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We'd like to start offering some leadership opportunities to our Lucas County Master Gardeners. We are hoping to start having Quarterly Meetings such as potlucks, educational meetings, a fund raiser, or our year-end Recognition Celebration or any other ideas you may have.

In order to do this, we need your help. We're going to be setting up some new committees of 4 to 8 people. We'd like to have 2 co-chairs and 2-6 committee members. Here are some of our ideas:

Speakers Bureau - We get a lot of calls looking for speakers, and our staff is running crazy trying to fit them into an already busy schedule. We'd like to be able to refer these calls the Speaker's Bureau Chairs, and have them contact speaker bureau members that would be able to follow up and handle that speaking engagement.

TBG Events Coordination - We work closely with TBG on the Spring Plant Sale and Storybook Garden. You guys have always volunteered and worked with us on both of these events. What we would like to be able to do, is have the Co-chairs of this committee be on site to coordinate the volunteers. We would handle all of the sign up sheets and time schedules for you, but need someone on site to make sure volunteers have the information and supplies they need.

Gypsy Moth Education - This committee is already up and running with members of the Master Gardeners that attended last years Gypsy Moth Specialization classes.

The Ohio State University, the United States Dept. of Agriculture, and Lucas County Commissioners Cooperating.

The Consumer & Urban Horticulture Program Sponsored by the Cities of Maumee, Oregon, Sylvania, and Toledo; Monclova, Springfield, and Sylvania Townships; Villages of Holland and Ottawa Hills; and Lucas County.

Special Events Committee - We see this committee as being responsible for planning the quarterly meetings. We will once again, handle all mailings, and reservations for these events, but feel these meetings should be designed by you guys, since it's your program too! If we wanted to do a bus trip in the future, this could be something else you could plan on doing.

Community Events - This committee would cover Flower Day at Farmer's Market, Earth Day at the Toledo Zoo, and Let's Go Gardening with the Anderson's. We'd handle the volunteer sign ups, the committee would just need to make sure everything is set up and ready to go on the day of the event. A lot of you attend these events every year, so it may be a natural committee for you to join.

We have so many great ideas and projects that we'd like to be involved in, but find that we just don't have the manpower to put these into action. If we had these committees up and running, we'd have the resources to make all of these projects possible.

Our office conference room would be available for committee meetings Monday - Friday 10:00 to 4:00. If you'd like to schedule meetings here after hours, we can work that out as we go along. The Quarterly meetings would be tough to do here due to parking limitations, but we could work with TBG, libraries, or local churches that have free meeting spaces available.

If you have the time and would like to be involved in any of these committees, please call our office. We will put you onto the committee, and then notify all committee members of the 1st meeting, where co-chairs will be decided.

We've included some information in this mailing for you on the Emerald Ash Borer (a pest alert - and meeting notification), along with a flyer on a Sports Turf Seminar.

Hey, we may see Spring yet. Hopefully very soon we will see those little green tips coming up through the Mud! We only say mud, since our driveway is a disaster. If you still haven't seen our new offices, wait for the mud to dry and then come out and visit.

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