



Green Team Report to Town Council

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Sustainable Maryland Initiative:

The team will receive training from the Univ. of Maryland Sustainable Maryland staff on February 5, 2018. In addition to benefitting from the information, we will also receive 5 more points toward our Sustainable Maryland rating.

Social Media:

We are revising access to our Green Team information on the town website through a direct link on the town home page from our logo to our page to make our site easier to find. In addition to special postings, we will post our monthly report to town council.

Our Facebook page (@cbgreenteam) is continuing to attract new visitors.

Health and Wellness:

The Director of Health and Wellness at Calvert Health Center (formerly Calvert Memorial Hospital) has expressed an interest in meeting with the team to discuss CHC's increased focus on prevention and opioid addiction initiatives. We will schedule this session sometime in March.

We are also considering meeting with a local contractor who would like to speak to us about mold prevention and remediation. Given rising water levels, this might provide information valuable to the public.

Alternative Energy:

Mike Linsenbigler has taken the lead on researching renewable energy sources, and has drafted a white paper showing relative costs along with pros and cons. He will refine this analysis for further discussion and presentation to town council. We are considering having experts and service providers present a public forum on renewable energy options from a residential perspective.



Natural Resources – Gardening:

The fall clean-up of the pollinator and mosquito-repellant gardens along the trail has been completed. Although most of the plantings will winter-over, we will need to purchase some new stock in the spring.

Due to the interest in rain barrels that we observed at Taste of the Beaches, we will be conducting a workshop on making your own rain barrel this spring.

Community Based Food Systems:

Brandy Summerlin has contacted several CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) to solicit interest/feasibility of establishing a CSA drop in Chesapeake Beach. A local farm, Floating Lotus Farm in Lothian, is very interested in working with us. Once they finalize their 2018 plan they will be back in touch with Brandy with specifics.