

BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST GREEN TEAM

Meeting Minutes May 27, 2026 Wildwood Crest Borough Hall- 6101 Pacific Ave

Chairman Mears read the "Sunshine Act", led the Pledge of Allegiance, safety briefing and announced the emergency exits.

Member Filerino called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 2:15 pm.

Members Croushore, Filerino, Mears, Medvec, Pluchino and Toenniessen were in attendance. Member Tranter and Secretary Tait were not present.

The meeting minutes from April were reviewed and a motion was made by Member Mears and seconded by Member Pluchino.

Under Old Business: Brochures

- Member Filerino submitted 1). Recycling- Members selected 2 current recycling magnets to be used at events, members suggested updating the WC magnet to include QR code to lead to DPW/Recycling info (DPW website already exists). A sample copy calendar with an insert of recycling and garbage pickup schedules was shown. All members present made the recommendation to explore this item further.
2). Terrapins – Member Filerino reached out to Wildwood High School regarding their brochure "*Northern Diamond back Terrapin*" created by the marine science students. Further information on this project is being pursued.
- Member Croushore introduced Horseshoe Crabs and the "Return the Favor" project. All members present unanimously agreed to display both these items at future events.
- Member Toenniessen presented Honey (Bees). She will look into gathering info on the benefits of local honey and bees as pollinators.
- Member Pluchino addressed Native Plants. He will work on a format to create a tri-fold brochure of native plants in the local area.
- Member Medvec presented Storm Water Awareness and will continue to collect information. She discussed sewer drain blockage, what goes down the drain flows to our bay & ocean, Paint-A-Drain at Crest Memorial School and Rain Barrel events.

Under New Business:

- Wellness Expo (6/10/26 @ Crest Pier): Members Filerino and Pluchino will staff the table. A Give-A-Way item will be determined by Secretary Tait. Member Filerino will proceed to follow up on brochures and recycling magnets for event. She will meet with Linda Crumbock, CMC Recycling Coordinator to pick up recycling handouts.

Love, Blue & Adopt –A-Beach Coordination Update: -Member Mears reported that he had finally connected with A.J. Caruso, leader of Love Blue. A.J. told him that, when Love Blue does its weekend cleanups, they depart from Rambler, with one group heading north as far as Heather and another heading south as far as Preston. He therefore suggested that perhaps we could recruit some Adopt-A-Beach regulars to go to the beaches from Heather to Cresse and from Preston to the border with Diamond Beach, which would then represent a weekly volunteer cleanup of all Crest beaches. Member Mears added that he had created a Wildwood Crest Adopt-A-Beach Facebook page as a placeholder for information exchange on cleanup but hastened to add that it was at beta status and that he would be seeking further endorsement before it went live.

- Sustainable Jersey: Member Pluchino made the following suggestions: a walk through the website, looking at which actions, we can achieve and finding where we should be putting our energy and our effort into. It is highly recommended for the team to revisit the site and to plan a strategy.
- Terrapin Park Media Report: Member Mears supplied copies of the article to members. He acknowledged Mayor Cabrera presented the facts well and that it was a good update on the terrapin issue at the park.

Additional Discussions:

Trees- Member Croushore will follow up on placement of two trees at the property of the Imperial 500 Motel. Member Pluchino suggested offering a tree for planting at one of the town's 250th celebrations.

The team will meet on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 2:15pm at Borough Hall.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Chair Mears and second by Member Croushore at 3:20pm.

