

## **Sustainable Audubon Meeting Summary for September 6, 2023**

Attendees: Ann Gillespie (AG), Jeanne Mugler (JM), Sandy Perchetti (SP), Elizabeth Quinn (EQ), Regina Richards (RR), Chris Herz (CH), Diane Herbert (DH), Darren Norgrum (DH), Stacey Behm (SB)

**Paper Shredding and Electronic Waste Recycling Event** is scheduled for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 12 noon. Dani Ingves is coordinating with Haddon Heights for volunteers. Flyer is being circulated.

**Mum Sale** – Sales are going well. Orders are due on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, pick up is Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Rain Gardens, Butterfly/Pollinator Garden and Lion's Club Gazebo Garden** - EQ reported that the Rain & Pollinator gardens were cleaned up on 8/28 as well as the Lion's Club Garden and the planters on Merchant Street. EQ would like to take over the maintenance of the planters on Merchant Street.

Mulching and weeding is scheduled for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon at the Audubon Family Park gardens.

The Lions Club Garden and track gardens are scheduled for clean-up on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mums for Merchant Street Urns planting is scheduled for Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris Bauman from Red, White and Brew will purchase the mums for the urns. Communication to Merchant Street business owners is still being discussed. AG suggested the mums from the urns could be planted at the Green Wave Park Garden when they are removed from Merchant Street, as opposed to discarding them. Placement at Audubon Family Park is also a possibility.

Green Wave Park clean-up will be scheduled on a weeknight – date to be determined. Wood chips need to be moved before the clean-up date.

**Shade Tree Program** – Volunteers are needed for the planting of 20 trees. DPW is not available to assist due to leaf collection. AB and EQ will reach out to the tree recipients and TS will call 811. Lot and Block numbers will be needed and coordination with residents for the mark outs. Possible dates were discussed for 10/21 or 11/4. Tags giving credit to Magnolia Garden Village, Root 24 and SA are being developed. SA will purchase rebar to support the trees.

**Trex Bench/plastic recycling** – Recycling amount for August was 338 pounds. The bench for Memorial Grove is in the shed. Memorial Grove has been contacted for set up. Little League is requesting a delay in receiving their bench. This cycle will end in November with a new bench arriving in January. The Free Public Library of Audubon is being considered for the next bench.

**Community Energy Plan (CEP)** – JM attended August 10th meeting. The needs and use of solar power were discussed as well as a solar friendly ordinance and training of fire fighters & EMS.

**Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership program (SJ-PSE&G EPPP) grant** – The video has been completed. PSE&G will send give-a-ways for tabling events. Residents can sign up for complimentary energy assessments; there is a potential fee for anything beyond that based on household income. There is an additional \$5,000 grant as a subsidy fund with no restrictions for program related items – to be considered.

**GABA Third Friday** – GABA will disband in October. Red, White and Brew will run alternate events in 2024.

**Lion's Club** – SA is invited to the Lion's Club meeting in September. TS will do a presentation on SA activities and ask the Lion's Club to partner with SA.

**Earmark status** – waiting for official confirmation.

**Summer Reading Program prize** – the prize from SA will be a tour of the Audubon Family Park gardens and the Sustainable shed. A talk on solar power, rain gardens, pollinators, the Trex plastic recycling program and the Salem Oak will be given by AG.

**How to advertise events and programs more effectively** – the possibility of a flashing sign was discussed.

**Potential electric vehicle charge station** – was not discussed due to RJ absence.

**Old business/New business** – DH mentioned concern for ivy growing on sycamore trees in town. DH to send SA list of addresses where ivy needs to be cut from sycamore trees. List to be forwarded to Borough.

**To Do List:**

- JM to put paper shredding flyers at businesses on Merchant Street.
- Tabling volunteers are needed this Friday at Third Friday on Merchant Street at 6 pm.
- Volunteers needed for paper shredding event on October 14<sup>th</sup>, clean up and mum planting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, clean up at Green Wave Park on a date to be determined. If you are available, please contact the SA email address.