

2021 Community Education programs presented with the Barrington Area Library

Photo by Peggy Simonsen



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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.

Photo by Andy Hay



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFIFUJ-Dtpk>

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.



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Stormwater Management Success

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

Andy Hay, Project Manager, Village of Tower Lakes

Andy Hay 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.

Programs are no charge and will be presented via webinars with the Barrington Area Library. Register with the library to receive sign-in information for webinars. Links to online registration shown below photos or call **847-382-1300 x3**. Please provide your name, email & program name.