

Green Team Meeting

Oct 7th, 2014 at 9:30

Attending: Marnie Vyff Chair, Mimi Kaplan, Joan Best, Mark Prusina, Paul Odenwelder, Janet Horst

Articles: 2 ML environmental education articles will be in Oct. ML Living, Solar Power article for Nov ML Living Magazine

Marnie attended 2 Sustainable Jersey (SJ) events this last week and filled in the team what is in store for the 2017 cycle.

- New Actions and updates will be on the SJ website by the end of Oct.
- We will start looking at the Actions at our November meeting for the next cycle.
- One of them is Government Energy Aggregation (GEA).
- There are Grants available for energy Actions with a Nov 5th deadline. Marnie and Mark set up an appointment to discuss GEA and the energy grants with Bob Tovo.
- The Awards luncheon will be Nov 18th at 11:30 am.

Where we stand: We have 345 points! We are **5** points away! Jane Rosenblat, of SJ, reassured Marnie at the Tuesday SJ meeting that they will hold our hand and help us reach Silver. We went over the five Actions we still haven't completed and determined the best ones to focus on are -- Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization, Bicycle and or Pedestrian Audit, and Create a Policy (Grounds & Maintenance policy).

Actions Accepted in the latest round:

- Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program
- Safe Routes to School
- Innovative Community Project 2 - Waterview
- Innovative Community Project 3 - Wellhead Protection
- Raingardens
- Tree Maintenance Programs
- Recycling Education & Enforcement - 5 pts
- Waste Audit of Municipal Buildings Schools

Actions still to complete for 2014 Submission:

- Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization- SJ gave a standard response. Marnie needs to speak with SJ to find out what exactly is missing.
- Energy Tracking and Management- Michele Reilly has been trying to get this taken care of. There are issues with Facility Dude and Marnie needs to bring them to the attention of SJ.
- Bicycle and or Pedestrian Audit - 5 pts- Marnie needs to input the data from Mimi
- Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution - 5 pts- Seems to be too much to ask of the Borough to get done in our timeline.
- Create a Policy (Grounds & Maintenance policy)- Green Grounds Policy Resolution needs to be passed by the Borough Council.

Respectfully submitted by Marnie Vyff