



Environmental Health Action Team Meeting (EHAT)

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight - Nurture Natives
3. LMPP Community Garden
4. EHAT Support
5. Environmental Equity Initiatives
6. Health Department Updates
7. Partner Updates
8. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Scheduling next meeting
 - Nominations for co-chairs!

Introductions

- See the attendee list [here](#)
- Watch the recording [here](#)

Partner Spotlight

- Esther Bonney, Founder and Executive Director of Nurture Natives



NURTURE
NATIVES

LMPP Community Garden

- EHAT's Food Connection Map: Quarterly updates
 - Submit your edits and additions here.
 - Check out the Southern Maryland food security platform
- Security Partnership:
 - Donated to the Healthy Food Drive at HSMP's Annual Meeting!
 - Donated over 150 lbs of produce overall!!
- Call for proposals: 6 benches are to be painted that will be placed around the community garden with the SMC Arts Council
- Fall clean-up weekend is October 26 (9 am - 12 pm), October 27 (9 am - 2 pm) with a winterizing your garden class at 12 pm on October 27
- Join the compost committee to learn more about their efforts to set accessible bins up for the community. Email Carla to join!

EHAT Support Projects:

- Walkability:
 - HSMP & WARcycle Celebrated Walk Maryland Day 2024!
 - MDOT Free Walkability Training “Walkinar”
- HSMP’s FREE Community Walking Groups have concluded!
 - Walking Group at Lancaster Park is still meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM for the rest of the month.
 - To sign up, email Mark at WARcycle!



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Environmental Equity Initiatives

- RENEW Act: Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather
 - Interested? There are two coalitions we can connect you with!
 - Chesapeake Climate Action Network
 - Climate Investments Coalition
- Period Equity Initiative:
 - The SMCHD Health Equity Team, HSMP and Stella's Girls are hosting an educational menstrual health series! Next sessions: October 27, & November 9, 2024!
 - Working with the libraries to create self-sustaining drives and distribution for products.
 - If you are interested in joining the funding mini-work group, please contact Suha Ansari by November 4!

Health Department Updates

- CPEST Women's Wellness Day was October 19!
 - HSMP hosted a successful internal Healthy Food Drive
- SMCHD Maternal, Child, & Elder Health Unit
 - Drive-Thru Community Baby Shower on November 6, 11 - 1 pm at the Health Hub
 - Actively implementing the KISS program and Safe-Sleep education. Set up an appointment with SMCSO for follow-up. Referral form for Maryland Medicaid recipients.
- BHAT 5th Annual Halloween in the Square Scavenger Hunt. HSMP is hosting a scavenger hunt with a spooky prize for the first 300 participants
- Public Health Corps & Student Academy:
 - Two internship fairs, on October 29 at the James A. Forrest Tech Center (high school students) and SMCM (college students) to strengthen our youth partnerships.

Health Department Updates, Cont.

- Health Equity Team and HSMP will be attending Community Assistance Day on November 14 from 3 - 7 pm! Flyer to come!
 - Successful Sock Drive - 154 pairs donated!
 - Providing VIT Action Bags for the unhoused
 - 3rd Annual, “Why Don’t They Just Leave?” IPV Panel was on October 13
 - Community Awareness Bag Stuffing - VIT Action Bags for survivors; PERK testing kits
- **Action Item:** We need volunteers to work shifts for the Veteran’s Resource Day on November 8, from 9 am - 2 pm. HSMP will have a table to give out resources in the community. Please sign up [here](#) by November 1.



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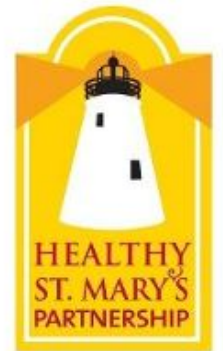


Partner Updates

- [OpenStreetMap](#) is a free resource that has mapped out walkable areas.
- Dr. McPhaul and the [PHAB Lab](#) of **UMD** will be hosting a focus group in January. More details to come!
- **Lexington Park Library** will host a tree lighting at the Bay District Fire Department on December 7 from 6:30- 7:30 pm and [Holly Days](#) on December 8, from 2 - 5 pm. This event will have pictures with santa, vendors, and crafts.
- [Low Impact Development Center](#), [Throwe Environmental](#) (TE) is working with St. Mary's County and Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS PAX) to perform a [Military Installation Resilience Review](#) (MIRR).
- **Department of Land Use and Growth Management** has updated their [comprehensive plan](#) for the Oak Crest Center.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee** (BIAC) has released a [feasibility study](#) for a bicycle trail for Cove Point in Calvert County.

Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming meetings
- Co-chair nominations



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Upcoming Meetings

- Interested in being our next partner spotlight? Sign up [here](#).
- Our next meeting will be December 4, 10 - 11 am.
- Elections
 - 2024 co-chair elections are near! Nominate yourself or others to be a co-chair!
 - Nominations are open until October 30
 - Voting will take place at the final meeting of the year, you must be at the meeting to have a vote

**HSMP Action Team
Co-Chair Elections**

Nominations close October 30

VOTE

Voting will take place at the final meeting of the year

HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP

The graphic features a central illustration of a ballot box with a white envelope slot on top and the word "VOTE" in white capital letters on a dark blue front panel. The box is set against a red background. To the left and right of the box are ovals containing the text "Nominations close October 30" and "Voting will take place at the final meeting of the year" respectively. At the bottom center is the logo for "HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP", which includes a lighthouse icon and the text "HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP" in a yellow banner.