

# Agenda

## Tree Board Regular Meeting

9:00 AM March 20, 2024

Board Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



1. **Call to order, roll call, and confirmation of quorum**
2. **Agenda changes and approval**
3. **Minutes review and approval**
  - A. [Minutes](#) from regular meeting on February 21, 2024
4. **Discussion items**
  - A. Video production and release “No Mow March”
  - B. Earth Evening planning: Friday, April 26, 2024 from 6-8pm
  - C. [Climate Challenge](#) planning
5. **Tree Board related reports**
  - A. Garden Club - Sharon
  - B. Invasive Species Removal Team - Mixon, Tom
  - C. Prohibited/Recommended Plant Lists Subcommittee - Linda, Mixon, Sharon
  - D. Education/Outreach Materials Subcommittee - Bridget, Mixon
6. **Staff Updates**
  - A. General Updates
7. **Adjournment**

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# Minutes

## TREE BOARD

### Regular meeting

9 a.m. Feb 21, 2024

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



**Present:** Chair Linda Paynter, Sharon Billings, Mixon Nelson, Thomas Darling and Gregory Yavelak

**Absent:** Vice Chair Bridget Booher and Jon Simpson

**Staff:** Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

#### 1. Call to order, roll call and confirmation of quorum

Chair Linda Paynter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

#### 2. Agenda changes and approval

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Motion:** Thomas Darling moved to approve the agenda as it stands. Greg Yavelak seconded.

**Vote:** 5-0

#### 3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Jan. 17, 2024

**Motion:** Sharon Billings moved approval of the Jan. 17, 2024, minutes as submitted. Paynter seconded.

**Vote:** 5-0

#### 4. Discussion items

##### A. Review the proposal for a rain garden at the Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center

Pascale Mittendorf, a representative of Outdoor Science Labs, proposed a collaboration with the Fairview Community Watch and the town in a demonstrative rain garden installation at the Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center. Mittendorf asked the board for approval to use the property for the rain garden. The project, funded by a Triangle Community Foundation grant, will be maintained by the Fairview Community Watch. The Town of Hillsborough will provide plants, yearly mulch and initial digging.

Trueblood gave a history of the property, the Fairview Community Watch and the Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center. The rain garden will not be maintained by the town or the Tree Board. The board will not take ownership of the project or fund the project.

Trueblood also conveyed a timeline for the project as follows:

- March 21, 2024, soil preparation
- April 13, 2024, Fairview Community Watch intern and volunteer grounds maintenance
- May 4, 2024, 9 a.m. - 12 a.m. planting

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Motion: Billings moved approval of the town property for use as a rain garden. Paynter seconded.  
Vote: 5-0

**B. Bee City USA initiatives for 2024**

Trueblood suggested building upon the success of last year's initiatives.

Paynter put forth rescheduling Pollinator Week to May from June. Trueblood noted that May is full of other events.

**C. "No Mow March" public outreach**

The board deliberated ways to broaden public participation in "No Mow March." Paynter and Mixon Nelson will pursue a promotional video. Nelson suggested the phrase "No Mow Excuses."

**5. Updates**

**A. Garden Club**

Billings reported that the club is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2024. It will be hosting celebratory events throughout the year.

**B. Invasive species removal team**

Thomas Darling reported the team's current focus is spring planting. Paynter added that she and Bryan will represent the board at a table during an upcoming "Creek Week" event.

**C. Prohibited/Recommended Plant Lists Subcommittee**

Paynter reported the subcommittee is gathering information.

**D. Education/Outreach Materials Subcommittee**

Nelson reported the town's current material is being sorted. Vice Chair Bridget Booher will gather updated information and compile a leaflet. Trueblood requested compilation of a notebook of originals.

**E. Staff updates**

- There will be new floating wetlands interpretive signs at King's Highway Park.
- Trueblood is completing a GIS of pollinator habitats in the town.
- The train station site plans for submission are being finalized.
- The Ridgeway Greenway is in the conceptual design phase.
- There were no tree removals.
- The town is preparing for spring plantings.
- On March 25, 2024, the South Churton Street Multimodal Corridor Study and the US 70 Multimodal Corridor Study findings will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.
- Trueblood is working on Bee City report due in February.
- A survey is available on the town's website for Riverwalk's impact.

A Fiori Hill resident approached the board with landscaping and utility concerns for the neighborhood. Trueblood reported private property is not under the Tree Board's jurisdiction, but Trueblood can assist with the concerns.

**6. Adjournment**

Paynter adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Trueblood  
Public Space and Sustainability Manager  
Staff support to the Tree Board

Approved: March 20, 2024

## Details and Goals of the Hillsborough Climate Challenge

**The Purpose:** A monthlong schedule, March 29 – April 22, of mini events that offer practical solutions and information for climate action. These activities will raise awareness of the Town of Hillsborough’s resolution to support a goal of 100% clean energy by 2050 and foster a resilient and sustainable community.

**The Challenge:** Attend as many events as possible and learn how to incorporate Earth-friendly products and actions in your everyday life. The challenge is to make ‘Every Day Earth Day.’ Many of the events are designated with (S) and this indicates that your passport will be stamped at these activities. At the final Climate Challenge Celebration event at Blackwood Farm Pavilion, the 10 participants with the most stamps will select an Earth-friendly prize.

**The Pledge:** At the final Climate Challenge Celebration on April 21, please fill out a pledge card stating the three climate-saving changes you are pledging to make.

### More Information


Go to [linktr.ee/hillsboroughclimatechallenge](https://linktr.ee/hillsboroughclimatechallenge) to see the **Green Guide**, a supplement listing all activities and details of each event including location, stamp (S) availability and more. You can also check out **Arts and Eats**, a listing of participating galleries and restaurants. Stay updated by following us on Facebook and Instagram at **@HillsboroughClimateChallenge**.

# Hillsborough CLIMATE CHALLENGE PASSPORT



Join your neighbors and participate in this monthlong celebration of our planet. Most importantly, let’s learn new ways of coexisting with our environment. The activities in this passport will help us all pledge to be

## Better Stronger Greener.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>LAST 2 WEEKS OF MARCH</div> <div>Climate Challenge Kickoff!</div> <div>Starting March 18, pick up your Passport at the Hillsborough Visitors Center at 150 W. King St. and get started!</div> <div>Spread the word, find us on Facebook and Instagram @HillsboroughClimateChallenge.</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Climate Display</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>Browse climate books and more; register for April 17 book study</div> <div>Meatless Monday</div> <div>Start a tradition to go meatless on Mondays</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Recycling Do's &amp; Don'ts</div> <div>Passmore Center</div> <div>4-5:30 p.m.</div> <div>Visit the Orange County Historical Museum</div> <div>"Conserving and Reusing in Orange County History" Exhibit</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Earth/Climate Exhibits</div> <div>Local Art Galleries</div> <div>Stop in and explore climate-focused art all month</div> <div>Eat Local!</div> <div>Visit local restaurants this month and enjoy climate-friendly menu items</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Composting Demo</div> <div>Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center</div> <div>3-4:30 p.m.</div> <div>Recycle and Reuse</div> <div>Shop and drop off at local thrift stores this month</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Earth/Climate Exhibits</div> <div>First Fridays at Eno Arts Mill</div> <div>6-9 p.m.</div> <div>1.5°C Exhibit, kids' activities</div> <div>Purple Crow Books</div> <div>Browse climate books; register for April 17 book study</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Talks Along Riverwalk</div> <div>Hillsborough Riverwalk</div> <div>Garden Tour: 10 a.m.-noon</div> <div>Occoneetchee Earth Talk: 10-11 a.m.</div> <div>Eno River Talk: 11 a.m.-noon</div> <div>Eno Farmers Market</div> <div>Every Saturday, 8 a.m.- noon</div> <div>Local produce, compost station</div>
<div>7</div> <div>Becoming an Earth-Friendly Church Roundtable</div> <div>Hillsborough Presbyterian Church</div> <div>1-2:30 p.m.</div> <div>Solar Panel Home Tour and Q&amp;A</div> <div>2-4 p.m.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour</div> <div>355 Elizabeth Brady Road</div> <div>2-4 p.m.</div> <div>Meatless Monday</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Hillsborough Comprehensive Sustainability Plan</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>6:30-7:30 p.m.</div> <div>With Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood</div>	<div>10</div> <div>How To Decrease Your Home's Carbon Footprint</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>2-3:30 p.m.</div> <div>With Habitat for Humanity</div> <div>Eat Local!</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Shop Climate-Friendly Products</div> <div>Weaver Street Market</div> <div>8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily</div> <div>All month: browse organic produce and climate-friendly products</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Climate Talk</div> <div>RambleRill Farm</div> <div>7-8:30 p.m.</div> <div>With Donald Nonini, Ph.D.</div> <div>"Food Activism: Sustainability, Climate Change and Social Justice"</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Electric Vehicle Expo</div> <div>Board of Elections parking lot</div> <div>10 a.m.-noon</div> <div>Forest Walks and Talks</div> <div>RambleRill Farm</div> <div>3-5 p.m.</div> <div>Tree Board, Master Gardeners, Farmer Foodshare</div>
<div>14</div> <div>The Buzz About Pollinators</div> <div>Gold Park Bee Hotel</div> <div>2-4 p.m.</div> <div>Kids' activities, free seeds</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Earth-Friendly Burials</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>1-2:30 p.m.</div> <div>Bluestem Conservation Cemetery, Endswell Aquamation Cremation</div> <div>Meatless Monday</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Climate Talk</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>6:30-8 p.m.</div> <div>With Ashley Ward, Ph.D.</div> <div>"The Importance of Resiliency"</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Zoom Book Discussion</div> <div>(register for link)</div> <div>7-8:30 p.m.</div> <div>"The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis"</div> <div>Eat Local!</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Climate Lunch &amp; Learn</div> <div>Orange County Library</div> <div>Noon-1:30 p.m.</div> <div>Bring your lunch and Earth-friendly ideas to share!</div> <div>Walk the Occoneetchee Speedway</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Watch 2040</div> <div>An informative and hopeful climate film streaming on various platforms, including Amazon Prime, Apple TV and Tubi</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Regenerative Farm Tour</div> <div>Union Grove Farm</div> <div>9-11 a.m.</div> <div>Tour a regenerative farm and vineyard; spend time with a herd of Katahdin sheep</div>
<div>21</div> <div>CLIMATE CHALLENGE CELEBRATION!</div> <div>Blackwood Farm Pavilion</div> <div>2-4 p.m.</div> <div>Planet-friendly product expo, electric vehicles, music, prizes</div>	<div>22</div> <div>EARTH DAY</div> <div>Better, Stronger, Greener</div> <div>Start your pledges!</div>	<div><div></div><div><div>Hillsborough Climate Challenge – April 2024</div><div>Local events offering practical solutions to address climate change, raise awareness of the Town of Hillsborough's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050, and foster a resilient and sustainable community. Visit us at <a href="https://linktr.ee/hillsboroughclimatechallenge">linktr.ee/hillsboroughclimatechallenge</a>.</div></div></div>				