



January 2023 Newtown Nonprofit Council

We had a very constructive council meeting this week, with in-person and Zoom attendance.

Important Actions:

Bring a nonprofit organization to the next meeting on February 21st, 2023.

- We discussed an **in-person volunteer fair**, to bring more awareness and get people involved. Date and location pending
- We discussed a need for better overlap and cooperation, with volunteers being encouraged to help out other organizations in the community
- **The Livable Community** idea (brought forth by John Boccuzzi of FONS) is moving forward—every organization needs to see the value in it for it to be viable
- We did a survey to assess whether the Nonprofit Council thinks focus should be put on bringing in more volunteers or more organizations, with a majority voting on signing up new organizations for the council and Galaxy Digital
- Randy Walker of the [Pootatuck Watershed Association](#) talked about the Homegrown National Park [initiative](#), and a need and desire to get other nonprofit organizations involved and working together (this would mean providing seeds/shrubbery, removing invasive species, engaging groups like the girl/boy scouts, and working towards sustainable development)
- Tripp Killin of the [Jeniam Foundation](#) spoke about the Livable Community—nonprofits need to come and be ready to talk on vision for Newtown; Galaxy Digital is still an issue of adoption and usage by the organizations in Newtown

"What does your organization want for itself, what is the outcome its looking for--what would the world look like with that goal achieved?"
Tripp Killin.

"We need exposure to Newtown volunteers in order for it to be worth bringing in more organizations. Volunteers stick with certain organizations--need more cross pollination."

Jordana Bloom of the CH Booth Library

- Steve Bennett Got 28 new volunteers in December from Katherine Simpson's social media blitz
- John Boccuzzi has noted that most responses come through as word-of-mouth
- We'll be meeting in-person and via Zoom again next month, coffee and doughnuts will be provided--please come if you're able!



Invasive Plants Removal

[Event Details](#)

**Sunday, January 22nd
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Join the Newtown Forest Association to learn how to properly identify and remove invasive species from our native habitats!



Blood Donors Needed

[Event Details](#)

**Thursday, January 26th
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Blood donors needed!
Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West St,
Newtown, CT 06470
Schedule via [Red Cross Blood](#) (enter 5320), 1-800-733-2767, or aim your smartphone camera at the QR code on the poster to open the app.



Museum Volunteers - clean and tidy - January 2023

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Looking for shifts? Assist staff in maintaining and cleaning the Museum during visitor hours.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!



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