

# April 17-23, 2017

## Rochester MN



Rochester EarthFest and Expo celebration is a seven day, volunteer-led lineup of events consisting of several Earth Day related activities at various locations around the area. Assisi Heights, Quarry Hill, Squash Blossom Farm, Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility, Habitat for Humanity ReStore and area High Schools are all participating

One of the activities will be a combined Climate March/Science March & Rally at the Peace Plaza in downtown Rochester to encourage folks to be an integral part of something huge. Together we can be the change!

The culminating event is the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Expo, a daylong celebration advocating sustainable living through education, interactive displays, and the promotion of healthy and green products.

For further information: [www.earthfestrochestermn.org](http://www.earthfestrochestermn.org)

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**Week of April 17-23<sup>rd</sup>:** Student Showdown-area students competing for the good of the environment-prizes awarded to the winning school AND a traveling trophy to be passed on to the winning school each year!

**April 22-29:** RNeighbors Litter Bit Better ([www.RNeighbors.org](http://www.RNeighbors.org))

**April 17 Kick off to Earth Week!** Film-"Bill Nye's Global Meltdown – 6:30pm Rochester Public Library

**April 20** "Biodiversity Above & Below Ground: Implications for Soil Health" – 6:30-8pm-Assisi Heights

**April 21** Near Net Zero Home Tour-2-6:00pm with tours "on the hour"-107 11<sup>th</sup> St NW, Rochester

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day!)**

Climate March/Science March & Rally-11-1pm-Peace Plaza \*\*\*\*RCTC World Drum Group performing\*\*\*\*

Native Plant Sale-8-10:30am-Quarry Hill Nature Center

Earth Day Pollination Party and Parade-9:30-11:00am-Quarry Hill Nature Center

Pub Crawl-1-5pm-start at Grand Rounds-: Use earth friendly transportation to during the afternoon

Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-1-4:00pm-Open House & FREE paper shredding (white paper only-limit 5 file boxes per household), 301 Silver Creek Road NE, Rochester

Habitat for Humanity ReStore-9:00am-4pm-Kids activities & How to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

ReBlossom Boutique-10am-6:00pm-Squash Blossom Farm

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**EarthFest Expo at Mayo Civic Center Auditorium**

**10am-4pm \*\*\*\*FREE TO THE PUBLIC\*\*\*\***

**Expo Events:**

- Speaker Series/Educational Classes (held in the newly renovated meeting rooms)
- Sustainability & Green building vendors
- Emcees: Heather Holmes and Zoey Jantsan
- **12:30pm** Keynote speakers: Dr. Ashok Patel (Pulmonologist) & John Carmody (DMC Design Guidelines)
- Non-profit environmental group displays
- Book Bike from Rochester Public Library and the NEW Art Cart
- Protected Bikeway simulation-bikes available
- Science Projects/Student Involvement/Kids Activities
- Electric Car Display
- Concessions with Local/Sustainable food items!