

Hi All,

Sorry for the delayed recap! Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00, city hall.

Zelina Jacobs and Nicole Lawson from Brassica joined us. Zelina is the team leader for the Green Initiative at Brassica; she will be working on the restaurant's sustainability practices. Zelina served up delicious hummus and pita at our Green Bexley Fair. It will be great to work with her in the community!

1. Food waste composting: Steve and Joanne are preparing to get back out on the streets of Bexley to encourage more residents to sign up for composting. They have been in discussion with Addison to enlist more help from the BHS Environmental Club.

2. Mosquito Abatement plan - at the time of the meeting, Rebecca reported she is still looking for some groups of houses to participate

3. Climate Action Plan - Elizabeth reported that an OSU student is drafting the climate action plan with help from a grant.

4. Litter pick up - April 30 clean up was at Nelson Park. In the ESAC meeting we talked about the possibility of getting into Alum Creek especially by the bridge that leads from the JCC to the bike path. Perhaps we can use waders. Liability issues - sign waivers??

Next clean up - Saturday, May 21 Time and place to be determined

5. Bexley Bike Plan - signs for the bike boulevards are in the works. Mayor Kessler brought up a plan to modernize the OH ordinance regarding bike traffic laws. Currently, a cyclist must come to a full stop at a stop sign which is not very practical (nor is it often enforced!). Would be better to treat stop signs as a "yield".

6. Love Your Alley - May 1st was the kick off to this great event with Doug Tallamy as speaker on a virtual event. Already, I have seen some cool alley artwork. Next event - Debra Knapke at the library, 5/4 at 7:00. She will talk about using native plants in small spaces in your yard. May 11, screening of Hometown Habitat at the Drexel, 7:00; LYA Festival, 5/14 12:00-4:00 at the Clifton Shelter House. Hope you can make it to some or all of these events!

7. The garden club at the BMS designed a bed for native plants. It is now in front of the middle school. Excellent!

8. There will be Bike "fix it" stations at Montrose, the middle school, and Jeffrey Park.

9. Elizabeth is working on a grant for trash auditing.

10. Ashley reported that Capital University is planting 2 more trees. Ashley and a colleague from the sustainability team at Capital set up a table at the Bexley Green Fair. Thank you!

And, here is some important info from Elizabeth:

- Edits have been made to greenbexley.org to reflect that Green Bexley represents both the ESAC and Sustainability Department. Also, greenbexley.org/holidays has been updated to include information for Passover, Easter, and Ramadan.
- If ESAC members utilize the DORA this spring or summer, it would be great if they could report back to me (or everyone in general) to know how the experience is -- we want to make sure that cups are getting composted

- **Is anyone interested in hosting a tent at the Farmers' Market this year? If so, we can get a tent.**
- **Main Event and Jazz in the Park are coming up -- we'd like people to volunteer to manage waste; we can only have enough waste trios as there are people to manage them.**
- There has been more social media engagement in April, which I'd like to sustain. It would be great if people engage with the posts so that it is shared to more. Alternatively, if anyone wants to take it on as a project and do it their own way, I'd be happy to pass the torch.
- The Green Bexley Earth Month EcoChallenge Team is currently in 62nd place out of 720 teams! You can still sign up and participate by signing up [here](#). Here's our impact thus far:

