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SUBJECT: City and community to celebrate Earth Week 2023, April 17-22

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[DULUTH, MN] Local organizations, businesses, student groups, and individuals are gearing up to participate in Earth Week, an extension of Earth Day. Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22nd, 1970, as a result of organizing efforts by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. It engaged [20 million Americans](#) in its first year and was followed by the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The year 1990 saw the global expansion of the event, and it is currently considered the [largest civic observance in the world](#)

During the week of April 17-22, the City of Duluth will participate in a variety of local events to recognize the importance of preserving our environment and natural resources. Many events will be hosted by Lincoln Park-based non-profit Ecolibrium3, culminating in EcoFest on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22nd). "Key events that residents and businesses can participate in to advance sustainability in Duluth include a business sustainability breakfast with the Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold and Mayor Larson, an evening of street design, and community cleanup," says Jodi Slick, CEO of Ecolibrium3. The City of Duluth Sustainability Office has put together a calendar of Earth Week events that celebrate and promote local sustainability efforts. Residents are invited to attend the opportunities listed below, and are encouraged to take action next week via GetGreen Duluth, an app that promotes daily sustainable action in our city. The app may be downloaded on the web at getgreen.eco or [here](#).

Earth Week Schedule of Events:

Monday, April 17th

Ecolibrium3 Virtual Kick-Off: 6:00pm, Facebook

Join our virtual kickoff to learn more about what Ecolibrium3 is up to this Earth Week and what promotions are available. This fully virtual event will be held on Facebook live at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 17th. Featuring a performance from Duluth's own Hannah Rey!

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3562787317291625>

Tuesday, April 18th

UMD SEE (Social, Economic, Environment) Change Arts for Activism: 5:00pm-9:00pm, UMD Kirby Ballroom

SEE Change, previously known as MPIRG, is hosting their spring event, Arts for Activism, on April 18th from 5-9PM on the UMD Campus. The event will showcase art and emphasize how creative expression can be used for positive change within our communities. During the event, we will have an exhibition of student and community member art, hear from local speakers about how they have used arts as activism, share attendees' representations of activism through a collective art piece, and enjoy a concert by the local Duluth band, The New Salty Dog. Appetizers will be served from 5PM-7PM during the art exhibit and speaker portion of the event.

Wednesday, April 19th

Ecolibrium3 Farm Open House: 10:00am-3:00pm, Eco3 Urban Farm at Lake Superior College

Visit Ecolibrium3's urban farm to repot plants, plant seedlings for local organizations, and make seed art in the heated greenhouse! Come enjoy the fun and learn more about our food access programming in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

More information: <https://www.ecolibrium3.org/earthweek/>

Earth Day Fair, University of MN Duluth: 9:00am-3:00pm, Kirby Commons

Connect with local organizations and student groups to learn more about local environmental action.

More information: <https://calendar.d.umn.edu/event/74951-earth-week-at-umd>

Earth Day Fair, Lake Superior College: 11:00am-1:00pm

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Thursday, April 20th

Ecolibrium3 Business Breakfast: 8:30-9:45am, Clyde Iron Works, Registration Required

Explore the intersection of strong economic development, climate action, and social justice. Hear from Duluth's Mayor Larson, urban strategist Michelle Reeves, Department of Commerce, and the National Renewable Energy Lab. This is a ticketed event.

Register here:

<https://ecolibrium3.salsalabs.org/SustainabilityBusinessBreakfastEarthWeek2023/index.html>

Ecolibrium3, How to Build Housing Equity and Address Displacement: 10:30am-12:00pm, LNPK Hub (2014 W. 3rd Street, Door 1), Registration Required

Duluth has experienced unasked for accolades as the best "Climate Migration" location, causing increased pressure on our housing stock. Join this community conversation on what tools are available to expand equitable housing access.

Register here: <https://ecolibrium3.salsalabs.org/GreenGentrification/index.html>

Ecolibrium3, Street of the Future Public Design Session: 6:00pm-8:00pm, LNPK Hub (2014 W. 3rd Street, Door 1), Registration Required

Learn about street design that maximizes livability and economic success in Duluth. Join urban

strategist Michelle Reeves and community stakeholders for a 2-hour design symposium to inform the rebuild of W. Superior Street through Lincoln Park.

Register here: <https://ecolibrum3.salsalabs.org/streetofthefuturesignup/index.html>

Friday, April 21st

Ecolibrum3 Ask An Expert: National Renewable Energy Lab, 10:00am-11:30am, LNPK Hub (2014 W. 3rd Street, Door 1)

Ecolibrum3 and the City of Duluth have been partnering with the National Renewable Energy Lab on renewable energy and transportation planning. In this session experts from the National Renewable Energy Lab will outline renewable energy and transportation opportunities in Duluth and how they can accelerate our clean energy transition. Free to attend, no registration is required.

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1301606417093863>

Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day)

Ecolibrum3 LNPK Cleanup, 9:00am-12:00pm, Ursa Minor Brewing, Registration Required

Help us build a cleaner and healthier community by volunteering to do some spring cleaning! Join us as we all come together to clean up litter in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Register here: <https://ecolibrum3.salsalabs.org/lnpkspringcleanup2023/index.html>

Ecolibrum3 EcoFest, 11:00am-3:00pm, Clyde Iron Works

Celebrate our planet and advance sustainability for everyone in our community at EcoFest! While you learn about local resources, make connections, and engage in climate action; EcoFest will showcase what it means to live sustainably in Duluth.

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/765709521445318>

Duluth Public Library Craftinwith Nature: 11:00am-1:00pm, Main Library Gold Room

Let's celebrate Earth Day by making crafts from materials gathered from nature! We'll make troll faces out of slices of wood, pine needles, seeds, moss, driftwood, rocks and more! Participants will also contribute to a collaborative group art piece using the various textures and colors found in the natural materials you can find right outside your back door! Nature materials will be provided, but feel free to bring in a bag with some of your own gatherings from nature.

More information:

<https://duluthlibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=10724&backToCalendar&startDae=2023/04/11>

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