

THE RIPPLE

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Just as ripples spread when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching impact. *The Ripple* is a special newsletter created by Cincinnati Nature Center for people who want ideas, insights, and inspiration to act in support of nature and the environment.

GET INSPIRED!



Meet a "Gleaner!"

Story by Connie O'Connor

Lisa Arnett knows that food waste is both an environmental and a humanitarian issue. She writes, "Since I retired in September, I have been working with the Society of St. Andrew to glean unharvested produce from local farms for distribution to food banks. My proudest moment was helping to harvest 1,100 pounds of peppers from a New Richmond farm! I thought this cause might be of interest to other CNC members. I hope you will agree."

[Read the full story](#)

LET'S COLLABORATE!

We Want to Hear From You!

Share what you know, what you wonder, and what you'd like to discuss with other Cincinnati Nature Center members. If you have content you want us to consider for this section, please email Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.

Technology For a Healthier Planet?

Could biofuel be a technology that could contribute to a healthier planet? To

discuss this topic and learn more, you can call Cincinnati Nature Center member, Mark West at (513) 580-0003. He enjoys sharing all of the research he has discovered—including places where it's proven to work! Click below to learn more about hydrofuel and the Hyrdogen House Project.

[Click to Learn More](#)

Taking Actions for the Future Generation

Elders Action Network is building a movement of elders to address the environmental, governance, and social issues of our time.

[Click to Learn More](#)

The Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District Survey

The Clermont SWCD is conducting a countywide survey to better understand the needs of our residents and community members. Soil and Water Conservation Districts, or SWCDs, provide technical, financial, and educational resources to meet the needs of local land users for conservation. SWCDs develop and implement programs to protect and conserve soil, water, prime farmland, woodland, wildlife, and urban areas.

Please take a moment to complete the survey below and be entered to win one of several great prizes from local businesses around the county!

[Click to Take Survey](#)

Are We on the Right Track?

A survey will be emailed to each subscriber of The Ripple later this month. We started offering this monthly newsletter over seven months ago and want to know if/how it is serving your needs.

Please keep an eye out and respond when you receive it.

Thank you for your feedback and support!

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The Game Changer Intensive: Free, 8-Week, Online Course **[April 1-May 31](#)**

This 8-week online course includes videos, readings, forum discussions, and exercises to help you explore ways to make a difference in the world. It is offered through the Pachamama Alliance. Course participants will be asked to take turns facilitating the weekly discussion group, and these weekly meetings will be arranged at a time that is mutually agreeable to all in the group. This is a great way to meet other concerned CNC members who are seeking ways to engage in effective collective action for a better future. The Game Changer Intensive will require about 3.5 hours/per week for readings, writing, and discussion for eight weeks. Instead of course fees, you will be invited to donate to the Pachamama Alliance at the end of the course.

The deadline to enroll is April 2, and the class ends on May 31. Click below for more information and to register in a way that will introduce you to other Cincinnati Nature Center members who are also taking the course.

**Click to
Register**

How Does Your Identity Influence the Way You Receive Information?

[Click here](#) to learn how celebrating complex identities in ourselves and others could help make the world a better place.

Here are Five Good Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint!

Governments and corporations have a major role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. But individuals can also have an impact. **[Click here](#)** to learn more.

YOU'RE INVITED!

As a result of the Common Good Gatherings, a group of Cincinnati Nature Center members has formed several self-managing groups to discuss and

address conservation issues. The "You're Invited!" section of The Ripple helps people find each other, as hosts extend invitations "looking for people who are looking for them."

Vegetarian Potluck

Wednesday, March 15, 11:30 am at Groesbeck Estate Dornette Room

If you've considered reducing your meat consumption for environmental, health, and/or ethical reasons, you might enjoy trying new recipes and meeting others with similar goals. We'll start with a brief community-building exercise followed by sharing a dish. Please bring your own utensils, plate, and beverage.

For this month's lunch, please bring a meatless dish that can be prepared in an hour or less with 8 or fewer ingredients.

Note that people who are not members of the Nature Center must pay daily admission.

To RSVP, email Bob and Beth Staggenborg at bethstag@gmail.com with the subject line: Vegetarian Potluck.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cincinnati Nature Center is calling on volunteer writers to help create content for the *Now in Nature* weekly newsletter. These should be short, informative, interpretive articles. For more info, contact Marketing Manager Tracy Smith at tsmith@cincynature.org. If your piece is used, you can count the time to write it as volunteer credit for your OCVN certification hours.



Consider joining an exceptional group of naturalists and nature lovers by becoming a Cincinnati Nature Center Volunteer! We have new volunteer orientations scheduled for March 5 and another on April 30. [Click here](#) to learn more about volunteering at Cincinnati Nature Center.

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District: Spring Litter Cleanup Saturday, April 22

The Spring Litter Cleanup will take place at several locations around the county. [Click here](#) to learn more or contact Connie Miller at cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov.

The Civic Garden Center Opportunities

The Civic Garden Center has lots of opportunities to restore our urban forests, propagate native plants, transform a community garden, facilitate a school field trip, and much more! Active volunteers can also take classes for FREE or at a discount. [Click here](#) for more information.

Butler Soil & Water: Volunteer Stewardship Saturdays

Be one of the BEST and join Butler Soil & Water for Volunteer Stewardship Saturdays. This spring, there will be opportunities to remove invasive honeysuckle, label storm drains, clean up a stream, and collect stream biology samples. [Click here](#) for more information.

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If you have suggestions for content or have other input, contact the Director of Applied Learning, Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.

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