



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MARCH 15, 2022

City Hall
2 Park Plaza
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. February Meeting Minutes**
- IV. REPORTS**
 - a. Communications**
 - b. Beth Ott Appointment**
- V. ARBORIST REPORT**
 - a. Arbor Day activities**
- VI. KEEP ALPHARETTA BEAUTIFUL / ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**
 - a. Earth Month**
 - b. The Great American Backyard Camp Out**
- VII. APRIL 2022 Date**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022
7:00pm – Meeting
Alpharetta City Hall**

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Alpharetta Natural Resources Commission was held on February 15, 2022. Attendees: Kate Tunison, Beth Ott, Geri Chapple, Dan Mitnick, Ben Manley, David Shostak, Clay Jones and Arrata Watanabe.

Our newest member, Clay, is a Realtor who was born and raised in Alpharetta. He is married with 3 children.

II. Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

The January minutes from 01/18/22 were approved with the following changes: Meeting date was 01/18/22. Change name of event to “Bring one for the Chipper”.

III. Arborist Report

David asked for discussion on the date and location of this year’s Arbor Day. The State will celebrate Arbor Day virtually on 2/22/22. The two locations that most felt to be the best choices were Silo Park and Mid-Broadwell Park. Both have good parking and good locations. Members of the Commission will visit both locations and email their preference. 3/19/22 is the date likely to be selected as Alpharetta Arbor Day this year. Several folks suggested Dog Wood trees be planted in the location the majority select. The last Friday of April is National Arbor Day.

A parent from the Boy Scout Troop passed away. We will plant a tree in his honor on Arbor Day, 03/19/22. We’ve not yet decided which park we will attend for Arbor Day. Most likely the Silos. Ben will check with the Park to see where they’d like us to plant the Memorial tree.

David reported that people are topping trees they should not. He also said many residents of communities are unhappy with developers and individual home reconstruction removing trees. The City is going to change the requirements, these actions are creating drainage problems. The problem is especially bad in homes near Independence High School. Single family redo’s must follow the same rules as developers.

It was suggested that each commissioner invite the City Council Member that appointed them to Arbor Day. Geri will create an invitation and a Proclamation. We will also invite Appen News-paper to attend. We check with the scout troop to decide what time works best for the event. David suggested we have water bottles for folks at Arbor Day.

IV. Keep Alpharetta Beautiful/Environmental Programs

Earth Month is April. We can ask for a free booth at the Alpharetta Farmer's Market beginning 4/23/22. We must decide who will man the booth, what time set up and take down will be. We will advertise gardening. We must resolve our Facebook problem.

David says the Alpharetta Police are doing something for the Great American Backyard Campout, and that we can join them.

Kate discussed Centennial Trees. Water quality in Alpharetta is not great, due to folks not picking up after their dogs. It was suggested that we perhaps use our \$2,000 budget to purchase poop bags, poop stations or brochures.

V. Alpharetta Curbside Recycling Program

Geri decided to table discussion of recycling.

VI. Budget Committee

No new report

VII. March Meeting Date

The next meeting will be 3/15/22 @7P.M. at City Hall

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Environmental Programs
March 15, 2022

Past Programs

2/16/22 **Septic Tank Virtual Workshop**

Upcoming Programs

3/19/22 **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting**

April **Community Shredding and Recycling Collection**

April **Computer and Electronics Recycling Collection**

April **Earth Month**

June **The Great American Campout Month**

6/11/22 **Rain Barrel Workshop**

TBD **Household Hazardous Waste and Paint Collection**

City of Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection

The Alpharetta Latex Paint Recycling Collection has reopened for residents living within the Alpharetta city limits. The form to register can be found here <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/hazardous-waste> Paint that has been completely dried in the container may also be disposed curbside by arranging a Bulky Waste Pickup. Instructions and form can be found here <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/finance/services/trash-and-recycling/bulky-waste>

Gardening Workshop Series with the North Fulton Master Gardeners

Alpharetta has hosted classes in partnership with and taught by the North Fulton Master Gardeners for many years. **The North Fulton Master Gardeners Announce Spring 2022 Gardening Lecture Series.**

The [North Fulton Master Gardeners](#) in collaboration with the [UGA Cooperative Extension in Fulton County](#) are continuing to provide horticultural education to the North Fulton community and beyond through FREE virtual gardening education programming. This series of six classes begins Sunday, February 6, 2022, and will be available through live Zoom webinars and Facebook Live. The classes will also be available for later viewing at <https://www.youtube.com/northfultonmastergardeners>.

Each class emphasizes practical gardening activities at the time of year that is best suited for that activity. **Please register in advance at <http://bit.ly/Spring2022NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries> to assure your place.** You may register for all six classes or just pick specific classes. Class descriptions and additional information can be found here <https://www.nfmfg.net/communityclasses.htm>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the webinar. If you cannot attend the live webinar, you can register anyway so you will receive a recorded link to the class.

Past Programs

- 3/8/22 **Protecting Georgia's Pollinators**
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Live Zoom: <http://bit.ly/Spring2022NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries>
- 3/13/22 **All About Plant Toxins**
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Live Zoom: <http://bit.ly/Spring2022NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries>

Upcoming Programs

- 3/20/22 **Lawn Alternatives for a Healthier Environment**
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Live Zoom: <http://bit.ly/Spring2022NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries>
- 3/27/22 **Intro to Hydroponics: Learning the Basics to Enjoy Growing Without Soil**
Live Zoom: <http://bit.ly/Spring2022NFMG-GardeningLectureSeries>
2:00pm – 3:00pm