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On Friday, September 12, The Peoria Area Green Party will host a ELECTION YEAR BUS RIDE, featuring US Congressional candidate Sheldon Schafer and 2006 Illinois Gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney. The event will take place from 2:00 pm until 4:45 pm , starting and ending at the Downtown Peoria Transit Center ,407 SW Adams Street in Peoria.

The purpose of the BUS RIDE is to point out Peoria opportunities to create Green Jobs and improve the regional economy through the following areas; improved public transportation, waste reduction and recycling, technical training and scientific research.

After boarding the #5 public bus at 2:15 pm, the ELECTION YEAR BUS RIDE will stop at three locations; Retro-tech at 625 West Main Street, ICC North Campus at 5407 N University, and the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research at 1815 N University. At each stop there will be speakers who will offer specific details on these opportunities.

Sheldon Schafer is on the November ballot to become the 18th Congressional District Representative, replacing retiring Republican Ray LaHood. He is a professional educator and vice president of education at Lakeview Museum .

Rich Whitney is a civil rights attorney in Carbondale, Illinois. In 2006 he received over 340,000 votes across the state, over 10% of the total vote, which was won by Democrat Rod Blagojevich .

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