



**Virtual Meeting  
Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes  
November 22, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Rayna Laiosa, Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Holly Cowen, Lisa DeVos, Mary Mahon, Mike Mariani, Maureen Cook, Rita Pinelli, Rebecca Moroz, and Craig Cayetano

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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 November 22, 2021**

- a. Review October 25, 2021 Green Team Minutes - Approved
- b. 2022 Virtual Hawthorne Green Team Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month – Discussed and Agreed; sent to Maureen Cook for the 2022 Borough Calendar

January 24, 2022
February 28, 2022
March 28, 2022
April 25, 2022
May 23, 2022

June 6, 2022 – Joint & Annual Environmental Program
July 25, 2022
August 22, 2022
September 26, 2022
October 24, 2022
November 28, 2022
December 8, 2022 (Joint)

- c. Polystyrene Collection Day Tentatively Saturday January 8, 2022 at the Pool Complex; Rain/Snow Date Saturday January 15, 2022; Next Step: Maureen will follow up with the Fire Department (pool parking lot selling of Christmas trees and wreaths) to arrange for an area for the Polystyrene collection from our residents
- d. Community Garden – Last Day/Weekend – Thanksgiving gardeners must clean out garden beds; announcement in January 2022 – Two (2) 4 x 8 garden beds will be available for Hawthorne residents. Pat removed the garden signs and bulletin board; residual tomato cages that will remain over the winter. Received two gardeners community garden key and (1) person’s paperwork for security deposit returned to the Borough. Pat – will follow up Thanksgiving weekend to confirm all garden beds are cleared and removed.
- e. Help the Hawthorne BEE Litter Date –8 Acre Woods – grabbers, bags, gloves; New Dates Saturday Nov 6 at 11:30 am – 8 Acre Woods; Rain Date Saturday Nov 13 at 11:30 am; Press Release update information – Pat - Completed; Meeting Place: Maitland Avenue Adjacent to Boys & Girls Club – Very successful event! Press Release Summary was issued to Gazette & Tap Into Hawthorne; 25 participants including 8 Environmental Commissioners & Hawthorne BEE.
- f. Buy Local Campaign for the Upcoming Holiday Season Discussion – Kickoff the beginning of December 2021
  - 1. Hawthorne Green Team and Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce working together to promote a Holiday Buy Local Campaign
  - 2. Mike/Brenda will re-design the Holiday poster, - Remove the Hawthorne First website, make the same font/text Shop & Dine Local”); 11 x 17 poster printing; request pricing for 150 and 200 copies from Marc Moleno Designs; potentially double sided posters; Finalized the Design; Ordered 500 Posters from Ridgewood Press; Will be ready on Wednesday November 24, 2021; Mike will pick up the posters.
  - 3. Rayna/Meg/Robert will prepare the cover letter (Robert is printing out the letter) to businesses and the press release – Finalized – will be sent to Local newspapers for distribution December 1, 2021; delivery of Poster and Cover Letter to businesses the weekend/week of November 27; Target Launch is Weekend of December 3, 2021.
  - 4. Volunteers – Rayna, Pat, Carol, Holly, Craig, Rita, Mary, and Maureen; Mike will have packages ready for pick up at his house.
  - 5. Rayna/Meg/Robert will develop a list of participants – In Process
  - 6. Lisa will develop a template for the Facebook announcement – Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team, Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, Hawthorne Families Community Board, Hawthorne Community Discussion

Page, Hawthorne Farmers' Market, You Know You Are From Hawthorne,  
Event – create a timeframe,

- g. Anti-Idling Signs –
1. Update - Summary Total of 30 Signs
  2. Existing Posts/Fences- 4 (Pool) +3 (HHS) + 2 (Library) + 3 (Hawthorne Cubs Field) + 1 (Wag 2) + 2 (Haw Boro Hall) + 1 (Gateway) + 3 (Kohler Field) = 19
  3. New Posts Installed – 3 (Library) +2 (Ambulance) + 2 (Band Shell) + 4 (Wag field area) = 11
  4. Posts and Signs will be installed by Hawthorne Department of Public Works (DPW) – Next Step: Pat MacDonnell will confirm that all Anti Idling Signs are posted and report to Rayna and Maureen with status. **Next Step:** Bamford Avenue – Outstanding – Pat will conduct a re-site visit to confirm anti idling sign. Confirmed November 22, 2021.
  5. Discussion on educational campaign once All signs are Installed and Posted – a) Join ‘forces’ with the police to educate and share information about anti idling by sending and communicating weekly (month long campaign); b) Maybe have school children involved with a contest about making posters about anti idling, and/or c) Maybe have some sort of handout at the town gas stations they can give out
- h. Open Discussion
1. Shred Day Saturday April 9, 2022 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm 2 trucks from Atlantic Fibers
  2. Hawthorne Recycling Program – Promote the Plastics Bag – Monthly Slogan in the 2022 Borough of Hawthorne Calendar; Nixle alerts
  3. Bird Walks in Spring 2022 TBD

**Virtual Joint Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Hawthorne  
Green Team ZOOM Meeting  
Thursday December 9, 2021 at 7:30 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