



# THE CITY OF FROSTBURG

## Green Team Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room 100  
37 S. Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

### 2. Old Business

#### A. Buy Nothing Event Recap

Bethany Fife and other Buy Nothing event volunteers discussed general impressions of the success of the event. It is estimated that we received approximately 10x as many donations as last year, with an equivalent amount of leftovers as there were in 2023. Leftover donations were distributed to the Union Rescue Mission, Bruce Outreach Center, the Allegany County Animal Shelter, and Highland Thrift Shop.

The group discussed the possibility of adding a second Buy Nothing event sometime in the fall, which could be put on in collaboration with Savage Mountain Punk Arts. We will explore this potential partnership. Green Team members also noted that more thorough signage would be helpful, possibly utilizing the projector at City Place to run a slideshow with PSAs, sponsor information, and other helpful tips.

### 3. New Business

#### A. First Friday Opportunities

*by Katie Lesko, FrostburgFirst*

Katie Lesko, Promotions Coordinator for FrostburgFirst, has approached the Green Team to invite participation in the upcoming "Frostburg First Friday" event series this summer. The event themes are as follows:

- June theme: Sun & Seeds (opportunity for Green Team to set up a promotional table)
- July Theme: Red, White, & Blue
- August Theme: Petals & Pedals

#### B. Edible Arboretum Poison Ivy

*by Nina Forsythe*

Nina noted a few maintenance issues at the Edible Arboretum. There is a large tree that has fallen on the fence at the Arboretum, and Nina reported that it is slated to be removed. There is also a large amount of poison ivy growing on the fence, and the group has been exploring ways to address this in an earth-friendly manner. One suggestion was to use a mixture of vinegar, Dawn dish soap, and hot water; however, Sarah Llewellyn of the University of Maryland Extension Office discouraged this practice and instead recommended direct application of pesticides. Nina noted that she may be willing to pull out the poison ivy by hand.

### 4. Discussion Items

#### A. Other Discussion Items by Attendees

Additional discussion items included:

1. Katie discussed the possibility of a "creative reuse center," or an arts/craft supply swap. She mentioned that this could be a nice tie-in to the August First Friday event. It was suggested

that the target audience should be teachers and artists, and that a Google Form be created for attendees to submit "Wish List" items.

2. Wholesome Harvest Co-Op is now donating their leftover food waste to the Edible Arboretum's compost pile. Nina has volunteered to coordinate delivery of the food waste to the Arboretum. She noted that the contents are mostly "green" items, so we need to find "brown" items (leaves, etc.), to allow for proper compost breakdown.

## **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm.