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Bees and Compost Education at Upcoming Town Hall Zoom Forum

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Bees

On Thursday, April 11, at 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., the Environment Committee will host a Town Hall Zoom Forum to share information with Somerset residents about our Town Apiary and learn about the behavior of bee colonies. This most certainly will be a fascinating opportunity to learn about how bees build their homes, and where they go during the day to drink, and pollinate. Please bring yourselves and children as well!

Composting

As discussed in the previous months in our *Town Journal*, the Town Council is considering distributing compost buckets to the entire Town. Forty-one percent of our Town residents currently compost. This is an important way to reduce the amount of landfill we create individually and collectively. Presently, about 30% of all food is discarded in the U.S. It is extremely important to repurpose our food scraps for the creation of high-quality topsoil for farmers, among other uses. Please join us on this Town Hall Zoom

Forum (date and time above), to learn about Compost Crew, our compost contractor, which is responsible for collecting our food scraps (vegetables, meat, bones, other foods, soiled paper, etc.) every Tuesday morning. For those who do not yet compost, this is and will continue to be a free service provided by the Town.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT:

"WHAT'S ALL THIS BUZZ ABOUT COMPOST?"

SOMERSET BEES AND COMPOST TALK

HEAR FROM BEEKEEPER, MAUREEN JAIS-MICK AND COMPOST CREW DIRECTOR, ALAN VAN ORDER

WHERE? TOWN HALL (ZOOM LINK TBA)

WHEN? THURSDAY, APRIL 11 @ 8-9PM

QUESTIONS? BARTSHER@GMAIL.COM

The Zoom link for this Town Forum will be posted shortly, stay tuned, and we hope to see you then!

Please let us know if you have any questions or sustainable ideas for the Town at tos.environmentcommittee@gmail.com.

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