

**BETTER TOGETHER****Action Agenda**

January 13, 2014

Updates from Meeting are Posted in Red

**Meeting Attendees - Listing of those Present and Guests**

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| Wayne Boston    | Peyton Jamison  |
| Ansley Bradwell | Amanda Quintana |
| Sharon Branigan | Bo Quintana     |
| Freeda Bush     |                 |

**Better Together City Website - Updated**

Reported that the Better Together section on the City's website had recently been updated. The site now includes a link to the meeting schedule for 2014.

**Events and Activities (Past) -**

- Milton Disability Awareness Committee - December 11

Wayne reported that he attended the MDAC meeting on December 11. The meeting included presentations by representatives from the Milton Police and the Milton Fire Department. It was also reported that Better Together and MDAC will look for opportunities to work together, particularly as it relates to programming opportunities.

- Communiten Event on December 14

Ansley reported that the Communiten group had a very successful final event for 2013 at the Bethwell Community Center. The teenagers decorated cookies, played games and collected donations for North Fulton Community Charities. Ansley also reported that Emily Johnson,



a junior at Milton High School, would be taking on a leadership role in the future with the group.

- Support of Family at Christmas

At the Christmas Party on December 2, our Better Together group began collecting donations in order to support a special family at Christmas. These donations, together with other donations, were used to purchase gift cards for groceries. Teri Harrison and several other ladies surprised our special lady by showing up at her work place and giving her over \$800 for her family's use at Christmas. Obviously, the lady was very touched by the generosity shown by our Better Together group and others.

### **Projects and Activities for 2014 - Continuing from 2013**

The group reviewed the list of projects and activities that were completed in 2013. Items discussed included:

- Better Together Meetings - Will continue to meet twice-monthly.
- NFCC - Continue our support of non-profit organization.
- Communiten Support - Continue working with this group in support of their activities.
- Facebook - One of our primary communication tools. Hopefully will increase "likes" to 250 from 149.
- Disability Awareness Committee and Milton Grows Green - Continue to find ways to partner with these two committees whenever possible.
- Adopt-a-Road - Better Together adopted a portion of Thompson Road in 2013 and will continue its quarterly clean-up activities in 2014.
- Living Room Conversations - Plans are to hold events of this type on a quarterly basis.
- Senior Services - Continue to find ways to support Milton's Senior Center.
- Promote City - Provide support to the City by attending events and distributing materials of interest to citizens.

### **Projects and Activities for 2014 - New (Current Status)**

- Welcoming New Residents

The Better Together group continues to investigate ways in which to welcome new residents to the City of Milton. In the coming months, many new families will be moving into the area as evidenced by the number of building permits being issued. One way to reach these families would be through mailing information to these new residents. The mailing would consist of a welcome letter from the mayor and a Newcomer's Guide.

- Connecting Residents and Businesses

It was reported that a committee of Better Together members has been formed to work on this initiative. Barbara Peck, Sharon Branigan and Freeda Bush are members of the committee.

- Capturing Milton's History

It was reported that planning continues to move forward as ways are identified to present and capture Milton's history. Norm Broadwell is working to identify several individuals who could assist in this effort.

- Little Free Library

Plans are to build and make available a Little Free Library in the Milton-area during 2014. There are some 10,000 of these libraries located throughout the United States.

**Next Meeting - Bethwell Community Center - January 27, 2014**