

Mountain Lakes Green Team

Meeting 1/13/2015

Present: Marnie Vyff - Chair, Paul Odenwelder, Mimi Kaplan, Mark Prusina, Danielle

Standing:

Marnie & Joan Best attended the Atlantic City Awards Luncheon and received the Silver Certification in November. The plaque could not be found from the Bronze Certification and so Marnie has asked SJ for another Plaque.

Re-organization for 2017 certification:

The Borough Council has passed another Green Team Resolution for 2015. We have 140 points that wont expire before 2017, so even if we do nothing we can get Bronze. We should try for Silver again. Marnie will Ask SJ about the difference between school and Municipal SJ.

Actions & Projects:

Water: Marnie relayed Franks email. Four water fountains have been installed in Wildwood. More are on order for Lake Drive School. Mark is addressing a reset button issue and ordering 200 filter replacements. Frank will be in charge of the water education. He has put together a funding group who asked Home & School for funding to purchase water bottles for the students. Beth Azar at Wildwood is lined up to work on a program for water education, but is presently doing garbage and recycling. ML high school now has a Sustainability Cabinet Position in the Student Government and Jerry Price is teaching hydroponics.

Mark Prusina is involved with Storm Water Awareness and will hand out t-shirts or pencils at the Trout Derby Release date. More to do - write an article, connect with Robin Anderson, water bottles here too, show the catch basin residue.

Mimi and Marnie will work on rainbarrels and ask the GirlScouts for help. Marnie will apply for the SJ \$2000 grant for the rainbarrels.

Recycling: Mimi will have the 4th grade hold a waste audit in the next couple months to continue to see the change in the amount the students recycle. This time it will be at Wildwood. She will meet with Frank Sanchez, Beth Azar, Robin Anderson, etc. Robin will take her class to ReCommunity.

Mark needs to hold inspections, call in and give "public spankings" to the hauler for taking our recyclable materials and throwing it in the trash compartments of their trucks. Thursday is the Solid Waste Meeting and they will come up with a plan of action. The Police may be involved with spot audits. Mark will talk to Bill Ryden about conifer recycling.

Green a Green fair: April Clean Up Day - Marnie would like the Green Team to organize and publicize the ML clean up day and get other organizations involved. Right now, Mountain Lakes holds bi-annual Clean Up Weekends that take place the last weekend of April and October every year. The DPW holds their large waste disposal; a

paper shredding event and blood drive raise money for the volunteer Mountain Lakes Fire Department and the Boonton Kiwanis Ambulance Squad; The Police Department usually holds their prescription drop off on the same weekend; the Girl Scouts have a table selling cookies; last year the Borough Council started a park and neighborhood cleanup for sports teams, clubs and town organizations; and, the Shade Tree Commission also holds their Arbor Day celebration that Friday.

Marnie will write an article about water resources for the paper to begin getting the public informed and apply for the SJ \$2000 grant for the rainbarrels.

Respectfully submitted by Marnie Vyff.