

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

January 12, 2017

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J.

Present: Connie Andershonis, Robert Jewell, Michael Misertino, Dawn Smith and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Leigh Raffaele, Heather Hamilton, and Elaine Drazek

Unfortunately, Mrs. Raffaele and Mrs. Drazek resigned from the Green Team.

Mrs. Andershonis and Mr. Jewell stated they are interested in continuing their membership for 2017. Mrs. Fascenelli will contact Mrs. Hamilton to verify her 2017 membership status.

It was also suggested that the Green Team advertize (via Google) that they are seeking new members for 2017.

Community Asset Mapping: Mrs. Andershonis will schedule a meeting with the Township Clerk to follow up with the requirements for adding the map to the township website.

Carbon Footprint: Mrs. Andershonis and Mr. Proefrock have completed inputting the applicable information including October 2016. Mrs. Andershonis advised that they plan on updating the balance of 2016 and January - February of 2017 in March 2017.

Watersense Showerheads: Mrs. Andershonis stated there are 31 showerheads remaining for pick-up. She will forward emails to the remaining residents and post information on Facebook.

Water Conservation Ordinance: Mrs. Andershonis will review the current township ordinance.

Watershed Ambassador: Ms. Sayal has expressed an interest in hosting a rain barrel workshop and will be attending the meeting later tonight.

Digitizing Public Information: Mrs. Fascenelli stated she will speak with the township clerk regarding adding a link on the website listing the roads that have water supplied by Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority. When companies call to see if taxes are current they also ask if there are open water/sewer payments.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Smith stated that EDAC has a new format for businesses to complete in order to be included on the online business listing featured on the township website. A business round table is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building.

Prescription Drug Safety And Disposal: Mrs. Fascenelli gave a letter from Chief Reilly to Mrs. Andershonis regarding Project Medicine Drop.



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Project Medicine Drop

The Mansfield Township Police Department has joined the New Jersey Attorney General's "Project Medicine Drop" initiative, and has installed a Project Medicine Drop box at police headquarters.

This program makes it easier and more convenient than ever for Mansfield Township residents to take an active role in the fight against the nationwide epidemic of opiate and heroin abuse, which often is fueled by the abuse of prescription pain killers.

Project Medicine Drop is a natural addition to our commitment to help improve the public safety and quality of life in Mansfield Township. It will encourage our residents to be fully aware of the potential for abuse presented by otherwise beneficial medications.

The department's new Project Medicine Drop Box is located at 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865. Residents may visit the Mansfield Township Police Department at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to dispose of their unused or excess medications anonymously.

Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers. Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.

The Mansfield Township Police Department will be reporting the total amount of prescription drugs deposited (in pounds) on a quarterly basis to the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs. The program was launched on October 17, 2016 and by the end of December 2016 there was 18.8 pounds of prescription drugs turned in for destruction. All of the prescription drugs turned in will be taken to an incinerator for destruction.

Mrs. Andershonis reviewed action items for the 2018 recertification:

Create A Green Team	10 Points
Community Paper Shredding Day	5 Points
Municipal Carbon Footprint	10 Points (Priority)
Materials Reuse Program	10 Points (Town-Wide Yard Sale)
Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal	10 Points (Priority)
Water Conservation Education Program	10 Points
Backyard Composting Program	5 Points
Recycled Paper	10 Points
Reusable Bag Education Program	5 Points
Grass – Cut It & Leave It Program	5 Points
Minimize Water Consumption	10 Points
Support Local Businesses	10 Points
Companion Animal Mgt. Pledge	5 Points
Sustainable Land Use Pledge	10 Points (Priority)
Community Asset Mapping	10 Points
Sustainability Programs	10 Points

The above action items do not include actions that do not expire.

The Green Team is in good shape for recertification in 2018.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli