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Rebuilding Warehouse founder to get city honor

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Lou Dickson

Lou Dickson, executive director of the Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse, is scheduled to receive a key to the city from Evanston officials next month for her contribution to the community.

Dickson started the warehouse in 2011. She says that, after 20 years working as a contractor, she'd become fed up with the amount of usable material going into the dumpster.

She started storing materials from deconstructed and renovated buildings and formed a small board of community members to launch the warehouse, a 501(c)3 nonprofit community organization.

In three years, the organization has diverted tens of thousands of tons of material from the landfill.

Dickson has also worked to expand the mission to offer multiple job training programs for individuals facing barriers to employment. In January 2014, the group officially established the Evanston Rebuilding Workforce, a green jobs training initiative.

The [Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse](http://www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org/) (<http://www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org/>) is located at 2101

Dempster St. and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All items are priced 50 percent to 90 percent off retail to keep remodeling and restoring homes an affordable option for all.

The warehouse also has regular sales on items like sinks, doors, ceiling fans, electronics, washers and dryers, radiators, windows, plumbing fixtures, kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

The key to the city presentation is scheduled for the Sept. 8 City Council meeting.

Dates

Sep 8 2014 - 7:30pm

Location

Evanston Civic Center
2100 Ridge Ave. 2nd floor council chambers
60201 Evanston, IL



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