

**BETTER TOGETHER****Agenda****June 16, 2014****Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red****Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests**

Kent Alexander	Holden Jamison (one month old)
Don Baker	Peyton Jamison
Gabe Baker	Sharon Lockwood
Sue Baker	Lisa McGrath
Wayne Boston	Patti Mctier
Freeda Bush	Michelle Miralles
Emma Harrison	Barbara Peck
Teri Harrison	

Our Better Together Shirts

The Better Together shirts are here and will be given to those in attendance at the meeting. All receiving shirts are asked to contribute \$25 which covers the cost of the shirts. They are polo-type shirts in black with the embroidered Better Together logo on the left side. Hopefully, members will wear these shirts at all Better Together functions beginning with our event to take place at Robeks Juice on Friday, June 20.

Events and Activities –

- Crabapple Community Association – July 4 Parade
Better Together has submitted an application to the CCA in order to participate in the July 4 Parade to take place in Crabapple. Peyton said that all participates should gather by 9:30 am at the corner of McFarlin



and Parkstead Lane near the Braeburn Sales Center. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.

- **Better Together Meeting on July 14 – Nancilee’s Home**

Better Together will have only one meeting in July and it will take place at the home of Nancilee and Ken Wolfe on Monday, July 14. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck dinner item. Bar-b-que will be the main course and will be provided.

Connecting Residents with Businesses –

- **Robeks Juice –**
 - June 20 – 4 to 7 PM
 - Review Plans/Assignments

A “Final Preparations” summary was reviewed in connection with the Robeks Juice event scheduled for Friday, June 20, in order to make sure that all details were in place for the event. All Better Together members participating in the event were encouraged to wear their Better Together shirts for the activity.

- **Other Business Possibilities**

It was reported that CJ’s “Talk of the Town” was still being considered as a possible event in the future for the Better Together “connecting residents with businesses” initiative.

Welcoming New Residents Initiative – June Mailing

It was reported that approximately 100 home sales occurred in Milton during the month of May. Mailings to these new homeowners will take place during the following week. Each mailing consists of a welcoming letter from Mayor Lockwood, together with a copy of the Milton Newcomer’s Guide.

Better Together Survey – Review/Comment by Citizens

A list of proposed topics for Community Presentations/Discussions has been prepared. It was reported that this list will be placed on the Better Together and City of Milton Facebook sites in order to provide the public with an opportunity to comment. The results will be used in connection with planning for future events to be hosted by Better Together.

Open Discussion

Meeting attendees were reminded of the recent challenges (financial and family-related) being faced by Maddie Haskins, a young lady who recently graduated from Cambridge High School and who works at Karate Atlanta. Maddie is in need of financial help and encouragement as she begins her college studies at Georgia State University. All Better Together members were encouraged to consider helping Maddie. Teri reported that over \$10,000 had been raised in order to assist Maddie as she begins college.

Rainbeau Orchids – Don and Sue Baker

Don and Sue Baker, owners of Rainbeau Orchids (RO), were welcomed to the meeting. Their grandson, Gabe, was also in attendance. Don provided background on the business of RO. Highlights included:

- RO started business in 2006 in Milton.
- The majority of sales comes from the wholesale side of the business.
- There is a desire to increase retail sales and attempts have been made through various forms of advertising to accomplish this goal; however, such sales continue to remain only a very small portion of the business.

A question and answer period followed Don's presentation. It was agreed that discussions would continue with a view toward perhaps Better Together joining with RO for the purpose of hosting an event in the September timeframe. This event would be a continuation of Better Together's new initiative which has as its purpose to connect residents with Milton's businesses.

Next Meeting – July 14 – Home of Nancilee and Ken Wolfe