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This past Saturday, I started something which I am hoping will help our community come together – to get to know each other and hear what our neighbors are doing, what people care about, what people are looking forward to on their weekends.

I started the Greensboro Free Café at Recycling, a place where you can find a hot cup of coffee or cocoa and something sweet to top off your breakfast, and catch up with those you know and maybe meet someone new.

My motivation is to fill what I see as a void, a place where anyone and everyone is welcome, the coffee is free, save your money to pay Jeff for your discardables, and hear what people are excited about, last week it was the superbowl – all but one wanted Philly to win!, who knows what the subject will be this Saturday (spoiler alert: Liz Steel and Beth Meachem will be there to help people understand new articles about voting at town meeting) , what will the subject be the following Saturday?

We need to listen to our community members and join in the conversation.

Please stop by and enjoy some hot coffee and chat with whoever happens to be there – this is our town, let's meet our neighbors and figure out how we join together to keep Greensboro the wonderful place that attracted all of us to come here.

The café may not be there every Saturday, so please enjoy it when it is there.

So humor me a bit: Close your eyes and imagine what we might be able to achieve if we can have clear and open communication of factual information with Greensboro's elected people to hear and understand ideas & intentions?

What if people felt free to ask questions of the elected people?

Is anyone in Greensboro interested in living in a place like that?

My bet is that we would have more people volunteering to help shepherd the community forward.

I think we would have a great place to live and we would be good stewards of our community for future generations.

**The future of the town is up to EACH AND EVERYONE OF US.**