

BETTER TOGETHER

Action Agenda

September 8, 2014

Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red

Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests

Wayne Boston	Barbara Peck
Freeda Bush	Karen Stanley
Kerri Groen	Maddy Stanley
Teri Harrison	Leslie Watson
Omie Jain	Sofie Watson
Sharon Lockwood	Ken Wolfe
Lisa McGrath	Nancilee Wolfe
Hope Peaks	

Events and Activities –

- North Fulton Day of Service (October 18)

It was reported that efforts are underway to create a “day of service” in the North Fulton area. Various projects are being identified and organizations are being encouraged to volunteer their members to participate. Examples of projects already identified include work at North Fulton Community Charities, the Drake House, Canine Assistants and The Lionheart School. Better Together will continue to work toward identifying a possible project or activity to complete on October 18.

- Crabapple Fest – October 4 – Volunteer Opportunities

It was reported that there are volunteer opportunities available to those who wish to help with Crabapple Fest. Opportunities available include helping with the Milton Disability Awareness Committee. A form was passed around at the meeting so that individuals could sign-up for time slots on October 4.

- Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up – October 25 at 9 am



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Barbara reported that our next clean-up on the portion of Thompson Road that our group had adopted would be on Saturday, October 25. Safety gear, bags and other items will be provided to all who participate.

- An Evening with Fulton County Commissioner-Elect Bob Ellis – November 6 at City Hall Chambers at 7 pm

Better Together is looking forward to hosting the event with Commissioner-Elect Bob Ellis on November 6. A large crowd is expected to attend this event.

- North Fulton Community Charities – Family Sponsorship

Teri Harrison reported that there are several opportunities to assist North Fulton Community Charities during the fall timeframe. For example, the “Warm Coat Drive” and the “Family Sponsorship” opportunity at Christmas. It was reported that Better Together did help a family during 2013. Teri will be contacting NFCC in order to let them know that our group would like to sponsor a family this Christmas.

Connecting Residents with Businesses –

- Rainbeau Orchids –
 - Scheduled for Saturday, September 27 - 10 am to 1 pm
 - Event Overview

Plans for the event at Rainbeau Orchids are going well. Information on the event was provided in the October monthly Milton newsletter. In addition, a separate news release will be distributed during the middle of September. Hopefully, the newspapers will then include the information in their publications. All Better Together members are urged to attend the event.

- CJ’s Talk of the Town
 - Scheduled for Saturday, October 18 – 2 pm to 5 pm
 - Event Overview

Details are moving forward for the event at CJ’s Talk of the Town. The event, scheduled for October 18, will be from 2 pm to 5 pm. Also participating will be Nothing Bundt Cakes and Edible Arrangements who will be providing samples of their products. CJ’s is a specialty boutique focusing on clothing and jewelry for women. Artwork by CJ is also featured in the store.

Welcoming New Residents Initiative – August Mailings (20)

Mailings during the summer are somewhat less than they were earlier in the year as evidenced by only 20 home closings in August. This is perhaps due to families moving into the area in time for their children to begin school. Still, it is anticipated that approximately 800 homes will be sold and/or built within the next twelve-month period.

Open Discussion

Communiten – Since the leaders of this group are now in college, there is a need to find a student in one of the high schools to take on a leadership role. Maddy volunteered to speak with one of the Milton High School teachers (Ms. Naterman) in order to discuss a possible next step in the group's desire to find a teenager(s) to assume a leadership role.

Crabapple Community Association – Nancilee invited all to attend Thursday's meeting (September 11) of the CCA where Chris Lagerbloom, Milton's City Manager, would be speaking.

Christmas Gathering – Tentative plans were made to have a Christmas gathering for the group on Monday, December 8, the scheduled Better Together meeting date in December. Wayne and Nancilee agreed to take the lead in the planning for this event.

Kerri Groen – Director of Community Partners at Assisted Choice

Kerri provided information on the services provided by Assisted Choice. Kerri explained that Assisted Choice provides assistance and advice to families seeking information on the care and placement of seniors in transition.

Next Meeting – September 22 – Bethwell Community Center

Kimberly Brock, Milton resident and Georgia Author of the Year 2013, will be joining us to speak about her vision for a writer's workshop in Milton.

All were encouraged to attend the September 22 meeting where Kimberly Brock, Georgia Author of the Year 2013, would be speaking.