



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
March 27, 2023**

**Call to order:** Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Charles Stebbins, Rita Pinelli, Craig Cayetano, Michael Mariani, Maureen Cook, Lisa Devos, Holly Cowen  
**Hawthorne Community Gardeners:** Nancy Salisbury, Barbara Pisacane, Jack Sytsma, and Peggy Weber

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**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 March 27, 2023**

- a. Review February 27, 2023 Green Team Minutes Approved
- b. Hawthorne Community Garden – 2023 Growing Season!
  1. Garden Bed Assignments Map shown
  2. Rules/Regulations Read Stephanie, Nancy and Mike need keys. Rayna will drop keys at Boro Hall
  3. Mulch Delivery – Maureen to put in work order for DPW for the beginning of May 2023

4. Water Turn ON– May 2023 DPW will turn on water; Rayna will drop off the water hoses at the garden the beginning of April 2023
  5. Zero Waste Policy – Donate to Hawthorne’s Food Pantry – Giving Tuesdays! Barbara will put out basket once there is produce
  6. Bulletin Board – Post - Garden Bed Assignment, Rules & Regulations, etc.
  7. Communication – Emails and Facebook - Request Member Access  
–<https://www.facebook.com/groups/236885886511874>; [Hawthorne NJ Community Garden](#); Pat Led for the Community Garden will send emails for communication correspondence
  8. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Garden Celebration – Confirmed - Sunday June 11, 2023 at 12:00 pm
  9. Community Garden Sign – Mary Update Paul is all set to make and install sign
  10. Partnership with North Haledon Community Garden – Garden Beds - one (1) assigned; waiting to hear from Mayor George on the number of garden beds available to Hawthorne residents.
  11. Rita shared damage to garden fencing to be taken care of. – Maureen will issue a work order for DPW to fix fence; Confirmed April 3, 2023 DPW installed new metal fence to replace damaged fence.
  12. Very good discussion on weeding, planting and letting others know if away to water or pick ripe produce
- c. Bird Walks 2023 Discussion –Bird Walk Dates Sunday March 26 - 8 Acre Woods, Sunday April 16 - 8Acre Woods, Wednesday May 10 - Rea Mansion, Saturday May 13 - 8 Acre Woods, Saturday May 27 – Rea Mansion, Sunday June 4 8- Acre Woods All start 9 AM; Lisa posted events on Social Media; Press Releases issued and distributed; Sundays March 26, 2023 bird walkers 17 people, 20 species of birds were identified. Holly to send an article to Tap Into Net Hawthorne
- d. Create Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Green Team 2023 Event Schedule – Lisa prepared and sent to Rayna for review/approval; Distributed for social media, newspapers, digital newspapers, and boro’s website Maureen to set up schedule for Nixel alerts.
- e. 31<sup>st</sup> Cel Earth Bration – Saturday April 22, 2023 Hawthorne High School – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm set up begins 8:30 AM
1. Hawthorne BOE Approved School Use Application December 2022
  2. Theme Discussion CELEBRATING 125 YEARS HAWTHORNE HOMETOWN HABITAT
  3. T-Shirts – Final Proof Approved by Rayna and Maureen week of March 21, 2023
  4. Letters to the Schools – Announcement of Cel Earth Bration – Completed Flyer made
  5. Green Project – Registration Form sent to Rick Spirito for review/approval/distributed - Designated Person – Kathy Keyzer
    - a. Three winners for K-2, 3-5 and 6-8
    - b. Deadline: Monday April 17, 2023; Rita volunteered to be contact person between the Schools and Hawthorne Environmental Commission
    - c. Registration Table –Excel spread sheet set up.; Rita will prepare a list of all registered students for the event Rita has 8 students for registration and tattoos.
    - d. Ribbons – Rayna ordered; Along with the Ribbon, each winning student will receive a Cel Earth Bration Certificate; in addition to publicity on social media
    - e. Judges – Need (2) Commissioners/Green Team Members
  6. Vendors/Activities NEED TO CHECK RECTANGLE TABLES in HHS Cafeteria – Rayna is working with Dr. Rick Spirto – All communicated (verbally and email) to school system; Rayna will work with Principal of HHS.

- ii. Booked – Snakes-N-Scales – two (2) shows 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
  - iii. Hawthorne Historical Society – Confirmed
  - iv. Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission – Confirmed
  - v. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Confirmed
  - vi. Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team –Confirmed
  - vii. Hawthorne Birds -Confirmed
  - viii. Plant Swap – Leah will work with Peggy Weber on this topic; similar as last year, 2022; Confirmed
  - ix. Craft Workshop – Mary - Tissue Paper flowers; She will also check with Colour and Whim They are on board Mary is back up
  - x. LMS Games – Rita - Amanda Cardenus and Victoria Sabitino – Confirmed; Commission will be purchasing the prizes. Prizes have been ordered
  - xi. Hawthorne High School – Supervisor of Math & Science - Bonnie Aschenbrand - Phone: 973-423-6415; Email: [baschenbrand@hawthorne.k12.nj.us](mailto:baschenbrand@hawthorne.k12.nj.us) – working with Rita
  - xii. Food/Refreshments – Pappy’s Juice – Confirmed
  - xiii. Boy Scouts Troop 85 & 30 Rayna to check if they want to participate
  - xiv. Ticks Lyme Disease – Rayna will reach out to Alexandra - Confirmed
  - xv. Ham Radio Mary Confirmed; need electric outlet
  - xvi. Honey Mary to check – Unable to participate and Craig reached out to Ashley Smith – unable to participate
  - xvii. Paper maker Alexandra will check Sandie Butler – Confirmed
  - xviii. Electric car- Craig confirmed
  - xix. Amy Rowe – Rutgers – Spotted Lanternfly materials, native plants, rain gardens, - Rayna will reach out - Response unable to participate at event.
7. Tattoos – Yes; -Rita will contact SHARE for volunteers; Rayna will purchase additional tattoos.
  8. Pizza for Volunteers - Maureen to check how many and contact Puzo’s – Completed will order 10 pies of pizza
  9. Dirt Cake – Volunteer Environmental Commission or Green Team Member – After discussion, Commission agreed to Not Go forward with the Dirt Cake. <https://easydessertrecipes.com/dirt-cake-cups/>
  10. Publicity -Fliers, Press Releases – Social Media, Boro’s Website, Electronic Boards, Nixle alerts, etc. – Completed
    - a. Craig designed circle Logo for back of shirt .Italic print on outside approved. – This will be our branding for our Cel Earth Bration Flyer, press release, registration form, etc. Rayna issued Press Release and Flyers for distribution last Saturday March 18 2023
  11. Discussion of making into Buttons. Rayna to check number of clothes pin magnets kids can make. Lisa checked 200 buttons 2 ½ inches \$237, Maureen to check with town vendors also Magnets; Decision – No to ordering buttons or pin magnets; 20 Bee chains found by Pat,
  12. Giveaways for LMS Games – Rayna will check what we have from past events; Confirmed materials; ordered supplemental items from Amazon
  13. Photographer Rayna will take for live feed/photos to be posted on Facebook. Mike to take photos for the Power Point presentation – Annual June Environmental Program
  14. Poster – Schedule of Events Lisa volunteered to make poster.
    - a. Snakes and Scales in room 123? Will confirm the day of the event – leave it blank;
    - b. Plant Swap – 10:00 am to 11:00 am
    - c. Craft Workshop s– Colour & Whim Studio (all day);
    - d. Workshops with Sandie (all day) and
    - e. Award Ceremony 1:45 pm – room will be determined the day of the event

15. Rayna to bring Karaoke machine and extension cords for sound system in Cafeteria

f. Open Discussion – None

**Virtual Hawthorne Green Team ZOOM Meeting  
Monday April 24, 2023 at 7:30 pm – Cancelled**

**Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team Joint Meeting  
Thursday April 20, 2023 at 8:00 pm**

**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