

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

March 9, 2015

Updates from the Meeting are Posted in Red

**Meeting Attendees – Listing of those Present and Guests**

Wayne Boston	Sharon Lockwood
Freeda Bush	Lisa McGrath
Gary Bush	Marisa Meisters
Clark Guest	Jessie Morito
Teri Harrison	Sofie Watson

**Events and Activities (Past) –**

- Better Together Meeting on February 23 – Fire Station No. 43  
The Better Together meeting on February 23 was held at the Milton Fire Station No. 43. It was a very informative meeting led by Deputy Chief Mark Stephens.
- Milton Mayor's Run – February 28 – 220 Runners  
It was reported that this year's Mayor's Run was very successful, particularly given the cold temperatures. Several Better Together members were in attendance and helped with the race activities.

**Events and Activities (Future) –**

- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch – Saturday March 28 – 11:30 AM  
This year's Volunteer Appreciation lunch will be held at City Hall Chambers on Saturday, March 28, at 11:30 AM. All Better Together members and their families are invited to attend. Lunch will be free and will be catered by Cue Barbeque.
- First Annual City of Milton Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 4  
The City of Milton is participating with Reach One Church to sponsor the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual City of Milton Easter Egg Hunt. This activity will be for



kids up to age 12. Food trucks, bouncy houses, games, music and bunny pictures will be a part of the festivities. They may be a need for volunteers to help. If so, our Better Together group will be notified in order to see who might be available to assist.

- Earth Day - April 18 - Friendship Park - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The MGG committee will need help on April 11 in order to do a bit of cleaning at Friendship Park prior to April 18. More information on these plans will be provided at the next Better Together meeting.

- Adopt-a-Road Clean-up - Saturday May 9 - 9:00 AM

Barbara Peck is coordinating plans for our next clean-up activity on Thompson Road.

- Community Pet Day - May 17 - Community of Christ Church

The Community Pet Day will be Sunday, May 17, and will be from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

- Milton Literary Event - Mid-Year Target

It was reported that plans are continuing for Milton's first literary/festival event to occur at some point in 2015.

- Milton Literary Group - Recap of March 8 Meeting

Wayne reported that the Milton Literary Group held its first meeting on Sunday, March 8, at the Bethwell Community Center. There were eleven interested citizens in attendance. A number of items were discussed including:

- The Literary Event - Perhaps should be held in November 2015 after the group has met a few times which would allow additional time for planning the event
- Very important to make sure the literary event is well-publicized
- Tentative plans are for the literary group to meet monthly
- Hopefully will have a speaker (author) at each meeting who will speak on their work and provide writing "nuts and bolts" tips.

### **Connecting Residents with Businesses -**

- Flowers From Us - April Timeframe

It was reported that we are contacting Flowers From Us in order to determine if this business would still prefer to hold an event in 2015.

- Milton Fields - Spring 2015

Hopefully, we'll be doing an event with Milton Fields at some point in 2015.

- Cheeses & Mary/Hello Lovely/Blencoe & Co.

These three businesses are located in the same building in Braeburn Village in Crabapple. Plans are to do an event at some point in 2015.

### **Open Discussion**

Teri pointed out that there are several opportunities available for participation by our group in activities that are being coordinated by North Fulton Community Charities. Specifically, the Shoebox Project runs from March 1 to May 1, 2015. Organizations who choose to participate in this project are to collect toiletries and other items for inclusion in shoeboxes. The shoeboxes will be provided to women and children in the 13-county region that United Way serves.

### **Special Guest - Jessie Romito - Blaze Sports**

Jessie Romito, Manager, Sport and Community Programs for Blaze Sports, explained the many sports programs offered by her organization in the surrounding communities for individuals with disabilities. The focus of their programs is on youth up to age 18 and on active duty service members and veterans with physical disabilities. The activities include archery, swimming, cycling, basketball, bowling and other activities. Blaze Sports also has a partnership with the City of Milton in which Blaze Sports is responsible for all Therapeutic Recreation programs offered by the City.

**Next Meeting - March 23 - Bethwell Community Center**