

Month in Review: April, 2021.

HOT TOPICS:

- The Climate Team is busy working on the Climate Neutrality Plan. They have given virtual presentations to and received feedback from over 30 groups throughout the city in the month of April.

CLIMATE ACTION:

- The 5th Carbon Neutrality Plan Survey closed on 4/20.
 - We received 226 responses.
- Two City Council discussions are scheduled in May
 - On May 11th staff will discuss Carbon Dioxide Removal.
 - In response to strong community interest in the Carbon Neutrality Plan, Staff will host a community conversation with the City Council at their May 25th work session. Staff will provide the Council with an updated Plan and results of their outreach efforts. Staff will then invite community members to join the conversation. The final Carbon Neutrality Plan will be considered for adoption on June 15th (pending City Council direction).

COMMUNITY STEWARDS/LITTER PREVENTION:

- Staff hosted an Earth Day neighborhood clean-up event on April 10th. We met at several parks around the community to clean up litter in the surrounding neighborhoods. 66 volunteers attended, and we collectively picked up 50 bags of trash around Flagstaff.
- “One A Day In May” anti-litter campaign begins on May 1st and runs through May 31st.
 - To join, download the free Litterati app from the GooglePlay or Apple store and use the challenge code “1ADAYMAY.” Then, when you find a piece of litter, you take a picture of it through the Litterati app and put a litter id tag on it before picking it up to dispose of it properly.
 - At the end of May, the top 3 litter pickers will win prizes.
 - In addition to being a fun competition and keeping Flagstaff litter-free, the data collected by the app will support the Community Stewards program by identifying litter hot spots.
- April Litter Cleanup Data:

Date	# of Volunteers	Total Hours	Bags of Trash	Bags of Recycling
4/3/2021	1	75	1	1
4/10/2021	66	132	50	0
4/16/2021	7	14	2	2
4/17/2021	2	4	3	0
4/17/2021	7	11	6	5
4/18/2021	4	10	3	3
4/18/2021	8	12	4	0
4/23/2021	15	15	11	5
4/23/2021	9	14	1	0

4/24/2021	6	18	4	1
4/24/2021	5	5	2	0
Totals	130	310	87	17

ENERGY:

- The HEE Online Course has been translated into Spanish and is now available.
 - This was part of a capstone project for an NAU student in the Climate Science and Solutions program. Anabeth is a native Spanish speaker that is also pursuing a certificate in translation and science communication and this project helped fulfill some of her certificate requirements.

FOOD SYSTEMS:

- Staff developed a garden workshop series to support new and experienced community gardeners. In May, there will be two workshops at both the Izabel and O'Leary gardens.
- Staff worked with an NAU Public Health Capstone group to distribute doorhangers in the Southside neighborhood advertising the O'Leary St garden and composting opportunities.
- The City and community partners (FUSD, Terra BIRDS, Cooperative Extension) were awarded the Green Schoolyards Technical Assistance Grant. Over the next 30 months, we will receive assistance and funding along with an opportunity to collaborate with cohorts in other cities across the country.
- Staff processed five backyard livestock keeping permits - a 25% increase in the total number of permits since October 2020.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT:

- Staff met with community stakeholders to discuss the scope of work and planning for a transition of the MRF to a transfer station. Staff will be incorporating feedback and releasing the scope of work to potential consultants in the coming month.
- The Drop Off Day, Dump the Drugs, and Shred-A-Thon event took place on April 24th, 2021 from 10:00am until 2:00 pm at the Flagstaff Police Department.
 - There were five volunteers assisting and over 350 households attended the drive through event.
 - Items available for collection included expired/unwanted medications, syringes, paper for shredding, batteries, lightbulbs, electronics, and aerosol cans for recycling. Staff collected 1279lbs batteries, 72 pounds of CFLs, 109 Fluorescent tubes, and 136 pounds of aerosol cans, and shredded 9,000 pounds of paper. This resulted in 67.5 trees saved, 1710 gallons of oil saved, 13.5 cubic yards of landfill unused, 18 kw saved, and 31,500 gallons of water saved.
- Another Fix It Clinic event will be hosted on May 1, 2021 at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the CoCo-Op Flagstaff Maker Space on Kaibab Lane. Twelve fixers have volunteered to help. This event is by appointment only, and as of Thursday, April 29th, there are 18 registered.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:

- In the meeting on April 22nd, the Commissioners heard a presentation on the Regional Plan by Sara Dechter, an update on APS carbon free energy commitment from Judson Tillinghast, an update on a presentation given to City Council by Chair McCain, and updates on Staff activities and the Neighborhood Sustainability Grants given by Marissa Molloy. The Commissioners also voted to adopt the following Mission and Vision statements:
 - The Vision of the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission is to create a culture and community that thrives in response to the climate crisis.
 - The Mission of the City of Flagstaff's Sustainability Commission is to advise Sustainability Section Staff on matters related to climate and sustainability, support community projects through Neighborhood Sustainability Grants, and provide feedback to the City Council on sustainability issues.
- Next meeting: Thursday May 27th, 2021, 4:30pm-6:30pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

- The top post on Facebook in April was about signups for the Community Gardens, which received 93 reactions, two comments, and 21 shares.



- The top posts for Instagram were a video on the HPC before the drop off day event and a post about the Outdoor Mamas' clean up efforts. They both received 49 likes.



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figsustain Are you planning to come out to Drop-Off Day tomorrow? Just a reminder that we will not be accepting paint at this year's event. That said, you can visit our friends at the Hazardous Products Center, where they can take paint and many other items Monday-Saturday, all year round.

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flagstaffcommunitymarket Thanks for the info- ❤️

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figsustain How did you spend your Earth Day? The Outdoor Mamas and their little ones spent it outside cleaning their section of FUTS!

Interested in organizing a clean up event or adopting a section? Learn more on our website 📍

<https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/3261/Community-Stewards-Program>

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49 likes

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