

The 2013 Winter Speaker Series:

# Our Neighborhoods, Our Environment

January 16



**What Happens to our Recycling?**

**Wayne Gjerde**

*MN Pollution Control Agency*

Most of us don't realize that recycling creates more than \$8 billion in economic activity in MN each year. Thousands of manufacturers are using the material you put at the curb to make their new products. You may be surprised when you find out what gets made in Minnesota using your recyclables.

February 20



**How Can you Reduce Energy Consumption in your Home?**

**John Suzukida**

*EQC Committee Member*

It starts with understanding how much energy you use and where you use it, learn different energy efficiency actions that you can take in your home, with a practical discussion on their cost and payback.

March 20



**Trees: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

**John Moriarty**

*Ramsey County Parks*

Learn about the use of native trees in landscaping. Find out how to control tree damaging insects and diseases. Gather information on invasive tree species, their effect on natural habitats and their control. Recent Ramsey County Parks restorations and plantings will be used as examples.

April 17



**Where does our water come from?**

**Tony Runkel**

*Minnesota Geological Survey*

What does drought mean for the underground sources of water that supply Shoreview & the Twin Cities with most of its potable water? Discover how water replenishes aquifers, how old the groundwater is, and how it moves through rock layers deep beneath the land surface. What are the most pressing issues for environmental management? Pick up handouts on reducing your water use.

**Starts at 7pm in the Shoreview City Council Chambers**

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