit community to meet with Kumar Jensen, the City of Evanston's sustainability coordinator, about the anticipated impact of climate change on Evanston and how we can work together to respond to these challenges. As organizations that serve Evanston, it's important to be engaged in this issue. While climate change will impact everyone, vulnerable populations will be impacted the most. Nonprofits are already leading the way in strengthening Evanston's social resilience, but climate change will exacerbate existing issues and create new ones. We need to be prepared.

The Mayor's Climate Action and Resilience Plan Working Group (CARP), along with the City's Office of Sustainability, have identified strategies for our community to lower carbon emissions and work on climate change responses. CARP wants to know the challenges that you and your organizations face, how they may be increased by climate change, and work together to identify the best solutions. This meeting is a great first step in that effort.

More information about CARP's process can be found at cityofevanston.org/government/climate or you can email sustainability@cityofevanston.org.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Join us for this year's final
FREE workshop on Thursday, June 21:
Tracking Success: Moving Past Overhead to Measure
Impact**



Charity Navigator burst onto the nonprofit scene in the 1990's and brought new scrutiny to how much nonprofits spent on overhead. Now the tide is turning and it's becoming more understood that some types of overhead, like marketing and investment in staff, are necessary if nonprofits are to grow and thrive. But without using overhead as a guide, how can you measure the efficiency or overall health of a nonprofit? In this session, we'll give you some tools you can implement to demonstrate or measure your nonprofit's impact and growth. Facilitators: Marilyn Foster Kirk, M.Ed. CFRE and Amy Funk.

[Click here to register](#)

Join ECF for a unique Evanston bus tour & lunch on Saturday, May 19

See Evanston as you've never seen it before with this custom *Snapshot Evanston* tour! Learn the fascinating history of our community and see how Evanston's past and present connect. Join Vice-President of Programs, Marybeth Schroeder, as she leads the bus tour. Following the tour, ECF's President and CEO, Monique Jones, will share her observations about Evanston at a local Evanston restaurant.

Hosted by ECF Board Members: Judy Aiello-Fantus, Jabbar Bennett, Bill Blanchard, Michael Brody, Matt Feldman, Pete Henderson, Bart Rocca, Larry Singer and Michael Walker



[Register for Snapshot tour](#)

Save The Date!
**ECF Grants Celebration &
Annual Meeting**
May 31, 2018



Applicants to the 2018-19 responsive grants cycle will be contacted in mid-May regarding whether their proposal has been approved for funding.

The next ECF Rolling Grants review is coming up on June 1st. These grants under \$5000 are awarded throughout the year.

ROLLING GRANTS QUARTERLY CALENDAR

Quarter	Date Application Received	Decision Date	Grant Period	Final Report Due
March	December 2 – March 1, 11:59pm	April 9	April 16 2018 – April 15 2019	May 1 2019
June	March 2 – June 1, 11:59pm	July 9	July 16 2018 – July 16 2019	August 1 2019
September	June 2 – September 4, 11:59pm	October 8	October 15 2018 – October 14 2019	November 1 2019
December	September 5 – December 3, 11:59pm	January 7	January 14 2019 – January 13 2020	February 1 2020

[Click here to learn more about Rolling Grants](#)

Free Professional Development Opportunity from Literacy Works
Literacy Connect: Communicate effectively

with adults who are beginning or intermediate readers

Do your clients have trouble filling out forms?

Do they lack confidence related to their reading skills?

Do you need help identifying when literacy may be a barrier?

Join Literacy Works for this hands-on, interactive training! Understand **adult literacy trends** in the United States, **identify challenges** adult learners may encounter when accessing services in the community, and learn what you can do to **reduce barriers** in order to better serve your clients. Receive **suggestions and resources** to use right away. This training is ideal for administrators or front line staff working with clients who may have challenges with literacy.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

2:00 – 4:30 PM

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington Ave, 1st floor, Evanston

Presented by Melanie Sampson, Adult and Family Literacy Specialist and Becky DeForest, Program Director, Literacy Works

REGISTRATION: Registration is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, e-mail register@litworks.org with your name, email address, phone number, and agency. Please also indicate if you are an administrator, case manager, or have another role.

www.litworks.org

New Tax Law: Have You Done Your Paycheck Check-up Yet?

The new federal [tax law](#) altered individual tax brackets, increased the standard deduction, removed personal exemptions, increased the child tax credit, limited or discontinued certain deductions, and changed the tax rates overall. The [IRS' Withholding Calculator](#) can help prevent your employees from having too little or too much tax withheld from their paychecks. The final page of the calculator

provides an estimate of 2018 taxes and has a link to the new form W4. If an employee needs to adjust his or her withholding, submitting a new W4 as soon as possible means there's more time for tax withholding to take place evenly during the course of the year.

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