



## SUSTAINABLE CITY SEMINARS



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**Cincinnati** is a national leader in reducing carbon emissions and building resilience. **Rotary International** has just named environmental sustainability as its newest humanitarian Area of Focus. The Rotary Club of Cincinnati is proud to offer this public seminar series outlining the breakthrough work being accomplished through public-private partnerships in Cincinnati. Our speakers will illuminate that progress and connect you to resources to help you build sustainability into your business, household, and civic impact. The seminars are FREE. We encourage you to invite colleagues, friends, and students from grade seven and older.

**December 1, 2020: Cincinnati's Breakthroughs, Rotary's Resolve:** **Oliver Kroner, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Cincinnati**, will illustrate why Cincinnati is winning national recognition for its bold goals and rapid progress in making our energy, transportation, solid waste, and food systems more sustainable, resilient, and equitable. The Rotary Club of Cincinnati's Ariel Miller, environment reporter for Rotary's Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, will outline the kinds of initiatives that Rotary is now encouraging worldwide to mitigate climate change's rising harm to health, food security, community economic development, and peace. These include the SUN solar schools initiative the Rotary Club of Cincinnati is supporting this year in Uganda.

**December 15, 2020: Cincinnati 2030 District:** **Thomas Schultz of Green Umbrella** will report on this breakthrough collaboration whose 37 members – including major corporations like P&G and Kroger – have committed to reduce the energy use, water consumption, and transportation emissions of their buildings by 50% by 2030. This portfolio represents over 300 properties and almost 26 million square feet. Members also commit to improvements in building occupants' health outcomes. The talk will include information on the technical assistance available to members and how to join the project.

**January 5, 2021: The Peril to Children:** **Rotarian Chip Carson, MD, PhD, a professor, toxicologist and environmental and occupational physician** whose research and consultation is global, will explain why climate change is the greatest single future threat to the health of children worldwide, through impacts including extreme weather events, emerging disease, and famine. He will outline ways we can mitigate a catastrophic future. Care for vulnerable children is one of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati's top philanthropic priority.

**January 19, 2021: Lightening Tenants' Energy Burden:** **Carla Walker, the Climate Advisor for Cincinnati through the American Cities Climate Challenge and Savannah Sullivan, Green Umbrella's new Climate Policy Lead**, will describe two breakthrough strategies to reduce utility costs for low income renters. As our city faces an epidemic of evictions and utility shut-offs, WarmUp Cincinnati helps tenants conserve energy and the City's matching grant program to help landlords make capital investments to improve their building's efficiency.

**February 5, 2021: Mr. Fusion is Real! Developing Waste-to-Energy Solutions in Southwest Ohio:** **Rotary Club of Cincinnati Rotarian, Sam Schutte**, will tell the story of the Anerobic Digestion facilities that his company, Synthica Energy, is developing to create renewable natural gas from diverted organic wastes. Synthica's plants will have the capability to divert 190,000 tons/year of organic wastes from local landfills and wastewater treatment plants, enabling business customers to reduce their disposal costs as well as pollution.

Contact the Rotary Office to register for a seminar at [office@cincinnatirotary.org](mailto:office@cincinnatirotary.org). Questions? Contact Ariel Miller at [arielmillerwriter@gmail.com](mailto:arielmillerwriter@gmail.com).