

**BETTER TOGETHER****Agenda**

March 24, 2014

Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red**Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests**

Wayne Boston	Debbie Daviadoff
Ansley Bradwell	Lisa McGrath
Sharon Branigan	Rosie Prattas
Freeda Bush	Karen Stanley
Gary Bush	Maddy Stanley

Events and Activities (Past) –

- Communiten Scavenger Hunt – March 15 at Bethwell

Ansley reported that the Communiten event held on March 15 was successful. Some 10 students attended and participated in the scavenger hunt, played other games and enjoyed snacks. The Communiten leadership plans to consider ways in which to increase attendance at the Communiten events. The next Communiten activity is expected to take place in the June timeframe.

- Nothing Bundt Cakes Meeting – March 24

It was reported that plans continue to fall into place regarding the Nothing Bundt Cakes event scheduled to take place at the business on April 15. The event times will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Several giveaways are planned for all those in attendance. An Easter bunny will also be on site for entertainment and pictures. This will be Better Together's first effort with respect to our "connecting residents with businesses" initiative; therefore, it is very important that we do all we can in order to ensure its success.



Events and Activities (Future) -

- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch - March 29 at City Hall - 12 to 2 pm
It was announced that all Better Together committee members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to be held this coming Saturday, March 29, at City Hall. Bar-b-que with all the trimmings will be served.
- Nothing Bundt Cakes Event - April 15 - 3:00 to 6:00 pm
It was reported that approximately eight people will be needed from our Better Together group in order to help with the event at Nothing Bundt Cakes.
- Earth Day Festival - April 19 at Friendship - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
It was reported that Better Together would not have a separate tent but would be sharing space with the City at its table. There will be a need for a few Better Together volunteers to help at the City table and with activities at the Milton Disability Awareness Committee tent.
- Adopt-a-Road Clean-up - April 26 at Thompson Road - 9:00 am
On April 26, our second road clean-up is scheduled. We will need volunteers from our group to help. This activity is being coordinated by Barbara Peck.
- Community Pet Day - Christ Community Church - May TBD
Better Together will be participating and helping with the Pet Blessing Day to be held at Community of Christ Church. This activity is being coordinated by Tass Welch, a Better Together member and the Associate Pastor at the church. The event will be held at a date to be determined on a Sunday afternoon in May.
- Better Together Meeting Topics - Plans for Survey
Wayne reported that he and Lisa McGrath were working on a survey that would be distributed to the Better Together group and to the community at large asking for suggestions on meeting topics.

Welcoming New Residents - March Mailing

Wayne reported that this month's mailing to those families who purchased homes in February would be completed within the next day. The mailing will include a letter from the Mayor and a Newcomer's Guide.

Open Discussion

Debbie Daviadoff mentioned that she thought there was a need in Milton to establish some type of process or procedure where our senior citizens would have someone to call during times of need (examples include snow storms and power outages). The group discussed ways in which we might identify our senior citizens that lived alone and might be at risk. One way to begin this process could be to work with the Senior Center and identify residents through the meals-on-wheels program.

Milton Veterans Project - Debbie Daviadoff

Debbie Daviadoff, founder of the Milton's Veterans Project, discussed her organization's efforts in establishing a process whereby our veterans are recognized on special days. On Veteran's Day in 2013, through the coordinated efforts of a number of volunteers, a grand total of 98 "Hearts to Veterans" were delivered to the homes of veterans in Milton. On Valentine's Day in 2014, handmade cards and balloons and roses were delivered to Veteran's homes. Debbie is continuing to find ways in which to identify all Veterans who live in Milton.

Next Meeting - Bethwell Community Center - April 7, 2014