



News & Updates



It's Our Future helps young leaders advocate for climate change solutions and their future

Raise your voice by:

- Producing podcasts
 - Writing op-eds
 - Participating in forums
 - Presenting to local officials
 - Planning film screenings
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Forward this email or inspiring trailer below to interested high school leaders and help us with recruitment efforts.

Get involved this summer.

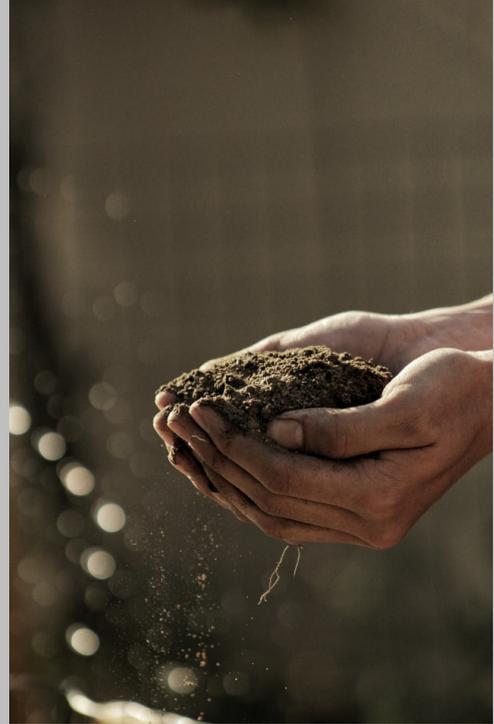
[Watch our inspiring trailer](#)

Composting progress made during advocacy call with village leaders

We invited local leaders to our June 24th call. Thank

you to Jen Nelson for providing expertise from the [Illinois Food Scrap Coalition](#). We were eager to have discussion with Trustee Deno Andrews and Environment & Energy Commission Chair Laura Derks from Oak Park, and Trustee Katie Brennan and Sustainability Commission Chair Lisa Gillis from River Forest. We continue to stay in touch with Interfaith Green Network's composting advocacy and also welcomed Jim Babcock to this important call. Maddie Howe reached out to our guests afterwards on behalf of IOF:

"With the help of the guests, we were able to gain insight on not only what our communities are doing in terms of composting, but how committed they are to stopping climate change. It was very eye-opening to see how our passion for this issue is being translated into real change by our leaders. A lot of really great ideas were shared from everyone, and we were able to push this conversation forwards."



Another It's Our Future podcast series bio



Meet Emma

Emma's podcast will be about Freeganism. If you don't already know what a Freegan is, you won't want to miss listening to Emma's podcast.

In the meantime, Emma has this to say: 'I'm currently working to implement composting both at Oak Park River Forest High School and in our community. I now realize how easy it is to make change when you are passionate about something. I really want to continue doing things like this to help our environment and I think being a part of It's Our Future has provided me a great way to get involved.'

Help us increase OPRF composting participation: [SIGN HERE](#)

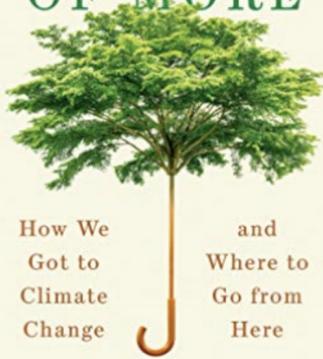
The story starts with US

It's Our Future welcomes all high school students into our **new** reading group.

Find out more via email or text:

"Hope Jahren is the voice that science has been waiting for." --Nisare

THE STORY OF MORE



How We
Got to
Climate
Change

and
Where to
Go from
Here

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Our first discussion: July 15th @ 6:30 pm.

Virtual screenings + action opportunities

It's Our Future is partnering with the One Earth Film Festival's Youth Advisory Council to host a series of virtual environmental film screenings for Chicagoland area youth leaders and their peers.

We will continue to provide details as our plans take shape.



A compelling conversation on the climate

Hear from husband-and-wife climate experts Jason Funk and Amy Rosenthal in this online program in which they will address two sides of the question, "Climate Change: Is it already too late?"

The program is a presentation of the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association.

Mind Boggle

Thoughtful Debates Over Life's Tough Questions

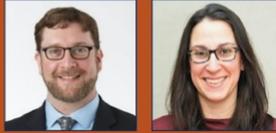
CLIMATE CHANGE: *Is It Already Too Late?*

Monday, July 6, 2020
1:30pm

Spouses Jason Funk (Principal & Founder of the Land Use & Climate Initiative) and Amy Rosenthal (Director of the Field Museum's Keller Science Action Center) will discuss two sides of the above question.

Amy will offer a realistic assessment of where things stand now, highlighting the impacts that we are already experiencing and the ongoing lack of political will to adequately address this existential problem.

Jason will describe the opportunity to change course, suggesting what must be done to keep the climate below 1.5 degrees of warming; particularly how this transformation can be accomplished in ways that deliver other benefits as well.



To register for this virtual program on Zoom, click [here](#).



Bike Walk Oak Park is making headway, working toward the implementation of *Slow Streets*. Please take the time to support and share the petition for Oak Park Slow Streets before **July 6**.

Slow Streets will:

- Make walking and riding safer for everyone, especially children, families and people with disabilities
- Create space for the dramatic uptick in cycling, walking and running that is happening during the pandemic
- Not involve any policing
- Involve a minimal one-time set-up expense
- Connect to local business districts such as Downtown Oak Park and the Harrison Arts District

If you support Slow Streets, please let the Village know: board@oak-park.us
You can email bikewalkoakpark@gmail.com with any questions or further information.

Support Slow Streets in Oak Park

Did you hear about the inaugural #BlackBirdersWeek?

Meet one of the Chicagoans who is working to change

the face of urban ecology, Deja Perkins.

“For far too long, black people in the United States have been shown that outdoor exploration activities such as birding are not for us,” said Corina Newsome, co-founder of the event. “Well we’ve decided to change that narrative.” Read more [here](#).



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