



## **Hawthorne Green Team Committee Agenda: June 24, 2013**

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Pat Hutzelman, Karen Young, Hazel Pinos, Robert Meier, Paula Tutein, Chris Cooper, Mary Mahon, and Mike Mariani

### **Green Team Purpose**

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

### **Topics Discussed on 06-24-2013:**

- a. Review May's minutes – Reviewed and Approved
- b. Filed Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification Application – June 13, 2013
- c. Sustainable Jersey Grant Program – Deadline August 4, 2013 – Rayna will be preparing grant application.
- d. 2013 Projects
  - i. Green Lecture Series – Hawthorne Library; Sponsored by Hawthorne's Green Team – Overall good turnout from participant's
    - a. Wednesday May 22, 2013 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm "Rain Barrel/Rain Garden" presented by Amy Roe
    - b. Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm "Organic Landscaping" presented by Amy Roe
  - ii. Backyard Composting Website discussion – Rayna spoke with Ellen about the website content and has approved the information. Paula can go ahead and work Charlene to update our webpages.
  - iii. Caring for Conservation Easements – Cindy Frank
  - iv. Lead Education and Outreach Program – Rosanne Zagatta
  - v. Community Garden
    1. Discussed fencing – Pictures provided by Jack Systma
    2. Investigate other organizations that would be interested in managing the garden – local churches, Van Dyke, Condos/Apartment Associations, Boys & Girls Club.
    3. Garden is leaning towards focus of "Educational on Foods"
    4. Karen will contact two local carpenters that may be interested in working with the Green Team on the garden. Specifically, the raised beds and possible fencing.
  - vi. Raingarden – Working with the Library Board, Rutgers, and Green Team to implement the rain garden project at the Library. Take before, during, and after pictures of the construction of the rain garden.
- e. Farmer's Market – Opening Sunday June 23, 2013 – Encourage members to support our local Farmer's Market; Discussed possible topics (Anti-Idling, Crosswalk safety, etc. ) for a table at the Farmer's Market Chris, Paula, Karen, and Pat volunteered their time. Select Sunday dates for the table at the next Green Team meeting.

- f. Buy Local Campaign – “Where’s Waldo” – Month of July – Advertisement is complete; Encourage members to support our local businesses and buy local campaign.
  
- g. Green Fair September 15, 2013 Raindate September 22, 2013
  - i. Men of Horse Band – Booked
  - ii. Discuss Potential Vendors
    - 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/water conservation booth
    - 2. Elaine Bloomingdale Planner – native plants & Passaic County Open Space Kathleen from EPA Green Streets Meeting
    - 3. Recycling division - Ellen: Potential survey questions - Why is recycling down?
    - 4. Ed Schwartz Green Living
    - 5. Well Read Bookstore – booth and author speaking
    - 6. Composting Demonstration
    - 7. Recycling Information table
    - 8. Porous Material table
    - 9. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair”
  
- h. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 5, 2013
  - i. Open Discussions:

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

**Next Meeting: July 22, 2013 at 7:30 pm**