

News from Blue Island's Sustainability Initiative



Aaron,

[Open Streets Recap](#)

Thanks to everyone who helped, volunteered, drummed, patrolled, participated, hula-hooped, line-danced, bean-bag-tossed, sang, rolled, walked, yoga-ed, hop-scotched, face-painted and generally enjoyed themselves in taking over their streets. It was a glorious afternoon to be active and outside. Thanks again, everyone!

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[No Child Left Inside](#)

Participate in No Child Left Inside this June! The 2008 National Toy Hall of Fame inductee is waiting for you just outside your front door — a stick. That's right, a stick from any old tree is in the hallowed halls with the likes of Barbie and Mr. Potato Head. Get outside now and find your [...]

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[Blue Island 4-H Vegetable Garden Education Project at California Gardens Community Garden](#)

A 3-week, hands-on garden exploration program geared

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Community Links

- [Blue Island, IL: Wikipedia](#)
- [Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission](#)
- [Blue Island Historical Society](#)
- [Blue Island History Museum](#)
- [Blue Island Police & 911 Center](#)
- [Blue Island Public Library](#)
- [Cavalcade of Pride](#)
- [Dixie Highway](#)
- [Preserve America Community](#)
- [Raceway Park History](#)
- [WDDE](#)

Community Events

- Blue Island Farmers Market Organizational Meeting**
June 11, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
City Hall
- Bike Club Friday!**
June 13, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Kiddie Korral Park
- Cal-Sag Graveyard Blues Bike Tour**
June 14, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library
- Summer Documentary Series**
June 17, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Blue Island Public Library

for students entering grades 3 to 8 will be held this July at California Gardens Community Garden. The program is open to all students in the Blue Island area. All 6 workshops will be held at the vibrant California Gardens Community Garden on Blue Island's south side next to the [...]

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[Our Monthly Recipe from the Bungalow: Pasta à la George](#)

I have great friends. I'm truly blessed because of them. George Poulos is one of my photographers. He's wonderful: he has the patience of a saint to get the right shot and he's also been a life coach of sorts for me, encouraging me by pointing out my talents and inspiring me to claim them. [...]

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[Cal-Sag Graveyard Blues Bike Tour: June 14](#)

Support the development of the Cal-Sag Trail through a day of biking, graveyards and blues music! Some information from their site: Ride along with Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail as we excavate the deep heritage of Chicago Blues interred along the Cal-Sag, setting free the ghosts of Muddy Waters, Hound Dog Taylor, Big Walter, Jimmy [...]

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[Blue Island's Guerrilla Gardeners](#)

Saturday, May 17, 2014, youth and other community members meet up at the Blue Island Public Library for a literal launch of the kids art work, in an effort to beautify baron lots and educate on a different the process of seed planting. According to BIPL's Facebook Page, the group traveled over 4 miles "to [...]"

The post [Blue Island's Guerrilla Gardeners](#) appeared first on [Be Healthy Blue Island](#).

Communications Committee Meeting

June 18, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Veterans Memorial Middle School

Healthy Schools Committee Meeting

June 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Veterans Memorial Middle School

Summer Story Time at the Library

June 19, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Blue Island Public Library

Garden and Food Access Committee Meeting

June 19, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Memorial Park Fieldhouse

Urban Forestry Board Meeting

June 19, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Blue Island Public Library

Bike Club Friday!

June 20, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Kiddie Korral Park

Summer Documentary Series

June 24, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Blue Island Public Library

Friends of Cal-Sag Trail Meeting

June 24, 7pm - 8pm
Palos Heights Recreation Center

Summer Story Time at the Library

June 26, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Blue Island Public Library

Bike Club Friday!

June 27, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Kiddie Korral Park

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

June 28, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Eisenhower High School

Community Health Coalition Meeting

July 2, 11:30am - 1:00pm
District 130 Administrative Offices

Summer Story Time at the Library

July 3, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Blue Island Public Library

Bike Club Friday!

July 4, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Kiddie Korral Park

4-H Vegetable Garden Education Project

July 8, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
California Gardens Community Garden

For Details, visit the Community Calendar

Get Involved

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[Improve Your Garden For Bees](#)

1 in every 3 bites of food we eat depends on the 200,000 something species responsible for pollinating our plants. Crops like blueberries and cherries are 90% dependent on honey-bee pollination. Unfortunately, many pollinators are in decline. Habitat loss, disease, parasites, and environmental contaminants have all contributed to the decline of many species of pollinators. Pollinators [...]

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[Give Back to the Rivers! Happy Rivers Month!](#)

June is in with sunshine, warm temperatures and outdoor adventures – Perfect for water recreation boating, fishing and swimming!! The Outdoor Industry Association reports that nearly 175 million Americans ages 6 and older participated in outdoor activities on local waterways. Together, they pump more than 86 billion dollars into the economy every year! June promotes awareness and [...]

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[Great Outdoors Month: June 2014](#)

If you haven't noticed, we're in a pretty cool area for exploring nature. Cook County has some great outdoors that you need to explore this summer, from over 300 miles of trails, 6 nature centers, and thousands of acres of forests, prairies, lakes, wetlands, and rivers. The forest preserves also support activities like fishing, camping, [...]

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[Color Me Healthy: It's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Month](#)

Active Transportation Alliance

Alliance for Healthy & Active Communities

Arts & Culture Committee

Blue Island Arts Alliance

Blue Water Initiative

Calumet Heritage Partnership

Calumet Stewardship Initiative

Community Gardening

Community Health Monitoring

Brownfields Advisory Team

Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail

Greater Midwest Foodways Alliance

Become a Literacy Tutor

Millennium Reserve

Local Business Links

ACI Enterprises

Acme Scrap Metal

Beqqars Pizza

CARR home- garden- holiday

Christy Webber Landscapes: Southside Retail Center

D'Marv Designs Specialty Printers

D'Masti Catering

Franklin Framing

Hallinan Funeral Home

Kinsella Landscape

Maple Tree Inn

MetroSouth Medical Center

Meyer Eye Care

Pierre's Bakery

Pronger Smith Medical Care

Tenochtitlan

Reply to this email to send us your business' link!

Public Meetings

For details, visit the Community Calendar

Color is nature’s way of telling us what nutrients are in the fruits and vegetables we eat. Eating a variety of colors, from bright citrus fruits to darker, leafy greens, ensures that we get the variety of vitamins and minerals our body needs to boost our immune systems. Red. Watermelon, tomatoes and red peppers contain high amounts of [...]

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Brownfields Initiative Update

[Parcel D TPH-Clean Excavation Completed 05/30/2014](#)

Dig-Haul Completed If anyone noticed, V3’s remediation crew was on-site last Friday, 05/30 digging TPH-impacted soil at 7:00 in the morning. Our consultants informed that the long-awaited removal and disposal went very well. The cleanup went pretty fast, still Aaron Carpenter, our Brownfields Coordinator was able to capture a few good shots of the work-in-progress. About [...]

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