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Hi Green Team,

With gratitude for your patience as I haven't had a chance to send out meeting notes from our February meeting. Please see below.

Key Items Discussed During Meeting

- Laura and Luke have collected and shipped over 80 pounds of legos!!! (and probably more at this point)

- The team has been doing an amazing job reaching out to Beyond Plastics, Sustainable Princeton, the Scotch Plains green team, the DPW, the Mayor's office, town council, etc.

Some updates that have occurred since the meeting

- The Mayor and several council members have agreed to meet with us to discuss next steps to reduce gas powered leaf blower use in town (inclusive of a town wide communications campaign).

The Green Team met with the Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and the Fanwood's land use board (comprised of both Council members and town volunteers). Actions from this meeting include:

- o We will have a follow up meeting with the vendor working on Fanwood's master plan to discuss what the town might do in the context of the master plan that can count towards Sustainable Jersey recertification. This meeting will be held on 3/20 – I will attend. **Angela** I hope that you can attend as well.
 - o The land use board has purview over things like reviewing and approving changes to your property – for example, installing a fence, or patio, or gazebo that may have an impact on reducing permeable surfaces. **Chris**: something that we can include in a Green Tip is that if people are considering making improvements to their property, they need to make sure to file with the land use board. The increased flooding issues happening in town can be partially attributed to an increase in impervious surfaces.
 - o There is a high school student who is interested in working with the Green Team on a communications campaign regarding gas powered leaf blowers and planting for pollinators as part of their senior Capstone project. I haven't met with them but this will be a great resource for us.
- Fanwood's Earth Day celebration and clean up will be held on Saturday morning, April 20th. **Unfortunately I will not be able to attend. I'd like to request someone to volunteer to run point for the Green Team that day.**

Action Items

- **Pat**: please review and circulate the job description for a summer intern (next steps after that are for Green Team to begin reaching out to local colleges to put job description on their job board)
- **Pat**: Is the 2024 town calendar published on the website yet? I've had a few folks asking specifically about the date of the Earth Day clean up and they can't seem to find this year's calendar online.
- **Pat**: What grants do we have access to with our current SJ certification?
- **Julie** to ask the town's communications agency to design a logo for Be Kind to Fanwood
- **Julie** will review Mary Ann's ideas for the Be Kind to Fanwood campaign
- **Julie** will circle back with Clint regarding Earth Day to see if GT members can assist in planning, table sitting, monitoring giveaways, etc. Will also request the flyer so that we can begin to share with our audiences. Will also ask if NJ clean communities if they can send a speaker for Earth Day
- **Julie and Chris** to meet with high school student interested in a communications campaign.
- **Mary Ann**: Reach out to Fanwood librarians about doing Earth Day-related activities and advertising Earth Day clean-up with kids
- **Laura and whole Green Team**: What are some ideas for the next collection initiative? Sole to sole? Shoe donation program. Contact lenses? What does recycle coach say?
- **Angela** will explore putting together a score card or dashboard for recertification so we know how many points we're responsible for and what new things we might need to do

- **Luke** will create a trifold about the Green Team for Earth Day (Julie will review the draft)
- **Julie** to follow up with Pat on having a meeting with Mayor and council members re: gas powered leaf blowers

Attachments:

- This year's Green Team meeting schedule and location. Note the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 PM at La Grande park.
- Town calendar where the Green Team will likely have a table.

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