

Volunteer of the Month – Lynn Johnson



Lynn Johnson has been a force of nature and a force for nature probably long before she moved into Asylum Hill. But it has been the neighborhood's good fortune that she did. As the volunteer chair of the Asylum Hill Environment and Green Initiatives Strategic Planning Taskforce, she organized and chaired several meetings and was first to complete a draft report.

Not one to wait around for a plan to be adopted, Lynn decided to get started with part 1 of strategy 18 for Goal 5 which is “Hold an annual Energy Fair for the Asylum Hill Community, showcasing renewable energy sources and circulating information on financing to achieve upgrades.”

That event took place October 16th in Sigourney Square Park. Despite a few setbacks, like no AC power for the sound system and a last minute schedule change that prevented Hartford's Proud Drill Drum and Dance Corp from performing, the event was remarkably successful. There was also the unexpected blessing when PosiGen was able to come and staff a table with a sample and literature explaining how they can install solar panels on a homeowner's roof, and save them money on their electric bill.

Lynn made sure that there was something for everyone who stopped by, so along with the fresh apples and healthy drinks for everyone, there was Leticia Colon De Mejias an environmental activist and children's book author who engaged with the next generation of adults to help make the earth a healthier home for everyone.

It was a beautiful day for an outdoor event, and both AHNA and PosiGen had people sign up for more information. Even Jennifer Wilder of **Big Red Book Truck** stopped by near the end and was able to give away a few books to the children there.

Look for more events from AHNA, especially from the Environmental and Green Initiatives Committee that Lynn is leading.

See more photos of the event at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QAUYXvdgA7JNMyac6>