



THE CITY OF FROSTBURG

Green Team Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order

2. Discussion Items

A. Cardboard Recycling

Special Guest: Hayden Lindsey, Director of Public Works, City of Frostburg

Hayden Lindsey was present to discuss current cardboard recycling operations, including tactics that are utilized to encourage proper cardboard recycling methods. Green Team members recommended that a large magnet be created to provide education to users and directing them to other cardboard recycling dumpsters in town if the dumpster is full.

B. PumpkinFest: Volunteers Needed

Bethany noted that volunteers are needed to assist with several activities at the upcoming PumpkinFest event on September 28. Specifically, volunteer groups are needed to run the Punkin' Chunkin' STEM activity, pumpkin bowling, and a pumpkin craft.

Nina suggested that there be pumpkin recipes available, and Sarah Llewellyn noted that the SNAP-ED program may be able to assist with this. Sarah also noted that the University of Maryland Extension office is collaborating with Wholesome Harvest co-op to conduct a compost bin giveaway on October 4, and promotional materials for this giveaway will be displayed at the PumpkinFest event.

C. Block Party Table

Bethany also asked for Green Team volunteers to staff the Green Team table at the Block Party on Wednesday, September 4. The table will display information about PumpkinFest, a photo slideshow from recent Green Team events, a QR code with more info, and some other promotional items. Nina volunteered to assist, and Woody indicated that he will float between the Green Team table and the Wholesome Harvest Co-Op table.

D. Other Discussion Items from Attendees

Other discussion items included:

1. Clean-Up Days: Bethany is finalizing a clean-up day schedule. The schedule was formed based on downtown events and the citywide Litter Index conducted in 2021. Once the list is finalized, it will be distributed and marketed. Kirsten suggested providing two options for clean-up days.

2. Green Team Facebook Group: A Facebook group has been created so that members can share their own sustainable events and ideas. Bethany sought a volunteer to serve as a second admin on the page, and Kirsten volunteered.

3. Costume Swap: Caitlin noted that the costume swap will be a "rolling" event at the Frostburg Library throughout the month of October. This means that all month long, visitors can drop off costumes and pick up new ones. This is the second year for this initiative, and it was created as an offshoot of the main Buy Nothing, Give Freely event that takes place in the spring.

4. Kirsten mentioned that she had read online that September 22 is "Worldwide Get Off Your Phone Day". She suggested that the Green Team make a post with 10 ideas for things to do BESIDES using a cell phone. Bethany will look into this. This discussion led to a further discussion of Earth Day being celebrated in Frostburg on the 22nd of every month.

5. Caitlin mentioned that she saw an initiative conducted by another municipality that planted trees in lieu of monetary prizes for local events. Grant prize winners were even granted naming privileges. This may be worth considering, especially for contest-based Green Team events.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.