

Worcester Garden Club Conservation Roundtable Schedule 2018 - 2019

Focus on Healthy Homes, Healthy Communities

Mostly 4th Tuesdays, noon - 1:30 or so

All members and guests are welcome at the Conservation Roundtable programs. In light of GCA's new policy on waste management, the WGC CRT theme this year is "Healthy Homes, Healthy Communities". We will focus on solid waste reduction, trash, recycling, plastic use reduction and pesticide overuse, and how we can all help in our homes and in our communities.

Take a look at the new policy

at:<https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/publicationsresource/GCA%20Position%20Paper%20WASTE%20MANAGEMENT%20Nov%202017.pdf>.

Also the Spring, 2018 issue of GCA's excellent ConWatch magazine is all about plastics and solid waste:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/uploads/filemanager/publicationsresource/ConWatchSpring2018>.

And you can take the Healthy Yard Pledge!

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/committees-conservation>

We will be exploring local facilities and projects, and learning about actions that we can take in our homes, and at the local, state and national level. Please bring a brown bag lunch and a beverage of your choice.

September 25 – Meet with Rob Antonelli, Assistant Commissioner, City of Worcester, DPW & Parks, to give us a state-of-the-parks summary, with some focus on trash/recycling/maintenance practices/conservation issues/problems in the City's parks. **1:00** at his office at 50 Skyline Drive, Worcester.

November 27 – Meet with Bob Fiore, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Worcester - **noon** for brown bag lunch at **Nancy Jeppson's office at the Worcester Art Museum**; **12:30** for Bob Fiore. He will focus on plastics use reduction, recycling, trash within the City, and Wheelabrator. He'll give us a better understanding of where we stand and what more can be done, especially considering China's ban on contaminated recyclables and Mass DEP's new RecycleSmart program (www.recyclesmartma.org) to reduce contaminants in the recycling stream.

January 29 – Meet with Peter Hinrichs, Shrewsbury landscape architect, to speak to Healthy Yards, **3:30** business meeting, **4:00** speaker at the new **Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Visitor Center, 3 Paul Clancy Way, Worcester**. Peter will cover such topics as natives, organics, keeping material on site, stormwater management.

March 26 - Tour of the **Casella Recycling Transfer Station in Auburn, 15 Hardscrabble Road, Auburn**. Meet there at **noon for brown bag lunch, 1:00** tour.

Our **National Affairs and Legislation Conference (NAL)** takes place in Washington, DC on **February 24-27**.

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