



Autumn 2019

Our Mission:

“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”

**Annual Banquet
Slated for Thursday
September 12, 2019
-Fairgrounds-**

Mark your calendars for our 76th Annual Meeting and Banquet, is to be held at the Clermont County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building in Owensville. Our entertainment for the evening will be Raptors Inc., a volunteer organization that specializes in the pickup, rehabilitation and release of injured raptors, and delivers educational programs throughout the region.



Join us to hear how Raptors Inc. of Milford cares for injured raptors.

The banquet will feature a catered dinner by A Taste of the Good Life of Union Township. In addition to the great food, wine from O'Bannon Creek Vineyards of Wayne Township and beverages from a local brewery will be available for your enjoyment. After dinner festivities include conservation awards, including our Cooperator and Educator of the Year.

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**2019 End of School Year
Recycling Program**

The Clermont SWCD and the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District helped local schools for the second year reduce the amount of solid waste generated during the end of the school year. Three schools, (Merwin, Clough Pike and CNE Elementary) participated in the “End of School Year Recycling Program.” There is a vast amount of solid waste that is discarded during the last three weeks of school, and this program was created with the intent to divert as much solid waste material as possible from going to the landfill. The Solid Waste District paid to have recycling carts placed in every classroom at CNE and Clough Pike elementary schools and recycling bins were placed at Merwin Elementary. Along with the carts, boxes were placed in the hallways for students and teachers to recycle unwanted, gently used, school supplies. After the last day of school the carts and boxes were picked up, sorted and weighed to see how much solid waste had been successfully redirected.

During the program’s debut, in 2018 we collected 4 tons of recyclable material from two elementary schools. This past school year, approximately 6.5 tons of recyclable material was collected. On average, this amounts to over 7 pounds of recyclable material per person.

Four Milford elementary schools, (Meadowview, Seipelt, Pattison and McCormick)

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- David Anspach
- Joe Glassmeyer
- Melody Newman
- Steve Phillips
- Todd Winemiller

**NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE**

- Lori Lenhart
- Jenna Swanson

DISTRICT STAFF

- John McManus
- Judy Krebs
- Susie Steffensen
- Becky McClatchey
- Jacob Hahn

2019 Supervisor Candidates

Laura Carlier

Laura retired from education in 2015 after teaching for 30 years at Clermont Northeastern Local Schools. During her years at CNE, she taught 3rd, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades with most of her time being spent in 6th and 7th grades teaching science and language arts.



Throughout her years at CNE, Carlier utilized the pond and nature trail located on the CNE campus to spark her student’s interest in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (“STEAM”) and to help students understand the natural world and our role in it. She also received various grants over the years in support of efforts to rehab, repair and maintain the nature trail.

Carlier remains active in education through substitute teaching, conducting after-school science enrichment classes for Crystal Clear Science, Inc., and working as an educator for Granny’s Garden School in Loveland City Schools. She is active at St. Louis Church and School in Owensville where she coordinates the annual Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon, volunteers with the Youth Ministry, and volunteers at the school in various capacities.

Carlier received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1985 from Miami University, her Master of Arts degree in 1991 from Northern Kentucky University and continued her education at Miami University’s “Green Teachers Institute.”

Laura Carlier lives in Amelia with her husband, Rob, their sons, Jacob and Logan, and dogs, Gus and Bear. Laura and Rob’s daughter, Emily, lives in Columbus.

Calendar

Holiday (Office Closed)	Sept. 2
Monthly Board Meeting	Sept. 11 8am
Annual Meeting	Sept. 12
Great Outdoor Weekend	Sept. 28
Monthly Board Meeting	Oct. 9 8am
Holiday (Office Closed)	Oct. 14
Holiday (Office Closed)	Nov. 11
Monthly Board Meeting	Nov. 13 8am

Connie O’Connor

Connie is Director of Education for the Cincinnati Nature Center, where she has worked for the past 24 years. Some of her more recent projects include leading Clermont County’s Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program through Ohio State University,



leading a new teen conservation program, and designing new ways to plan and assess nature center programs. Earlier in her career she wrote the business plan for the Nature Center’s Nature Preschool and was integral in the creation of its Nature PlayScape.

Connie is a strong believer in the power of collaborations, and she co-leads the “Leave No Child Inside Collaboration of Greater Cincinnati” which was created 11 years ago to “increase access to nature for all children where they live, learn, and play”. She is a member of the Green Umbrella “Meet Me Outdoors” Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Environmental Educators group, and she leads the Southern Ohio Conservation Collaborative’s education group.

Connie received her bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from Macalester College in St Paul and her masters in natural resources from University of Wisconsin. She is a Certified Interpretive Planner with the National Association for Interpretation.

Connie has lived in Clermont County for 20 years and enjoys her home in Batavia near the Clermont County airport, where she and her husband hangar their gyroplane (Connie holds a sport pilot certificate). She and her husband Tim enjoy flying, motorcycling, camping, Lindy hop dancing, and spending time with their pets and volunteering at the League for Animal Welfare.

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Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Voting polls for the election of one SWCD Board Supervisor will remain open until 7:00 pm (see page 2 for candidate bios). Banquet tickets (\$12 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under) must be purchased in advance. See the back page of the newsletter for the ticket request form. With the wonderful program we have planned we expect tickets to move fast.

Board of Supervisors Election Procedures

We will be electing one board member to a three year term commencing January 1, 2020.

County residents and property owners attending our annual meeting this year will find the voting procedures for SWCD board members to be very similar to voting in the general election. Upon arrival at the annual meeting, attendees will be directed to the election registration table where election officials will have them sign their name in the registry. Voters will then be given a ballot and directed to a voting booth where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. Meeting attendance is not required to vote.

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participated in collecting unwanted, gently used, school supplies. Crayons, pencils, markers, binders, folders, erasers, unused paper and composition books were among the many items collected. These items were bagged and will be distributed to children in underprivileged areas for the next school year. The “End of School Year Recycling Program” was a huge success, both in the amount of waste reduction, and in the excitement and enthusiasm created in the students and staff.



Recycling of school supplies resulted in 6.5 tons of material from 3 participating schools.

If unable to attend the annual meeting on Sept. 12th, alternative options to vote are available. Residents may mail the enclosed request form for absentee ballot, stop by the District office to request an absentee ballot, or cast their vote at the District Office beginning August 22nd through 4:00 pm on September 12th, 2019. Absentee ballot requests by mail must be received in the District Office by 4:00 pm on September 5, 2019.

There are special requirements for non-resident landowners and corporations. A notarized affidavit must be presented or on file prior to absentee ballot request. For more election and affidavit information call us at 513-732-7075 ext. 2.

Mark your Calendars for the East Fork River Canoe Adventure

Come join us for a forty-five minute naturalist guided canoe adventure down the East Fork of the Little Miami River to search for beaver, wood ducks, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife. Participants will be given a brief safety demonstration before entering the water.

Saturday September 28, 2019

9:30 am

Meet at Sycamore Park, 4082 State Route 132 Batavia
***Preregistration is required. Call 513-732-2977 or email**
parkdistrict@clermontcountyohio.gov

to register before September 29th, spots limited.

Participants must sign a waiver prior to the program. (Children must be 5 and above to ride in canoe).

The Canoe Adventure program is co-hosted by the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District, the Clermont County Park District and the Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality. The program is part of the Great Outdoor Weekend. Visit this website to learn more about this event.

<https://www.greatoutdoorweekend.org/events>



All NRCS / SWCD programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075.

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Request for Absentee Ballot

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District

Please send an absentee ballot for the Clermont SWCD Supervisor Election that will be held at the Multipurpose Building Clermont County Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

**Please note non-resident landowners and corporations must have a notarized affidavit on file before requesting absentee ballot.*

Name (print) _____

Address/City/State/Zip (print) _____

*By signing this request, I confirm I am over 18 years of age and a resident of the county.

Signature

Date

***This form must arrive at our office by 4:00 pm September 5, 2019.

Request for Annual Meeting Tickets

September 12, 2019 Multipurpose Building Clermont County Fairgrounds Owensville, OH

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. Attending _____ Telephone No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

| Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$4.00 |
| for ages 5 to 12. Please mail check |
| and order form to: |
| Clermont SWCD |
| PO Box 549 |
Owensville, OH 45160