



Collierville Environmental Commission

Meeting: February 10, 2015, 6:30pm

Public Services Building

500 Keough Road, Collierville, TN

Agenda

1. Approval of January 2015 minutes
 - Distribute new member contact information
2. Guest Speaker: Christine Donhardt (Memphis - Shelby County Office of Sustainability)
 - Tree Giveaway at Crosswinds Elementary School on March 10th
 - E-waste Recycling at Collierville High School on March 28th
3. Reminder – Great Backyard Bird Count is February 13 – 16, 2015
 - Submit your results online at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>
 - Crystal emailed teachers informing them about the event, and Sheila distributed flyers to the schools on 2-3-15
 - If anyone participates and takes a photo, let's try to get it into the Town newsletter or newspaper
4. Reminder – Rain Garden Workshop is March 12, 2015
 - If you want to attend, RSVP with Emily
5. Reminder – 50K Tree Day Event is February 21, 2015 at 10:00 am
 - Planting on northeast side of Halle Park at the lake's spillway
 - Bring gloves and/or shovels, if able
6. Arbor Day – March 6th
 - John emailed Mark Gray with Collierville Schools to see if we could plant a tree at the middle school
 - Still waiting on response?
7. Fair on the Square
 - May 2nd (10 AM – 6 PM) & May 3rd (12 noon – 5 PM)

- Booth fee is due March 1 (nonprofit = \$60)
 - CEC shirt
 - Any ideas for new give-aways?
8. Earth Day is April 22, 2015
- It's Our Turn to Lead
 - <http://www.earthday.org/2015>
 - Any ideas?
9. Chair updates
- Submitted partnership letter for grant proposal to Emily
 - Any commission member development goals for this year?
10. Town updates
11. Adjournment

2013 Recap

Outreach/Events:

- **Science Fair Judges** (Sheila, Wayne and Crystal) at Incarnation Catholic School

- **Arbor Day Celebration**-planted a tree at Town Hall, participated in the Mayor's Proclamation and donated ~300 seedling to St. George's Collierville Campus and Collierville's Parks and Rec Department.
- Printed recycling magnets
- **Fair on the Square**-created and distributed recycling magnets, collected approximately 2,500 recyclable items, promoted the Household Hazardous Waste drop off facility, distributed reusable bags, reusable travel mugs, carabiner bottles, environmental brochures, recycling coloring books and grease disposal cans. Also, answer many environmental questions from citizens.
- **Main Street Collierville Summer Concert Series**-collected approximately 220 pounds of recyclable items and published an article in The Herald summarizing the success of the collection.
- **Transfer of Arboretum responsibilities to Parks and Rec.**
- **Gave presentation to the BMA regarding the Commission.**

Articles published in the newspaper

- Great Backyard Birdcount
- Earth Day
- Summer concert series "Goes Green"
- Smart Medication Disposal options
- Retail Recycling options
- Leaf collection services offered by the town

Education/Tours/Seminars

- Joellyn and Crystal attended the TN Environmental Conference in Kingsport, TN.
- Joellyn and Crystal attended SERDC in Jackson, TN-learned ways to promote residential recycling, benefits of recycling for economic development
- Estie toured the Memphis Botanic Garden gathering information regarding their Arboretum.