



Green Team Report to Town Council

Barbara Kete, Green Team Chair

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Recognition:

The Green Team was happy to host Mayor Mahoney as he presented team member Tiffany Geare with a letter of commendation from the Community Action Council of Howard County for her extraordinary efforts in coordinating, collecting, and delivering 200 lbs. of food and supplies to the Howard County food bank after the Ellicott City flood disaster.

Garden Business:

The Pollinator and Mosquito Repellant Gardens are being hand watered until the sprinkler system is repaired. The gardens have been weeded and pruned and are looking much better; however, the general area is getting increasingly shaded by the trees. We will plant some shade loving plants in the fall, and request that the town assume responsibility for pruning and maintaining trees.

Education and Outreach:

Library Exhibit – Sandy Hunting reported that the library currently has approximately half of the titles the team requested for our exhibit at the Twin Beaches Branch.

Other – It was suggested that the person who conducted our Rain Barrel workshop give a presentation to Town Council on the use of rain barrels and other water management techniques. We will follow-up with her on her availability and request a spot on a future Council Meeting agenda.

We discussed the idea of a demonstration Green Roof project with the possibility of suggesting that the Rod N Reel install a green roof on their new parking garage.

We will submit a blurb to the Happenings with instructions for getting homes Bay-Wise certified.

New Ideas:

We are gathering ideas for the proposed Library space:

- Walking trail to connect E Street to the railroad trail
- Exercise area and equipment for children and adults
- Additional gardens that provide educational information about native plants, pollinators, mosquito-repellant plants, etc.

Coming Events:

We are looking forward to participating in Taste of the Beaches. Once again we plan to hold a free raffle. This year we will raffle off native perennial plants.