

Winter 2021 Community Education Programs are FREE and offered in virtual webinar format due to Coronavirus guidelines. We thank the **Barrington Area Library** for partnering to host these sessions.

To participate, please register at the link provided on the program description.

The entire Winter CFC Community Education series is available at <https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com> or you can call the library at **847.382.1300** to register and provide an email for connection.

You can also send questions to communityed@citizensforconservation.org or call **847-382-7283**.



2021 Programs

Community Education programs offered in collaboration with the Barrington Area Library

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50 Ways to Improve Habitat in Your Yard

Saturday, January 16, 2021 | 10:00 - 11:30

Peggy Simonsen, Director, Citizens for Conservation

Celebrating CFC's 50th anniversary, Peggy will share important ways to use shrubs, trees, native plants in all seasons, water resources and earth-friendly practices to increase habitat for birds, pollinators and other useful critters. Peggy is the Chair of CFC's Community Education Committee and former president of CFC. She has improved habitat in her yard with over 200 species of native plants.

<https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com/events/50-ways-improve-habitat-your-yard>

Backyard Wildlife: If You Build It, They Will Come

Saturday, February 20, 2021 | 10:00 - 11:30

Stephen Barten, Naturalist

Using observation, photography and trailcam videos Stephen has documented 20 species of mammals and 15 species of reptiles and amphibians, plus myriad birds after 25 years of clearing buckthorn and other invasives and planting native plants in his yard. His message is clearly the benefits of restoration, encouraging others to improve the habitat in their own yards to achieve similar results. Stephen is a veterinarian at Vernon Hills Hospital and an accomplished photographer.



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Photo by Andy Hays



Stormwater Management Success

Saturday March 13, 2021 | 10:00 - 11:30

Andy Hays, Project Manager, Village of Tower Lakes

Andy Hays will share the process that Tower Lakes used to reduce pollution from reaching the community's lakes and to reduce the volume of stormwater entering drainage systems. His community's success can be replicated by homeowners and residential neighborhoods. Andy was project manager for their Raingardens and Bioswales project and the recipient of Lake County's Steward of the Year award in 2020.

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