

North Haledon Green Team News

The North Haledon Green Team is ramping up its activities with the spring temperatures. The North Haledon Community Garden opened April 7. Individual 4x8 raised bed plots are still available in this all organic and deer proof Community Garden, first come first serve, \$50 for the season for North Haledon residents. If plots are still open after May 1, the Borough welcomes neighbors in the 07508 ZIP code (Haledon and Prospect Park) to purchase a bed. The garden is located at the back end of the Borough's Rec Center. (Access is from High Mountain Road; turn by Holly's Ice Cream onto Brookview Drive and then into the rec field parking lot; head on walking path toward dog park.) See the Borough's North Haledon Green Team web page here: northhaledon.com/Boroughinfo/BoardsCommittees/GreenTeam.aspx and visit North Haledon Borough Hall to sign up.

The North Haledon Green Team was awarded a Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders Dig In grant toward the implementation of a new pollinator garden that will include the newly designated Borough Flower, the orange milkweed. The Dig In program is administered by City Green, a champion of community gardens and access to fresh foods in our communities. Green Team Master Gardeners are working with City Green to design this new garden like a rain garden, using green infrastructure and permaculture strategies to also address excess water build up. You can learn more about what you can do at home to manage water and encourage pollinators, especially the Monarch butterfly, by participating with the North Haledon Green Team when they build their newest pollinator garden in June; expected Sunday build dates are June 9 and June 23, starting at 2 p.m., located just outside the Community Garden; volunteers are needed. Follow the Green Team on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/North-HaledonGreen Team/](http://www.facebook.com/North-HaledonGreenTeam/)) or call the Borough at 973-427-7793 for more information.

Did you know that bats are also important pollinators for many plants? And they eat mosquitoes! The North Haledon Green Team is collaborating with the local Boy Scouts to build Bat Houses and place them around the Borough. Stay tuned to learn more about this project, including a presentation on bats the team is planning for May. And on Thursday, May 30, there will be another Compost At Home educational session at 7 p.m. at the North Haledon Library, 129 Overlook Avenue, where more information on these and other Green Team programs can also be found. Participate and learn how to sustain a healthy community with the Green Team.
