



## Agenda November 2, 2015 - Monthly Meeting Hammonton Town Hall

### Green Committee Members:

Nick Berenato     Susan Coan     Gina DiMeglio     Ryan Entress     Nancy Fonte  
 Amy Menzel     Linda Esposito     Kerri Patton     Sara Verrillo

Friends of the Green Committee & other guests: Ellie Gibson, Jeanette DiPiero, Mica McCullough, Dan Bachalis, Barbara Neary

1. Community Garden update – after a successful first season, the garden is closing down for the winter but gardeners are eager to continue developing programs and plans for next year. The garden group will meet on the first Monday of the month at 6 pm, right before the Green Committee. Amy will email Mayor and council to request a few minutes at the next Council meeting for a public ‘thank you’ and recap of the season’s success on Monday, November 16 at 7 pm. Mica and Jeanette will put together some slides for the presentation. Please join us!
2. Hallogreen recap – great volunteers from St. Joe’s but not enough foot traffic during 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Next year, try to hold during Green Day or at St. Anthony’s Fall Festival (Mid-October). Suggestion to do a collection for old costumes directly after Halloween,
3. EOFLS – December 10 – Tossed Out: Food Waste in America with discussion from Master Composters on backyard composting, commercial food waste vendor such as Liepe’s and other potential presenters like Tom Foolery Brewery (Mica will ask) and Casciano’s, local businesses that recycle their organic wastes.
4. Adopt a Road Clean up – next clean up November 21, 10 am
5. Sustainable Jersey recertification – next date: Monday, November 16 following the 7 pm Council Meeting. Areas for further exploration: Mayor’s Wellness Campaign – Nancy & Kerri, Community Garden – Linda, Local Economies – Green Business Recognition, Support Local Businesses, Buy Local campaign – MainStreet Hammonton Uptown/Downtown Hammonton (Mica with help from Cassie), Natural Resources – Community Forestry Plan & Tree Cover Goal, Tree Hazard inventory, I-Tree Assessment, etc. – Amy, Public Information and Engagement – Sara. Other great tie-ins with Waste Management actions and current GC initiatives include: Reusable Bag Education Plan & Backyard Composting Program.
6. Schools - Recycling & Sustainable Jersey for Schools; Linda and Ryan are taking baby steps to bring the school on board. New Leo club may offer additional opportunities for student engagement in service oriented action. St. Joe’s Honor Society too.

7. Trex Bag Recycling for Bench – after only 2 months, we have collected 379 pounds of bags! Incredible, but also troubling! Yes, people are recycling them, but this is too many bags!! Great opportunity to use bag collection/recycling to promote reduction strategies and events.
8. Green Drinks – next meet up Thursday, December 17, possibly at new brewery. In 2016, try every other month (rather than monthly) and move around to different Hammonton locations.
9. Hammonton Lake –Public Forum November 10, 7 pm Town Hall – please plan to come out to share ideas about this unique resource. Survey will be shared by email.
10. GC 2016 – nominating chair and new members. Amy would like to step down as chair, welcomes nominations for chair and new members. If you are a current member, please let Amy know if you are willing to serve another one year term. We have a great team and welcome new members!
11. Sustainable Jersey Hub meeting – Dan shared info on Hammonton’s innovative water rebate program at the October 28 program at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor. The Atlantic /Cape May Hub brings Green Teams together to share information and to support each other on the path to sustainability.
12. Open Floor – suggestion to discuss plastic bag ordinance! Longport had first reading of theirs!

FYI -some of the new Sustainable Jersey Actions:

## **October New Actions**

### **Public Information & Engagement**

[Municipal Communications Strategy](#): 10 Points

This action encourages municipalities to survey residents to find out which channels they use, develop a communications strategy around the responses, post essential information, and make their municipal websites easy to navigate.

[Improve Public Engagement in Municipal Government](#): 10, 15 Points

This action encourages municipalities to expand their promotion of governing body meetings, making meetings more accessible and more conducive to public participation, beyond regularly scheduled public meetings of the governing body.

[Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning](#): 10, 15 Points

This action addresses ways both the planning and zoning boards can creatively increase public participation, such as through email or text announcements and posting relevant land use materials online for review by the public. It also encourages more accessible public comment portions of meetings, surveys or commenting on applications.

[Online Municipal Public Service Systems](#): 10, 15 Points

This action encourages municipalities to provide essential information regarding public services on the municipal website, along with an online system for citizens to request services, report issues, make payments and track progress.

[Digitizing Public Information](#): 10 Points

This action encourages municipalities to digitize and post public information on the municipal website on a regular basis.

## **August New Actions**

### **Arts & Creative Culture**

[Utilizing Your Creative Assets](#): 10, 20, 30 Points

This action provides an opportunity to build upon the momentum from your Creative Team's engagement in conducting the Creative Assets Inventory. The purpose of this action is to help raise awareness of the strength of the existing assets in your community and to develop strategies to build and capitalize on those strengths. It is designed for you to demonstrate mindful, intentional and inclusive collaboration that is changing the creative culture through working with different groups and linking these activities to economic growth.