

Highland Heights Green Task Force



Fall 2016 Newsletter

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LAND, FOOD, WATER AND US 2016 CAMPAIGN

A Recap of 2016

First, we would like to express our appreciation to the community for supporting the efforts of the Highland Heights Green Task Force for the past six years! The attendance for both the programs and events, as well as our membership, have steadily increased over the years! We just reached a total membership of 53! Also, a big thank you for all the volunteer hours that members and others have given to our efforts. Thank you so very much!

In June, we hosted another successful **FREECYCLE/E-WASTE Drive**. It is always great to pass usable items onto a new owner. This year the E-Waste Drive collected 1,100 lbs. of broken, obsolete or unused electronics. Since we started hosting E-Waste drives, over five tons of unused electronics have been diverted from the landfill. Although it is sometimes inconvenient to hold onto these items until the next E-Waste drive, we appreciate those of you that have done so in the past.

In keeping with our 2016 campaign, in February we learned about organic gardening from Jacqueline Kowalski, OSU and Master Gardeners. In August, our monthly program was held at Greenwood Farm in Richmond Hts., with Kathy Mahovic from the Western Reserve Herb Society educating us on how to dry and use herbs.

Our 5th Annual **Gazebo Zero-Waste Potluck** was great fun, in spite of the warm weather! We were thankful for no rain, and the warm weather didn't stop us from having a good time with great people and wonderful food. Thank you to all that joined us!

We added a **MOVIE & DISCUSSION** night this year, watching the documentary "Genetic Roulette". The movie raised alarming questions about GMO's. There was good participation in the discussion following the movie. The next Movie & Discussion night is tentatively planned for sometime in October or November. Please contact Judy at the contact information below if you are interested in joining us.

LIST OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS THAT ARE ACCEPTED BY KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL IN CURBSIDE COLLECTION

- Plastics #1 through #7. Look for the recycling symbols embedded at the bottom of most plastic bottles to identify the #1-7.

- Non-Fiber items: Aluminum cans, trays, foil; bi-metal cans; empty aerosol cans; clear, brown or green glass bottles
- Fiber items: Newspapers; magazines; corrugated cardboard; telephone books; mail; printer/copier paper; chipped board (cereal boxes)

NO SORTING NEEDED!

PUT ALL YOUR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN YOUR BRIGHT GREEN KIMBLE CART!

There is no need to bundle your newspapers, cardboard and other materials separately. We do encourage you to rinse your recyclable containers to help reduce odors, insect attraction, liquid soiling of fiber products and rejection of containers at the recycling plant.

COME SHOP WITH US!

Greening Your Holidays 3rd Annual

GREEN VENDORS - HOLIDAY GIFT SALE

Saturday Nov. 5, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Highland Hts. Community Center

A select group of green vendors is coming together to offer you a unique selection of green holiday gifts. We invite you to shop with us for safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives to mass produced products for your holiday gift giving. Please invite a friend (or two) to come shopping with you!

Thank you to all for continuing to be interested in our shared environment and how to keep it and ourselves healthy.

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