

Fenwick Nurtures Nature Event Description

The Town of Fenwick Island is pleased to sponsor “**Fenwick Nurtures Nature**”, an event focused on living in harmony with the sky, trees and water. This interactive program will provide information and resources on two important environmental topics: **Dark Sky** and **Green Infrastructure**. Dark Sky and Green Infrastructure objectives are included in Fenwick Island’s 10 Year Comprehensive Plan.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at Fenwick Island Town Hall. This is the first event in an educational journey hosted by the Residential Concerns Committee, led by council member Janice Bortner. All residents of Fenwick Island and surrounding communities are invited to this ‘family friendly’ event, which will offer an opportunity to interact with subject matter experts on Dark Sky and Green Infrastructure. Free bagels, coffee and juice are available, along with craft activities for children.

Dark Sky International is a global organization dedicated to restoring the nighttime environment and protecting communities and wildlife from light pollution. Excess light at night harms wildlife & human health, blocks our view of the stars and wastes energy. Dark Sky Advocates at the event include: Rose Mary Hoy (Fenwick Island resident and member of Residential Concerns Committee) and 3 members of the ‘Preserve our Park’ organization (Cape Henlopen State Park): Suellen Blackwood, Sally Boswell and Tom Stock. For more information on preserving our night skies, contact darksky.org.

Green Infrastructure focuses on a nature based approach to managing challenges such as storm water runoff, flooding/erosion and our declining tree canopy. Green Infrastructure experts at the event will discuss how to increase biodiversity in our home landscaping. They include: Deb Cowell (Fenwick Island resident and member of Residential Concerns Committee), Taryn Davidson (Delaware Forest Service), Stephen Pryce Lea (Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek), Jay Ashby (Cypress Tree Care), and Lisa Swanger (Delaware Center for the Inland Bays). Roots Landscaping will also be present to discuss and sell native plants.

Other advocates at the event include Jill Hicks (Sussex Preservation Coalition) and Amy Kyle Fenwick Island Society of Homeowners (FISH).

Many thanks to a variety of organizations supporting “Fenwick Nurtures Nature” including **Surf Bagel** and **High Tide** for providing bagels and coffee. Parking is graciously provided by Holly’s (back lot) and St. Matthew’s Church. Street parking is also available (via ParkMobile).

For more information about “**Fenwick Nurtures Nature**”, please contact Janice Bortner at JBortner@fenwickisland-de.gov.

FENWICK NURTURES NATURE



JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT:
DARK SKY INITIATIVES &
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

07/25/24

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Welcoming Comments 9 AM

Fenwick Island Town Hall

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FREE: Bagels, Coffee, Juice

Raffles & Crafts / Activities For Kids

*Bagels donated by Surf Bagel

*Coffee donated by High Tide



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LIVING IN HARMONY WITH SKY, TREES & WATER



EXCESS LIGHT AT NIGHT:

- HARMS WILDLIFE HABITAT
- IMPACTS HUMAN HEALTH
- ALTERS THE CLIMATE
- BLOCKS VIEW OF STARS
- WASTES ENERGY & MONEY

**COME AND ENGAGE WITH EXPERTS ON
HOW TO PROTECT OUR "DARK SKIES"
AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IS A NATURE BASED
APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES:**

- STORMWATER RUNOFF
- FLOODING & EROSION
- DECLINING TREE CANOPY



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PARKING:

**TOWN HALL
ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH
HOLLY'S (BACK LOT)
STREET (PARK MOBILE)**

THANK YOU, EXPERTS & VOLUNTEERS!

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