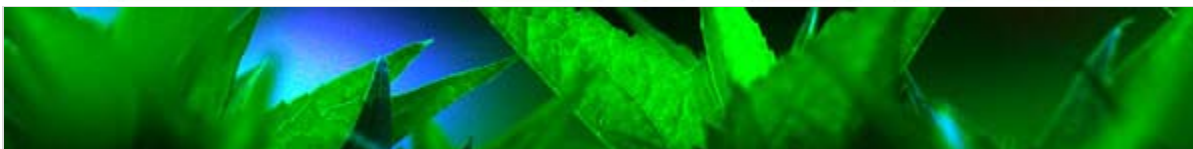


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Dear Friends,

This rainy April day brings promise of a colorful, luscious Spring. The start of April also brings us Earth Day (4/22) and a host of celebrations. In fact, I'm keeping this note short, because we have so much to pack into this issue! Happy Spring, Happy Easter, Happy Gardening!

Yours,
Maria Onesto Moran
President

April Events

The Different Shades of Green. April 6, 8:30-10:00am

What is a green business and how can you incorporate a sustainability initiative in your business without getting overwhelmed? Maria Onesto Moran, Founder and President, Green Home Experts, will lead the discussion on this very important topic. Register at www.wbdc.org.

Square Foot Gardening Workshop. April 13, 6:30-8:00pm

The good folks from [Dig Right In Landscaping](#) are back to wow us with information on square foot gardening, a technique for gardeners of all levels of experience, physical abilities, and geographical locations. Learn to grow whatever you want in only 20% of the space of a conventional row garden. This is a free workshop open to the public, so come with your neighbor or your garden club! We'll be offering discounts on garden items to all participants. Due to space limitations, RSVPs are appreciated. Please email us at GoGreen@GHExperts.com or call 708-660-1443.

Home Energy Reduction Workshop. April 21, 6:30-7:30pm

Come spend an evening with Green Envelope Construction and learn about how to reduce your utility bills and increasing home comfort. The first step is sealing energy leaks and insulating your home. This is simple and surprisingly affordable. The next step is renewable energy. Home Energy Manager Peter Matuszewski and Energy Specialist Tom Czubernat will discuss the easy steps to reducing utility bills through simple weatherization techniques and the steps to installing solar on your home. This is a free event open to the public. Due to space limitations, kindly RSVP to GoGreen@GHExperts.com or (708) 660-1443.

Oak Park Earth Fest. April 24, All Day

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Enjoy an eco-fair at Public Works 10am-1pm, then

spend the rest of the day at various Oak Park businesses who are celebrating in their own unique ways. (A map of participating businesses will be available at the fair.) The day wraps up when we raise a glass to Mother Earth at Avenue Ale House, 825 S. Oak park Ave., enjoy Goose Island Beer, and music from the Oak Park Farmers Market Band. More details [here](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Renew. Refresh. Reconnect. April 29, 6:30-8:30pm

Bring a necklace or bracelet from your jewelry box that you'd like to refresh. Add new beads, give it a new look and reuse without buying a new piece! Fowzi Kelty will lead this fun class and will have different beads available for sale. Class is limited to 6 participants, so please RSVP by April 15th. Fee is \$15/person, payable to Green Home Experts. Light refreshments will be provided.

May Events

Create a Cocktail Container Garden. May 6, 7:00-9:00pm

Learn everything you need to know about container gardening, and then get your hands dirty! Choose to create either a Mojito container garden, or a Cosmopolitan container garden. Brought to you by Frejya Conrad, Senior Design Consultant of Dig Right In Landscaping. Great date night or girls night out. Class is limited to 8 participants, so please RSVP by April 30th. Cost is \$30/person payable in advance to Green Home Experts. Fee includes recycled plastic container, soil, plants, and cosmos and mojitos at the end of the night!

Kids' Activity: Create Your Own Ecosphere May 9, 11am-12pm

\$5 per child. Please register in advance by calling (708) 660-1443 or email GoGreen@GHExperts.com Create your own ecosphere, using a recycled 2L bottle, organic soil, seedlings and earthworms!



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The Earth Machine is perfect for composting novices and pros alike. Made of recycled plastic, this compost bin has no corners, which means no patches of dry compost. So you get your compost more quickly! It also has a 10-year warranty and is easy to assemble. \$99.



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Compost Queen Coming to Green Home Experts

Thursday, May 13, 6:30pm: Jackie Paine, Executive Director of [Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory](#), will teach the basics on composting. She'll cover a variety of composting techniques, compost bins, and vermiculture. A master gardener through the UIC Extension program, Jackie brings her extensive knowledge of organic gardening and composting. This is a can't-miss workshop! All attendees will receive 10% off all garden products the day of the workshop. This is a free event open to the public. Due to space restrictions, please RSVP to GoGreen@GHExperts.com

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Time to Think Green in Your Garden!



We've rolled out all the goods: fertilizer, worm castings, rain barrels, potting soil, and more! This year, we've added recycled plastic pots from Terra Cycle, biodegradable seed starters, and more!

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