Outlook

Greenspace Newsletter

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The Neighborhood Chronicle #3

BOB O LINK GREENSPACE

Welcome!

If we haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, here's a little about me: Steve and I are front porch enthusiasts! Our favorite place is right outside, where we relax in our open-air living room, enjoy the lively birds and squirrels at our feeders, chat with neighbors passing by, and keep an eye on our very own paper wasp nest. This year, I'm thrilled to join Cornell Lab's Project FeederWatch—taking my passion for birdwatching to new heights. I'd love for you to join me and thousands of nature lovers in observing, learning, and sharing our discoveries about the natural world. Together, we can make it an unforgettable experience!

Stay green, stay kind, stay connected - Jennifer Erena



Join Project FeederWatch!

https://join.feederwatch.org/

Starts November 1 and runs through April 2026.

- $18 to participate (you can also just donate to the cause or gift it)
- Pick your count site.
- Learn the type of birds that visit your site. Check out this common bird guide.
- FeederWatch count days are two consecutive days when you count the birds and mammals at your feeders.
- Keep track of how much time you spend observing your count site.
- Document the count on the FeederWatch app or a paper Tally Sheet that you will upload.
- Here is the detailed instruction> https://feederwatch.org/about/detailed-instructions/

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT



Natural Resource Conservation Service EQIP and CSP Funding

EQIP = Environmental Quality Incentives Program

CSP = Conservation Stewardship Program

Applied, but no updates as the federal government has been closed.

Fayette County Water Quality Grant 2026

Approved, but pending final council funding vote next year. Expected to start April 2026.

FIELD NOTES

Oopsie!

November came on sneakily! I didn't prepare the feature story, so I will include a great recipe to use up all the green tomatoes picked as the weather turned cold. This recipe was brought to a Second Saturday Sustainable Supper "back in the day (2012)" when Carol Spence hosted epic backyard social events. I have never liked to eat gazpachos, but this one is an exception, and I went back for more. And thanks to Larry

Snipes (now in Georgia) for bringing it. This is a fairly large batch - feel free to half the recipe.

Green Tomato Gazpacho

Place into a blender in 2-3 batches, or place in a bowl and use a hand stick blender - puree together:

5 pounds of green tomatoes, coarsely chopped

2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped

1/2 of a large, sweet onion, coarsely chopped

4 jalapeno slices

1/2 bunch of washed cilantro, including stems

1 - 2 cloves of garlic, chopped

Add and puree until smooth:

2 - 3 tablespoons of honey

1/4 cup olive oil

1-inch-thick slice of a baguette or bread equivalent

Transfer from blender to bowl and add:

1/2 cup of fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons finely grated lime zest

2 - 3 tablespoons minced fresh basil

Salt and Pepper to taste

Garnish soup with:

1 cup watermelon cubes

2 tablespoons thinly sliced mint leaves

Bon Appetit!

STEWARDSHIP STEPS

We still hope to plan a workday / planting day in November - date coming soon!

SEASONAL SNAPSHOT



Asian Lady Beetle - Have you wondered how a Lady Bug's life begins? Carol Spence snapped this photo of a cool looking larva while volunteering at Floraacliff.



Vaughn's Branch running behind the 3rd block of Bo after a big rain last Wednesday. Mark Felice has done quite a bit of riparian work, and he says he hasn't seen the flow and bank look this good in 20 years! Proving conservation work works!



Name this plant!
This plant had several showings in an area I am trying to establish as a wildflower garden. My phone says it's in the Brassica family with cabbage and mustard. So, I was assuming a wild mustard. It didn't flower.

Past Newsletters

- 2025_October: Lessons from a Messy Yard
- 2025_September: Bird Migration

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