



BETTER TOGETHER

Action Agenda

February 9, 2015

Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red

Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests

Wayne Boston	Officer Keenan Grey
Freeda Bush	Sgt. Jason Griffin
Gary Bush	Omie Jain
Maureen Campbell	Lisa McGrath
Amy Donnelly	Angela Thompson
Brian Donnelly	Karen Stanley
Hazel Gerber	Maddy Stanley

Events and Activities (Past) – J3 Academy & Fitness – January 31

Our first business connection event of 2015 was very successful.

Approximately 75 people attended during the two-hour event. Self-defense demonstrations were held during the afternoon and a number of prizes were awarded to those who held the winning raffle tickets.

Events and Activities (Future) –

- Alzheimer's Disease Presentation –
 - Dr. Angelo Sambunaris - February 17 – 10 am to 12 noon
 - Partnership – Senior Services North Fulton and Rotary

Final plans are in place for our Alzheimer's event scheduled for Tuesday, February 17. As a result of extensive advertising, a large crowd is expected for this very timely event. All members are urged to attend.
- Pet Blessing Day – March 8 – Community of Christ Church



It was reported that Better Together will be participating with Community of Christ Church on the Community Pet Day to take place on Sunday, March 8, 2015, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

- Milton Literary Event – Mid-Year Target

It was reported that discussions are continuing toward the planning for hosting Milton's first book festival/literary-type event. It is hoped that the Thomas Byrd House will be the site of the event. Kimberly Brock, local Milton author, has been extremely helpful to our group as we continue to plan for this event.

- Milton Literary Group

Wayne reported that the Milton Literary Group is continuing to be formed. To date, some 15 individuals have expressed an interest in participating in this group. Plans are to hold the group's first meeting within the next few weeks.

Connecting Residents with Businesses –

- Milton Fields – Spring 2015

It was reported that we are still considering hosting an event at Milton Fields in 2015.

- Identify Additional Opportunities

It was reported that Better Together is discussing holding business connection events with several other businesses located in Milton. Plans are to host five or six of these business connection events in 2015.

Welcoming New Residents – Information on Volunteer Opportunities

For over a year, Better Together has been sending monthly mailings to those who purchase homes within the City of Milton. Currently, the package includes a letter from the mayor, together with the Milton Newcomer's Guide. In the future, we will be including a card which describes the three citizen volunteer committees (Better Together, Milton Grows Green and the Milton Disability Awareness Committee) so that new residents may contact these committees directly if they would like additional information.

Special Needs Certified – New Program for City

It was reported that representatives from the City have met with Lindsey Turner, President and Founder of Special Needs Certified (SNC). This

organization has been formed for the specific purpose of helping businesses and other entities better understand how to treat those with special needs. A number of businesses have already been designated as "Special Needs Certified." In short, this means that their employees have been through the training offered by SNC. The City of Milton will be the first city to receive this designation. Plans are for all City of Milton employees, except for police and fire which both have separate, more extensive training, to complete the training within the next week. This program is being sponsored through our Better Together group.

Open Discussion

Special Guest – Sgt. Jason Griffin, Milton Police

Sgt. Griffin gave a very interesting presentation on the daily activities of the police in Milton. He stated that Milton has 39 sworn police officers responsible for covering some 40 square miles within the city. While, all things considered, Milton is a very safe city, it does have a range of crimes, including break-ins, drug activities and traffic violations. In addition, Officer Grey, Milton's K-9 officer, spoke about the canine unit and its activities. Also, he treated the group by bringing in Kyro, Milton's police dog.

Next Meeting – February 23 – Hickory Flat Fire Station No. 43

Wayne reminded the group that the next meeting would be held at the Hickory Road Fire Station where we will hear from representatives from the Milton Fire Department.