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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 looking for ideas and support in their efforts to protect nature.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone had better information about ways to act (and inspire others to act) for conservation? **Take a minute to share this electronic digest with your friends**—They'll thank you for it!

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GET INSPIRED!



Meet a Dark Sky Advocate!

There are negative ecological impacts of artificial lighting, both on human health and on a wide array of animals, plants, and ecological processes that rely on darkness. This month, for instance, fireflies need darkness to signal for mates.

With a commitment to minimizing their own impact, Michael LaTour's family has adopted practices that prioritize responsible lighting. He also works to spread ripples of change out into the community. Click below to learn more about his commitment and get ideas for how you can help protect dark skies.

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.

New "Office Hours" for Advocates

Are you hoping to influence people in your social circles to take action for nature but are not sure what steps to take? Join Director of Applied Learning Connie O'Connor and Climate Change Coach [Kim Fulbright](#) to discuss where you might be stuck. This is a FREE service to help you think about ways to influence others you know to protect nature.

Dates for open discussion are:

- Wednesday July 12, 5 pm via Zoom
- Monday Aug 14, 5 pm, IN PERSON at Cincinnati Nature Center
- Wednesday September 13, 5 pm via Zoom

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LEARN MORE TO DO MORE

Master Rain Gardener Training

[Master Rain Gardeners](#) are community members who learn how to design and build their own rain garden. At graduation, they will have created a beautiful rain garden and are ready to educate their neighbors! Registration is now open for the program that begins in August.

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Understanding Climate Policy Recommendations

[Citizens' Climate Lobby](#) advocates for an array of policies, including carbon pricing, to reduce net emissions and build bridges both in Congress and in your community. They offer a variety of free online trainings that can help you understand issues from their perspective, making you more articulate and knowledgeable about some policy-related climate solution proposals.

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Cultivating a Community of Support for Native Plants

Learn how to influence people to incorporate native plants into gardens, parks,

and communities with this recording, part of the Tending Nature speaker series sponsored by The Ohio State University and shared with [Wild Ones](#).

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Below you will find invitations from Cincinnati Nature Center members who are hosting meet-ups around topics and skills that might positively impact conservation. This section of *The Ripple* helps people find each other because we are better together!

Please note, all event participants who are not members of the Nature Center must pay daily admission.

Native Plant Club

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30-8 pm—Inaugural Meeting

Are you passionate or simply curious about native plants? If so, join us as we set the foundation for sharing knowledge, supporting one another's efforts, and helping get more native plants into the community. Whether your interests are in gardening, foraging, or ecosystem restoration, this group is for you!

Preregister by Monday, October 2. Member adult free; nonmember adult \$10 (includes daily admission).

[Click to
Register](#)

Conversations That Ripple - Common Good Gatherings

Wednesday, October 11 and 18, 6-8 pm

Wednesday, November 1, 6-8 pm

We are each looking for impactful ways to protect the environment, but we can't accomplish it alone. Bypass the small talk with others and begin meaningful conversations that lead to real change.

Join Cincinnati Nature Center members and other local nature lovers for three sessions with community organizer and local civic advocate Peter Block. You'll be given the means to build support for ideas that are important to you.

So join us as we invent together what relationship-based action will look like. Feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, or colleague who may also be interested. Click below to RSVP by September 30.

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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.



Volunteer Opportunities with La Soupe

La Soupe works with communities across the Greater Cincinnati region to reduce food waste and food insecurity. Did you know that food waste is a big contributor to climate change? Click below to learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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Summer 2023 Warren County Park District Volunteers 10 am-12 pm, Armco Park or Landen-Deerfield Park

Warren County Parks is in need of volunteers for their Tech-Free Tuesdays. Click below to learn more and sign up.

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