



Buffalo Grove  
Environmental Action Team



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Park District

**MINUTES  
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012**

**1. Call to Order**

Jeff Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Guests and Team Members**

Paige Bonk is with Energy Impact Illinois. She recently graduated from Colorado State with a degree in Nature Resources Management and has always been interested in sustainability. She is reaching out to tell people about a grant program she is promoting. The not-for-profit is offering \$49 home energy assessments for Nicor Gas customers. Anyone can have a home impact party and invite friends to their home and a contractor will analyze where energy is lost in the home. The assessments take approximately 2 to 3 hours and the contractor looks for possible improvements, mold and carbon monoxide. The average cost of suggested improvements is about \$2,400, and there is an average rebate from the grant of \$700. The savings to the homeowner after improvements is generally about \$500 a year. The grant is not dependent on the homeowner's income level. Paige left her contact information if anyone is interested.

**3. Recap of Electronics Recycling/Document Destruction Event**

Deenie reported that the event was very organized and well run by the Village. In February of 2009, the EAT committee initiated the first electronic recycling event in April and the event is now run annually by the Village and SWANCC. 551 cars went through the event.

**4. Recap of recycling at BG Days**

The system was not correct this year and the color of the trash and recycling bags were reversed. The clear bags were supposed to be used for recycling. The solution for next year is to have the issues known ahead of time. The first BG Days Committee meeting is in March and Debi will provide a report about the problems and solutions.

**5. Recap of Adopt-a-Highway Event**

Mark said it was another successful event. We need a new chair for the next cleanup which will be scheduled for April, 2013.

**6. Seed Cleaning**

There is a park workday from 9 to noon on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at Rylko Park and another workday at Buffalo Creek on Sunday from 1 to 4. Seed cleaning will be done at our next EAT meeting on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at Alcott.

**7. Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership Update**

Jeff reported that the water partnership continues to move forward. At our last meeting, at least 5 of the communities were doing water quality testing. The Partnership applied for a grant to find out where the pollutants are coming from. Debi is working on a vision statement of how the participants want Buffalo Creek to look 20 years from now.

8. **Membership**

Deenie Pomilia reported that a volunteer at the electronics recycling event, Doug, talked to EAT committee members about joining the group, but he couldn't attend this evening.

9. **Member Updates**

Deenie keeps the EAT Facebook page up-to-date.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at Alcott Center in room 28.

*Mission Statement – The Environmental Action Team of Buffalo Grove strives to raise awareness, improve our community's natural environment and encourage sustainability practices for present and future generations.*