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Mayor



# CITY OF GARY

## Celebrates



# EARTH MONTH

## SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES

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APRIL 1 – 30, 2025

DATE	EARTH MONTH EVENTS	TIME	EVENT LOCATION & DETAILS
April 1-30	<b>Pre-Order Rain Barrel Sale Kick Off</b> – Gary Residents Only <i>Cost \$55   The Rain Barrel Kit includes a 55-Gallon Barrel, Gutter Connector Kit, and Stand</i>		To order, contact Delores Brown at <a href="mailto:delbrown@gary.gov">delbrown@gary.gov</a> , or call 219-882-3000.
April 9	<b>Virtual Lunch &amp; Learn Webinar Series</b> , City of Gary Office of Sustainability & Environmental Affairs <i>Join us for a lunch &amp; learn webinar on an Earth Month topic. More details to come!</i>	12pm – 12:45pm	Zoom link to come Questions, Melissa Soline, Sustainability Coordinator at <a href="mailto:msoline@gary.gov">msoline@gary.gov</a>
April 10	<b>Author Discussion with Adam Greenfield, Author of "Lifehouse: Taking Care of Ourselves In a World On Fire"</b> <i>Following a group discussion of this extremely timely book, the author will be visiting to further discuss the book and its application in our communities. Join the discussion regardless of whether you read the book!</i>	6pm – 8pm	2584 Clay Street, Lake Station Questions? <a href="http://www.joybomb.org">www.joybomb.org</a>
April 12	<b>Lake Michigan Shoreline Cleanup</b> , Brown Faces Green Spaces <i>Join Brown Faces, Green Spaces to help keep our Gary Lake Michigan lakefront clean!</i> <a href="#">Marquette Beach Shoreline Cleanup</a> to register	10am – 11:30am	Marquette Park Beach, 1 North Grand Blvd., Gary  Questions? Kimmie Gordon, Brown Faces Green Spaces   <a href="mailto:brownfacesgreenspaces@gmail.com">brownfacesgreenspaces@gmail.com</a>
April 12	<b>Planet Palooza</b> , Brown Faces Green Spaces <i>"Boots on the Ground - A Reclamation of Earth, Health, &amp; Self " This event will focus on the importance of our own well-being as we continue to care for the air, land, and water around us in our everyday lives – actively working with our boots on the ground to reclaim health of self, and the land we live upon.</i>	11am – 2:30pm	Marquette Park, 1 North Grand Blvd., Gary, IN  Questions? Kimmie Gordon, Brown Faces Green Spaces   <a href="mailto:brownfacesgreenspaces@gmail.com">brownfacesgreenspaces@gmail.com</a>
April 12	<b>NWI Native Fruit Tree Share &amp; "Eco-Bazaar"</b> , presented by Joy Bomb <i>Food, music, teach-ins, and trees! Help us make this a zero-waste event. \$10 per tree is suggested, or pay what you can! Limit 2 of each tree variety until 2pm.</i>	12pm – 4pm	Located at 2584 CLAY STREET, LAKE STATION, IN Questions? <a href="http://www.joybomb.org">www.joybomb.org</a>
April 16	<b>Virtual Lunch &amp; Learn Webinar Series, "West Branch of the Little Calumet River – Wetland Restoration in Partnership"</b> <i>Marwah Saleh, Wetlands Initiative and Jennifer Johnson, Audubon Great Lakes Wild Indigo program will present on the Little Calumet River Conservation Collaborative and the wetland habitat restoration the partnership has been leading along the West Branch.</i> <b>To register:</b> <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FE0Cy9eZSn6jBI3y45X3jg">https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FE0Cy9eZSn6jBI3y45X3jg</a>	12pm – 12:45pm	Questions, Melissa Soline, Sustainability Coordinator at <a href="mailto:msoline@gary.gov">msoline@gary.gov</a>
April 17	<b>FREE Webinar: Solar Train the Trainer &amp; Learn How to Start a Solar Training Program</b> <i>Hosted by <b>Black Sunlight Sustainability</b>, this is a free webinar for solar jobseekers, those that want to learn and teach others, and those with transferable skills like construction and electricians. Solar is anticipated to grow rapidly in Indiana and presents an opportunity for certifications and a thriving wage.</i> <b>To register:</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82097022211">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82097022211</a>	7 pm Central	Questions? <a href="http://www.BlackSunLight.org">www.BlackSunLight.org</a> or 726-208-6965
April 19	<b>April Co-Thrive – TimeBank Potluck</b> , presented by Joy Bomb Social Center and NWI Region Resilience <i>Join us for an introduction to timebanking and the building of our very own regional network of care and solidarity.</i>	12pm – 2pm	Located at 2584 CLAY STREET, LAKE STATION, IN Questions? <a href="http://www.joybomb.org">www.joybomb.org</a>

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April 19	<b>Earth Day Annual Planting</b> , Gary Community Partnership <i>Bring family and friends for this annual planting! Supplies will be provided, and please no open-toed shoes. Lunch will be provided after the planting. <b>Please register for lunch:</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a></i>	11am – 2:30pm	522 Johnson Street, Gary, IN Questions, contact Jeffrey Edwards at <a href="mailto:support@garycommunitypartnership.com">support@garycommunitypartnership.com</a>
April 22	<b>Voices of the Ave Podcast</b> , Uthiverse Join the Uthiverse and youth to hear about Earth Day, environmental stewardship and how young people can be involved. <b>To listen:</b> <a href="#">The Uthiverse Podcast   uthiverse</a>	4pm	Questions? Contact Ken Barry, Founder of Uthiverse at <a href="mailto:everything@uthiverse.com">everything@uthiverse.com</a>
April 22	<b>Earth Day!</b>		
April 23	<b>Virtual Lunch &amp; Learn Webinar Series, “Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) Resources and Programs”</b> <i>Rahim Evans, IDEM Environmental Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator will discuss programs that have an impact on the City of Gary as well as resources community members can utilize.</i> <b>To register:</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QCHjCp2sQUWK3daZvRs_zQ">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/QCHjCp2sQUWK3daZvRs_zQ</a>	12pm – 12:45pm	Questions, Melissa Soline, Sustainability Coordinator at <a href="mailto:msoline@gary.gov">msoline@gary.gov</a>
April 24	<b>Earth Day Vigil</b> , Faith in Place <i>A time for faith and spiritual communities to come together in honor of the Earth, sharing our unique traditions, practices, and prayers. For those new to the Vigil, it’s a beautiful opportunity to celebrate both our differences and our shared commitment to environmental justice. During the gathering, a variety of practices from different traditions, creating a moment of unity that bridges diverse paths, will be highlighted. <b>To register:</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yKI7WRKYRLyk-cYtTBogAw#/registration">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yKI7WRKYRLyk-cYtTBogAw#/registration</a></i>	6pm – 7pm	Questions? Jalisa Mauldin, Faith in Place <a href="mailto:jalisa@faithinplace.org">jalisa@faithinplace.org</a> or 708-600-9753
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