



Village of Westchester

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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

August 1, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Village Hall Board Room

1. 6:30 - Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Inspiration - Lee Kaufman
 - . Next Month – 9/5/24:
5. Review of Minutes – Nikki Way
 - . Approval of 7/11/ 24 regular meeting minutes
6. Quarterly Reports
 - i. Second Quarter – Walt Wojcik
 - ii. Third Quarter - (TBD)
7. Old Business
 - . 2024 Newsletter Calendar
 - i. September: Waste related article - (TBD)
 - ii. Monthly: Plant-Based Recipes – Kari Roberg
 - iii. Incentives for Electric Appliances – Liz W-Chase
 - a. 2024 Planning Calendar
 - i. GROW Participation in National Night Out August 6th – Annie Canavan
 - ii. Concerts in the Park/EV Car Show August 28th - Walt
 - iii. Reuse A Palooza September 21st & 22nd – LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - iv. Tree Walk October 5th – LeeAnn
 - v. *Proposed:* Tour of IBEW Powering Chicago Training Facility – Liz
 - vi. *Proposed:* Guided Tour of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District – Mariana
 - vii. Pumpkin Smash – November 9th (TBD)
 - b. Home Waste Reduction Resource – Kari
 - c. Discussion: Climate Friendly Diet Information - Walt
 - d. IDPH/IEMA Press Release on Air Quality – Liz

Village President
GREG HRIBAL

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MARIANA NICOLAE
KARI ROBERG
NIKKI WAY
ELIZABETH WISEMAN-CHASE
WALTER WOJCIK

- e. 2025 Event Calendar – Liz
 - i. Solar event with CUB in Spring

8. Updates from the Administrative Services Coordinator and Trustee Liaison – Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic

- a. Parkway Program Proposal
- b. GRC – Greenest Region Compact baseline scoring update
- c. CS2 – Community Solar Clearinghouse solution update
- d. Business Cards/Commissioner ID Tags
- e. Reuse-a-Palooza additional signage
- f. Thursday afternoon showings of environmental films
- g. Anti-Idling Policy

9. New Business

- a. Gas Powered Blowers (Lee)
- b. ArbNet (LeeAnn)

10. Commission Comments

11. Staff/Board Representative Comments

12. Public Participation - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

13. Adjournment

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2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan

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| Lee Kaufman | School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care |
| LeeAnn Kruszynski | Tree Walk, Planting Demonstration, Arbnet, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action |
| Mariana Nicolae | Water Quality/Sustainability, Composting, Climate Change Awareness |
| Kari Roberg | Zero Waste, Connection to Nature, Climate Action Plan |
| Nikki Way | Reusa Palooza, Commission Marketing support, Green infrastructure/solar/rain and native garden/ecological interest walk, painted rain barrels |
| Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase | Climate Action Plan, Air Pollution/Health, Incentives for Electric Appliances, Solar Education |
| Walter Wojcik | Climate Action, Electric Vehicles, EV Car Show |