

## **Agenda: 4-18-23**

**Next meeting is 5-16-23 - NOTE - all of you who have written about calendar invite visibility - Lisa G will add you to an invite for all 2023 ESAC meetings before the end of this week.**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT DATES - Note that Rachael Rice will work to prepare a sign-up Genius for our collective volunteer efforts. Here are the dates just so everyone has them for when the sub committee reaches out:**

5-29 -- Jazz in the Park in afternoon  
6-3 -- *Porch Fest*  
6-16 -- *Juneteenth*  
6-2 -- Main Event at Night  
6-25 -- Jazz in the Park in afternoon  
7-4 -- 4th of July at night  
7-21 -- Main Event at Night  
7-30 -- Jazz in the Park in afternoon  
8-26 -- afternoon  
9-3 -- *Labor Day Block Party*  
9-29 -- Main Event at Night  
10-13 -- Harvest Festival at night

**Present: Drew Bergman, Midge Cull, Elizabeth Ellman, Lesli Mauz, Rachael Rice, Natalie Cohen, Rebecca Ness, Corey Baker, John Eikenberry, Lisa Goldsand, Addison Helon**

**Elizabeth - Earth and Arbor Month - Saturday, 4/22 - drive up 8 to 11 - EE to reconfirm items being collected via social. Partnership with Rumpke.**

**Earth and Arbor Day Celebration - 10 - 1 - great opportunity for ppl to learn about Green Bexley. Set up is at 9am. Schneider park. Trash talk with the mayor (not bear). Kathy handling waste management.**

**Universal recycling - received 2 bids - still in deliberation. Note sent to business and land-owners to review / collaborate. Rumpke has provided lowest bid so far. Meeting with businesses is to socialize them to the opportunity and share rate updates. Good news is that for most businesses the 96 gallon toter @ \$9 / month is adequate in**

volume. Uniform service. Also addresses equity challenge associated with multi-family homes and access to composting services.

OSU groups working on projects (ex Climate Action Plan - programs and policies used by other municipalities worth considering for Bexley) for Bexley presenting findings on 4/19. GHG inventory in progress.

Bexley's food waste recycling plan may be on NBC news with Lester Holt this week (timing tbd). Media event organized by SWACO. Information provided, and footage taken but no interview. EE provided an update about the coverage via email.

**Mayor's update -**

Aggregation as a way to bring renewable energy to residents. Revisiting approach - will approach ESAC once opportunity and costs is clear.

'Freecycling' ordinance - no longer making it illegal to remove items from the trash.

Climate Action Plan, Universal Recycling - mayor excited and strongly supports.

EV fleet update - Ford's pricing has changed. Ford Lightnings no longer financially feasible.

John Eickenbury - compost pilot for high school - toters dropped at the school. May have some process improvements which Addison will address with John and team. Addison has concluded that the high school may not be ready for a compost program. Challenging because high schoolers tend not to eat in the high school. Middle school students are better suited to drive composting. Challenge to get people (students) to show up consistently to volunteer. Middle school presents results of their pilot on 5/10. BHS to help prep the Middle school presenters ahead of the meeting. Take-away for now is that this will be Middle-school focused after the High School pilot concludes this week.

Corey Baker - CSG - some challenge to find consistent student volunteers for composting. May 1st is re-start of school wide recycling. Bins in common areas. Custodial staff onboarded re process which involves

**teacher responsibility for classroom collection. Addison asked for cost of composting at CSG. CSG senior class also participating in LYA on 5/2.**

**Rebecca Ness - LYA - See below from RN with the most important dates for which Green Bexley ESAC support in person is most needed!!**

**1.**

5/1 Nature's Best Hope

Dr. Doug Tallamy

Bexley Public Library

Dr Tallamy will present via webinar with an in-person audience

7:00

Dr. Doug Tallamy is the inspiration for Love Your Alley. He created Homegrown National Park: a grassroots call-to-action to regenerate biodiversity throughout the country. We invite you to this inspiring, dynamic talk to learn simple steps that each of us can- and must- take to reverse declining biodiversity. Dr Tallamy will explain why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope.

**2.**

5/13 Love Your Alley Festival

Clifton Shelter, Pool Parking lot

12:00-3:00

Join Green Bexley for the Love Your Alley Festival on Saturday, May 13. Swing by to pick up free native seedlings from Natives in Harmony and Native Landscaping and Consulting, enjoy kids activities and learn all about native plants and beneficial insects. The Strange Lab will offer a Pet a Bee and an OSU Lab will offer a beneficial insects table with spiders, lady beetles and more! Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative will be on hand to answer all your questions about pollinators. Local artists will sell their artwork! If you have native plants to share or swap, bring them by. There will be super fun music and delicious food! First 20 attendees will receive a gorgeous wooden sign for their pollinator garden.

**NOTE TO ESAC LEADS - REEVALUATE HOW WE CALENDARIZE EVENTS FOR GREEN BEXLEY - FB OR OTHER TOOL - KATHY, ELIZABETH, REBECCA, LISA TO DISCUSS**

**Rachael Rice - Capital University - Project to create a sustainable campus - ongoing engagement with the provost on this. 4/19 is Capital's symposium - student research projects 11 to 1, oral from 1 to 4. Rachel presenting at 2pm in Batelle 115 about fungal disease on amphibians. CapGreen will be at Saturday's event**

**St Charles - continuing to recycle; not composting. Midge plans to convene a recycling club at St. Charles.**