

CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

MAY 15-21 2023



RECYCLE DON'T WISHCYCLE

Don't *wishcycle*! *Wishcycling* is the act of recycling items we *wish* could be recycled, even though they can't. Unfortunately, this is common and does more harm than one would think. Placing non-recyclable items in recycling bins leads to contamination, causing true recyclables to end up in the landfill. Make sure you know what your recycling program takes and how to properly clean and prepare items for recycling.

NATURE NOTES

- Bird watching: Be on the lookout for the return of Nighthawks, Great Crested Flycatchers, Eastern Kingbirds and Indigo Buntings.
- Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser brood jump from the nest this time of year.
- May 20 is World Bee Day. 75% of the world food supply depends on pollinators.

STARGAZING NOTES, *provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society*

What is happening in the starry sky this week:

The International Space Station crosses our evening sky several times this week. Watch it magically appear at the predicted time and brighten as it crosses the sky.

May 16: Appears 9:59 pm WSW, disappears 10:05 pm ENE

May 18: Appears 9:58 pm west, disappears 10:04 pm ENE

May 20: Appears 9:57 WNW, disappears 10:04 pm ENE



As part of its ongoing mission to educate the public about wise use of natural resources, Long Lake's team of Environmental Educators will share simple, everyday Conservation Tips that everyone, including kids, can do. If everyone makes the effort to consume resources more wisely, we can help ensure a brighter future for the planet and make life better TODAY!