

Sustainability Section

Month in Review: October, 2021.

HOT TOPICS:

- Sustainability staff and interns are assisting with the Active Transportation Master Plan Open House series.
 - So far, there have been four Open Houses, as well as 144 survey responses on the Flagstaff Community Forum.
 - Staff will continue engagement efforts by working with community members to create videos about the benefits of active transportation.
 - One more Open House will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 27th, via Zoom.

CLIMATE ACTION:

- The Carbon Neutrality Regional Plan Amendment dates at the Planning and Zoning Commission have changed:
 - Citizens Review Session: October 27th, via Teams (4:00 pm)
 - Public Hearing One: November 10th, via Teams and at the Aquaplex (4:00 pm)
 - Public Hearing Two: November 17th, via Teams and at the Murdoch Center (4:30 pm)
- Staff presented the Carbon Neutrality Plan to the Coconino Board of Supervisors and invited the County to join our efforts. County staff were directed to develop a climate action plan.
- The Climate Science and Solutions Program is currently hosting a survey on resilience for their Advancing Resilience in Flagstaff Project.
 - This survey will be open until November 1st: <https://www.opentownhall.com/11232>.
- Jillian Goulet will be leaving her position as the Climate Engagement Coordinator on October 30th. We would like to thank her for all her amazing work with us for the past 2+ years and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

COMMUNITY STEWARDS/LITTER PREVENTION:

- This year, Sustainability staff teamed up with Water Services, Open Space, United Way, and the County to host Make A Difference Day and help those impacted in the Museum Flooding area. 31 volunteers attended, making quick work of cleaning up debris from two homes.



- Staff hosted their annual Flagstaff 15 Minute Makeover.
 - Thank you to everyone who participated! Participants included Water Services, the Aquaplex, the Housing Authority, Hal Jensen, and City of Flagstaff residents. Those who tagged the Sustainability Office on social media were entered into a drawing to win tickets to Jay Lively Ice Rink, the Aquaplex, and Snowbowl.



- Sustainability staff also continue to do litter clean ups after their monthly team meetings.



- October Litter Cleanup Data:

| Date | # of Volunteers | Total Hours | Bags of Trash | Bags of Recycling |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 10/2 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| 10/2 | 20 | 20 | 8 | 1 |
| 10/8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| 10/9 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| 10/9 | 20 | 40 | 5 | 0 |
| 10/10 | 18 | 18 | 10 | 2 |
| 10/10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10/10 | 50 | 50 | 21 | 0 |
| 10/16 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 5 |
| 10/23 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 0 |
| 10/24 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 10/24 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 10/24 | 20 | 40 | 6 | 0 |
| 10/24 | 20 | 30 | 6 | 1 |
| 10/24 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| 10/26 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 185 | 255 | 110 | 9 |

ENERGY:

- 56% of funds for the Energy Rebate Program have been distributed.
- Work on the Electric Vehicle Charging stations at the Flagstaff Airport is expected to begin in November.
- Staff will be going to City Council on November 2nd to request the relocation of one of the previously approved Electric Vehicle Charging Station locations due to the Rio de Flag project.
- Staff will also present on the Energy Savings Contract (ESCO) to City Council on November 2nd.

FOOD SYSTEMS:

- The Residential Food Scraps Drop Off is transitioning to self-service drop-off stations starting this week through June 2022.
 - Locations include the Flagstaff CSA and Hal Jensen.

- Community members will be able to bring acceptable items to either drop-off station at any time during the week after taking a short participation survey.



- Worm Composting Workshop
 - Staff partnered with Willow Bend to host a free workshop on vermicomposting on October 23rd. They discussed worm anatomy, ecology, diet, and how to build and maintain a worm compost bin. There were 16 participants in attendance with 6 of them being youth. We were able to provide free worm bins to each family thanks to a generous donation of worms and 3 bins from several volunteers in the community.



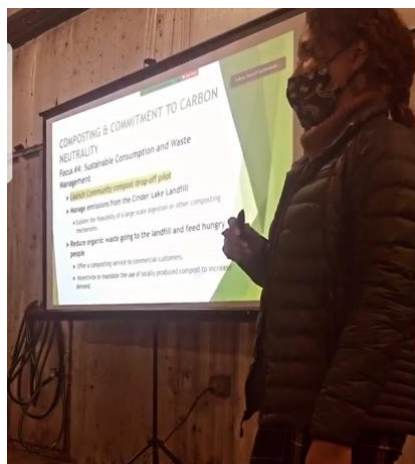
- The Final Garden Workshop & Food Stories Series took place on October 9th.
 - This session was a Fall Wrap Up for High Altitude Gardening and had 9 attendees.
- Staff have hosted 3 Community Compost Hub 101 Sessions throughout the month of October on Wednesday afternoons.
 - Sessions educated community members on composting using a 3-bin system, how flip bins, and how to get involved as a consistent volunteer at each of the hub locations.

- There are 12 total participants in this program.



MATERIALS MANAGEMENT:

- Drop off day took place on October 23rd at the Flagstaff Police Department
 - 261 attendees came to drop off hazardous waste.
- The fall 2021 Flagstaff Sustainability Leaders course is underway!
 - Participants have been gathering weekly on Thursdays in the Sustainability garage and online to hear presentations from Sustainability Staff, as well as other local sustainability leaders around Flagstaff on topics such as climate change, climate communication, climate justice and equity, composting, and recycling.

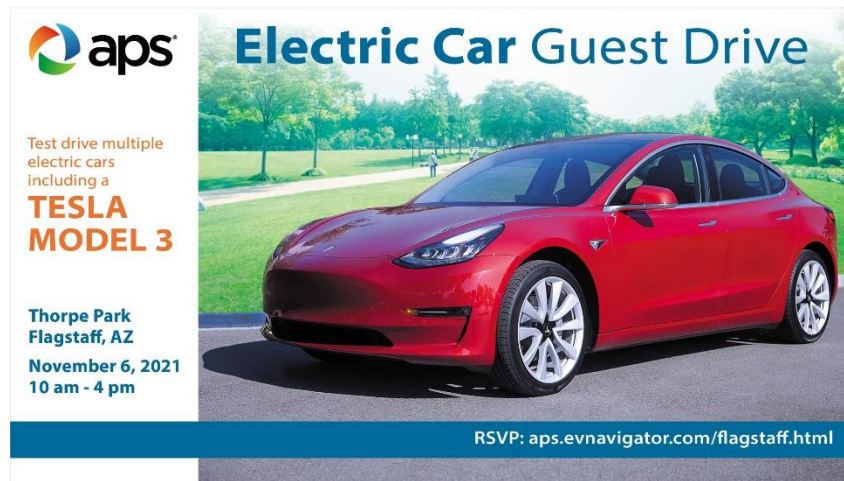


SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:

- In the meeting on October 28th, Sustainability Commissioners collaborated on a letter with recommendations for the 10-Year Housing Plan and heard presentations from 8 of the top scoring Neighborhood Sustainability Grant applicants. The remaining top scoring applicants for the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant and Water Conservation Research Grant will present in the November 18th meeting where awards will also be decided.
- We have three new Commissioners! Welcome Molly McCormick, April Smith, Margaret Steiger!
- Next meeting: Thursday October 28th, 2021, 4:30pm-6:30pm

UPCOMING SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNITY EVENTS:

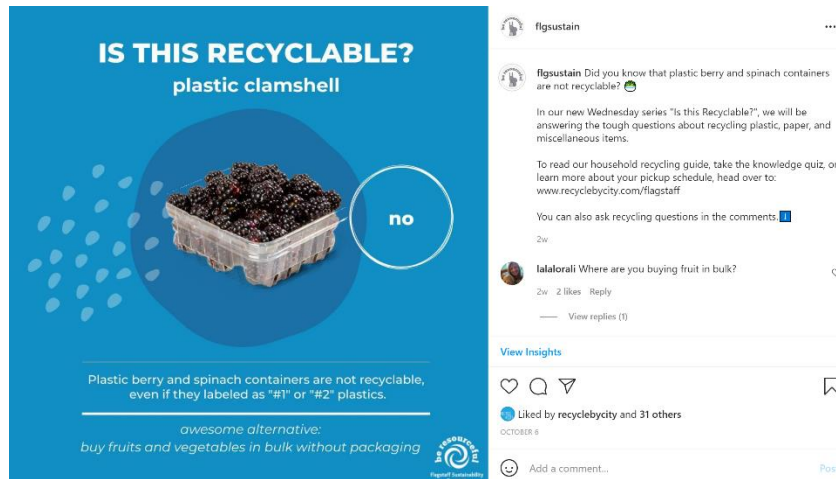
- Electric Car Guest Drive Event, Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
 - The Sustainability Office and APS are teaming up for an Electric Car Guest Drive Event! Join us on Saturday, November 6th from 10 am - 4 pm by the Thorpe tennis courts. Participants will be able to test out electric vehicles, such as a Tesla Model 3! RSVP here: <https://aps.evnavigator.com/flagstaff.html>



- Fix-it Clinic, Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
 - Our next Fix-it Clinic will be at Joe C. Montoya Community & Senior Center. Bring an item for repair and a volunteer will help you fix it for free!
 - Make an appointment at <https://bit.ly/fix-it-clinic> or email kaeli.wells@flagstaffaz.gov.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Our top post on Instagram was a post about plastic berry and spinach containers not being recyclable. This post received 32 likes and 5 comments.



- Our top post on Facebook was a post thanking all the participants for the Flagstaff 15 Minute Makeover. It received 15 reactions, one comment, and one share.

