While spring continues to show us all of its beauty, it is a great opportunity to spend some time outside this month.

May is bike month! Thank you to our friends at RIDE Solutions for putting together a fantastic list of bike tours around Southwest Virginia here. Some especially exciting routes are the scenic view route and a scavenger hunt to find the hidden art around Roanoke! These are a great opportunity to explore our area in small groups and enjoy what nature has to offer this spring.

Another bright spot to appreciate this spring are the environmental benefits of reduced traffic and travel. Clear air can benefit alternative energy sources, as one of our CVC staff members noticed. The solar panels on their roof have already had almost as many high-production days just in the last month as they did all year last year! The air quality in many regions of the world has improved, habitats are recovering, and so let us appreciate what is out there.

See you outside!

Mary Ann
Executive Director
Congratulations to all the winners of our “Love Where We Live” art contest! Highlighted above are submissions from Chloe Hunt and Aly, TJ, and Rory Bowersock. Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Bottle Brick Bounce video for the RIDE Solutions Virtual Earth Day event! If you missed it, check out our fun video above, complete with instructions on how to construct a bottle brick.

Our Sustainable Futures fundraising event in the memory of Ann Masters, originally scheduled for Friday, June 26, is postponed and will be rescheduled for a date later in the year. However, we are still planning on holding the online silent auction! Items for the auction are currently being accepted.

Thank you to all who have participated in Star City Sustainability Society events. At this time, we will be postponing events through June 30, and we hope to get together soon!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!
The City of Roanoke is seeking to hire Artists or Artist Teams to transform six storm drains in the City of Roanoke into works of art. Click here for more information.
While schools are not meeting in person, there is no shortage of environmental education resources available to anyone. However, we understand that it can feel overwhelming to sort through all of this educational material enough to actually learn something!

Here is a list of the CVC educators' favorite sources of environmental education at home:

1. **TEDEd Earth School**
   - TEDEd contains a catalog of educational videos on just about any topic you might find interesting, and for every grade level. Along with their vast educational library, they have an especially great program called Earth School. Launched on Earth Day 2020, it is a 30-day program with lessons about our planet curated for each day. Though the first day of their plan was in April, you can visit the link and attend Earth School at any time.

2. **World Air Quality Index**
   - At [https://waqi.info/](https://waqi.info/), you can view the Air Quality Index (AQI) of just about any area in the world. This is a great tool to watch changes in air quality from day to day, especially at this time of reduced traffic.

3. **Tree People Learn @ Home**
   - This website has fun and informative activities and lessons regarding trees, water, soil, and plants, with a lesson in waste reduction coming soon! We love the accessibility of each lesson, accompanying videos in English AND Spanish, and lessons for all education levels. Each activity also has a time estimate so you can judge how long it will take.

4. **Learning to Conserve Resources at Home**
   - Thank you to Jason Williams from Storm Safety for sending these water-saving educational links our way. Water conservation is increasingly important in our world, and there are plenty of simple ways to conserve water within your home.

   - [Questions & Answers About Drought & Water Conservation](#)
   - [10 Reasons Why We Should Not Waste Water](#)
   - [Water-Saving Technology You Should Care About](#)
   - [8 Water-Saving Home Renovations](#)
   - [How Does Eating Meat Impact Your Water Footprint?](#)
A special thanks to the municipalities helping us continue our mission by going into classrooms and hosting workshops that encourage environmental stewardship.

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