



## **Collierville Environmental Commission**

**Meeting: January 12, 2015, 6:30pm**

**Public Services Building**

**500 Keough Road, Collierville, TN**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome new (and returning) members!
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Update contact information
  - c. Discuss rules and bylaws (mission, attendance)
2. Elect 2016 officers
3. Approval of December 2015 minutes
4. Discuss goals and projects for 2016
  - a. Great Backyard Bird Count: February 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Submit your results online at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>
    - If anyone participates and takes a photo, let's try to get it into the Town newsletter or newspaper
  - b. Incarnation Catholic School Science Fair Judge: February
    - Contact to determine if our services are needed
  - c. 50K Tree Planting Event: last year was in February/March
  - d. Arbor Day – March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Choose a location to plant a tree
  - e. Earth Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Great Schools Always Recycle - <http://www.eastman.com/GSAR/Pages/Education.aspx>
    - Public Service Announcement (PSA) Video Contest
    - Catchy Collierville-specific slogan contest

- f. Wolf River Watershed Meeting – tentatively scheduled for week of Earth Day
    - Will likely be a public meeting during the week and a field event on Saturday
  - g. Fair on the Square: May 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Booth fee and order supplies (including wheel)
    - Other prizes, ideas?
5. Budget Recap
  6. CEC Updates
    - a. Around Town publication
  7. Town updates
  8. Adjournment

## **2015 Accomplishments**

- Promoted participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count to residents and Collierville schools
- Recognized Arbor Day by planning a 4" red maple tree at Collierville Middle School
- Endorsed Division of Engineering for a grant to fund a Schoolyard Habitats program
- Endorsed the CHS Environmental Club by promoting an E-Waste Recycling event, which provided residents an option to recycle their electronic waste instead of sending it to the landfill or household hazardous waste facility
- Sponsored a Rain Garden Workshop hosted by the Division of Engineering geared towards educating residents on the function and installation of a rain garden
- Collaborated with Division of Engineering to promote 50K Tree Planting Day at Halle Park. Approximately 300 trees were planted to establish a Reforestation Area along the northern boundary of the park.
- Assisted the Division of Engineering and Memphis/Shelby County Office of Sustainability with a tree giveaway to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Crosswinds Elementary.
- Sponsored a TN Smart Yards workshop hosted by the Division of Engineering aimed at educating residents on appropriate landscape management practices.
- Educated residents about community environmental-related issues by staffing a booth at the annual Fair on the Square
  - Provided rain barrels to two lucky drawing winners who completed surveys on stormwater
- Donated a rain barrel to a lucky drawing winner at a Main Street Collierville Summer Concert Series event
- Collaborated with the Masters Gardeners Association to host the first class in the Environmental Education series to residents interested in composting.
  - Provided a compost bin to one lucky drawing winner who attended the class
- Organized a Guided Bird Walk at the Johnson Park Boardwalk to residents interesting in learning more about bird watching. This event was led by a member of the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society.
- Recognized America Recycles Day by sponsoring and judging a Recycle, Upcycle, and Repurpose Contest organized by the Collierville Literacy Council