

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

October 6, 2014

Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red

Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests

Jim Bell	Omie Jain
Wayne Boston	Sharon Lockwood
Gary Bush	Lisa McGrath

Events and Activities (Past) –

- Rainbeau Orchids Event – September 18

It was reported that the business connection event at Rainbeau Orchids held on September 18 was very successful. Approximately 40/50 attended and had the opportunity to learn more about the proper care of orchids from Sue Baker, owner and operator. All who attended were given a free orchid with their purchase and raffles were held each hour for a special gift orchid.

- Crabapple Fest – October 4

This year's Crabapple Fest was very successful attracting some 25,000 folks during the day of the event. Several of our Better Together members volunteered in various ways.

Events and Activities (Future) –

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

Our third Better Together road clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 15. Barbara Peck is coordinating this effort.

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



A new release will be distributed toward the middle of October publicizing this event. Bob will be speaking for about 30/45 minutes and will be taking questions afterwards. At the conclusion of the event, dessert, coffee and refreshments will be provided to all.

- Septic System Workshop – November 20 – 7:30 pm at City Hall

It was reported that Better Together and Milton Grows Green will be jointly sponsoring a “Septic System Workshop” on Thursday, November 20. Information relating to this event was in the October Monthly Milton Newsletter. An additional release will be distributed a couple of weeks prior to the event.

- North Fulton Community Charities – Family Sponsorship (Christmas)

As previously reported, our Better Together group will be sponsoring a family this Christmas by providing gifts and other items. Teri Harrison is leading this effort for our group. In order to provide the needed funds, we will be asking for donations from our Better Together members a few weeks prior to Christmas.

Connecting Residents with Businesses –

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

Plans are moving along nicely for the fourth Better Together business connection event to take place at CJ’s Talk of the Town on Saturday, October 18. Nothing Bundt Cakes and Edible Arrangements will also be participating and will have samples of their products available for the public. CJ, the owner of the business, will be providing fashion tips for all the attendees. Miss Atlanta will also be attending on the day of the event.

- Future Events –
 - J3 Academy & Fitness
 - Milton Fields

It was reported that future business connection events are tentatively planned to take place at J3 Academy & Fitness and Milton Fields during the first quarter of 2015. J3 Academy & Fitness is a business located on Highway 9 that focuses on self-defense instruction for women. Milton Fields is a “green cemetery” located on Birmingham Road.

Open Discussion

Senior Needs - Lisa McGrath spoke about the critical need of funding for the meals on wheels program in North Fulton County and urged our members to support this program in any way possible. Lisa also reported that the Mayor's Annual BBQ (City of Roswell) will be on October 25. Each year, an organization is selected to receive support from ticket sales for this event. Senior Services of North Fulton has been selected for 2014.

Better Together Christmas Party for 2014 - This year's Holiday celebration will be held at the Bethwell Community Center on Monday, December 8.

Free Writer's Workshop - Wayne reported discussions are taking place with Kimberly Brock with a view toward holding a free writer's workshop that will be offered to the community prior to year end. Kimberly, Georgia Author of the Year 2013, recently spoke at one of our Better Together meetings.

Better Together Meeting Schedule for 2015 - Wayne reported that he is preparing the Better Together meeting schedule for 2015. Plans are to meet twice-monthly, except for June, July, August and December. During these months, plans are to meet monthly.

Jim Bell - Creator and Owner of Milton Fields Natural Burial Ground

Jim Bell provided a very interesting presentation on Milton Fields, a "green cemetery," located on Birmingham Road. Among other things, Jim explained that a burial at Milton Fields is very cost effective given the high prices for burial now being required at most funeral homes. Tentative plans are to arrange for one of Better Together's business connection events at Milton Fields during the first couple of months of 2015.

Next Meeting - October 20 - Bethwell Community Center