

9th Annual Clean and Green Event (C&G)
April 29, 2017- 9:30 AM to 12 Noon

C&G staging area is Harbor Island Park, on the left, just beyond the Post Road entrance, in the open area below the Bait Station.

Village Manager Rich Slingerland is point person for all Village Staff involvement. Rich will contact Con Ed for free tree saplings - hand-outs for residents to plant, Soundwaters Schooner docked near C&G Event. He will arrange for donation of "clean up" materials - gloves, rakes, bags etc. - from Brewer's.

Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager will now be considered C&G Village Official to contact if necessary, due to Rich's imminent departure on March 31, 2017. Village Parks and Recreation Department will set up a Public Tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 12:30 PM. Phil offered to confirm with Barry Casterella at Parks Department.

CFTE will solicit food donations from local shops and stores as has been done in the past. Rich has provided David with an Official Village Letter (verification) to show businesses. Maria, David, Colin, will pursue solicitation using existing lists of previous C&G donors. Committee decided on no big sheet cake from Artuso's.

Event Publicity: Signs will be placed at HIPark Entrance, the Village grassy area near Post Office, CVS Walkway display case. Martin's C&G Publicity piece/flyer will go out via electronic means. Ellen will post flyer on local Community Website. Ellen will inform Hommocks School of the C&G Event, specifically their Recycling Committee, which she Chairs. Maria will inform Mamaroneck High School and Rye Neck.

Martin will create a small, eye-catching, "reminder" notice to post on public bulletin boards. It will have the C&G date, time, and place. Katherine will distribute.

Victor proposed the April 24th Board of Trustee's Meeting for a brief "CFTE Clean and Green Presentaton" at the start of that meeting. David and Martin will do the presentation with existing poster(s) as visual aids.

All specific C&G individual assignments, duties, and responsibilities for each CFTE member will be established and confirmed in detail at the April Meeting.

Water Quality Subcommittee

Phil, WQ Team Leader, reported on a “spill and boom” incident he observed in the Mamaroneck River near the Tompkins Avenue Bridge. Martin saw it too and showed a cell phone picture of the situation. Apparently, the spill was known to someone because there was a white boom in place containing an oily, unidentified substance. It was not clear whether the spill was still in progress or whether the boom had already captured the effluent. At some point, Village police and fire trucks arrived. Katherine was dismayed that the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation's 24/7 Hotline was not called at the same time the Village was notified. Now, little or no information exists on this particular spill.

It was decided that Reporting Procedures for residents need to be clarified. Additionally, the Water Team would like to know what Village Staff - Action Plan exists for addressing a resident water spill report or pollution emergency in Mamaroneck waters.

Phil will distribute the “Water Quality Team 2017 Priorities” compilation to the CFTE to review and make comments. He will also write up a brief narrative for the CFTE on the Village's MS4, the Village's Storm Water Management Progress Report, required annually by the EPA for all municipalities.

The Water Team has questions on how the Village will allocate infrastructure funds, including 2017 grant money received from the State for that purpose. Colin pointed out that the CFTE should have opinion on other environmental Budget issues such as sanitation truck upgrades for recycling and garbage collection. Ellen has noticed that there is a problem with the small size of the green recycling bins in her neighborhood. Plastic stuff blows out and all over the place. She believes the Village needs to provide larger bins.

Victor will circulate a copy of the tentative Village Budget to the CFTE. He recommended compiling a list of no more than five “budget issue” questions to ask at one of the Budget Hearings.

Victor spoke of the importance of the new Village Water Quality Committee about to be formed. Details to follow.

Parks & Gardens Subcommittee

Colin was enthusiastic about meeting the Principal of the Hommocks School. They toured a compost area and saw other Projects. Colin believes there is potential for the CFTE to connect with children. He and Ellen may be able to facilitate a special Mamaroneck Project with Hommocks school. Katherine would like to help.

David updated the status of the Taylors Lane Public Space / Project Review by Kim Eierman, consultant from EcoBeneficial. Right now the project is stalled due to Kim's need to work with a map showing the capped area there in order to envision ideas for public use and natural plantings. David will follow up with Dan Sarnoff. Once he has map in hand, he will go ahead with the consultation.

Colin is working on a CFTE Field Trip to the rooftop garden on top of "Sweetwater", a large, relatively new residential building on Stanley Avenue. The roof garden there is primarily for managing rainwater using modern "green" technology and methods.

Colin is also scoping out sites for another Community Garden. He is considering one in Florence Park. Victor offered to help facilitate that and will bring in Greg Cutler and Barry Casterella. Colin stated that there is difficulty co-ordinating with Village Staff.

Quality of Life & Sustainability Subcommittee

Martin read an email from Marc who was absent See attached.

Among other topics, Marc informed CFTE that the idea of having small NO PESTICIDES USED flags for natural gardeners to display has been found to be more confusing than helpful for educating residents.

Victor commented: CFTE should begin making a list of changes we want to see in the Village in the future. A "package" that will guide changes or clarifications of Village Laws.

Recycling Subcommittee

Maria updated CFTE on the relocation and re-installation of the textile recycling bin from the former Toy Box (store) location on the Boston Post Road to the Village Department of Public Works' Salt Shed area off Fenimore Road, near I-95,. Rich has received bids from commercial recycling companies. Remaining Q: Who is signing for the bid? More follow up needed. Maria and many other residents are driving around with carloads of textile material to recycle.