

2020 Zero Waste Accomplishments

Names in parentheses indicate Zero Waste members involved.

- Zero Waste Steering committee: Diane Landry Dawn Snider, Jane Martin, Susan Knell, Barbara Ochota, Alison Kettering
- Additional ZW members below: Regina Spoor, Naomi Spinak, Deb Rudnick, Nora Ferm Nickum, Judy Tingley

Education

A. Community

- Library display (Dawn) – Created lobby display case for Trashion Show Call for Artists
- Downtown Bigbelly signage (Jane) – Created new signage to change tossing behavior in order to decrease contamination in the recycling
- Multifamily recycling contamination improvement (Diane)
 - > Got new labeled tops for recycling totes at Winslow Manor from Bainbridge Disposal and posted “Do not bag recyclables” to eliminate plastic bags in recycling
 - > Provided Kitsap recycling and yard waste pamphlets to Jacolet condos point person and recycling pamphlets to Bainbridge Senior Living management

B. Virtual

- Two Senior Center virtual programs – Earth Day (Regina, Diane) and October’s “Something to Talk about” (Diane, Jane, Barbara) – Talked about recycling and the Zero Waste program
- Two general ZW meetings – Speakers: (January) Jay Hildebrand, Supervisor of the Safeway Asset Recovery Center in Auburn; (November) Pat Kaufman & Becca Fong, Seattle Public Utilities program outreach for curbside and commercial recycling and compost

C. Media

- 21 e-newsletters (Diane) to 464 subscribers, up from 400 in 2019
- Facebook page (Susan) – Started a Zero Waste Facebook page
- Website revamp (Diane) – Transferred and created new content for Zero Waste on the new Sustainable Bainbridge website
- Bainbridge Review letters to the Editor - Styrofoam event wrap-up (Dawn); Electronics recycling (Diane)
- Quality Bainbridge newsletter (Diane) – Article about recycling and the ZW website
- Sea Media’s Salish e-magazine (Deb) – Guest editor on plastics issue and article on Trashion Show origins
- Marissa Robba realtor blog (Naomi) – Guest article about Trashion Show past and present

D. Schools

- Odyssey – Finished last session of 6-week Friday enrichment class (Susan) with school lunch waste audit
- Blakely (Deb and Diane) – Spoke with the Branches, a group of 8, 4th graders about plastic and doing a waste audit
- KidiMu Summer Eco Explorers Camp (Diane) – Provided with recycling coloring books

Events

- Great Decisions library program (Dawn) **January-March** – Set up and monitored discard stations for approximately 50 attendees each time
- Styrofoam and CD Recycling Collection (steering committee and 50+ volunteers) **January** – 448 cars, filled equivalent of 56, 2-yarders and collected ~400 disks
- Land Trust Potluck (Regina, Diane) **January** – Set up and monitored discard station for ~200 guests
- Chilly Hilly (Susan, Judy and 5 volunteers) **February** - Set up and monitored discard station for ~500 riders
- Trashion Show (Naomi) **August** – Organized display of five outfits in Bainbridge Arts & Crafts window
- Styrofoam Recycling and CD Recycling Collection (steering committee and 50+ volunteers) **September** – 448 cars, 3 semi-trailers filled and collected ~2700 disks

Project

- Restaurant compost initiative (Alison) – Survey report on the challenges Winslow restaurants face in composting pre- and post-consumer organic material
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Public Services

- Litter clean-up (Diane) – Lent grabbers to 20 people for indeterminate amount of time to clean up roadside litter
- Lending library (Jane, Susan and Diane) – Lent tableware out for 20 events
- Terracycle collection program (Susan) – Dental products, Rubbermaid containers

Collaborations

- Bainbridge Disposal (Diane and Jane) – Performed multiple waste audits of two recycling Bigbellies to determine contamination level
- COBI (Nora) – Drafted single-use plastic ordinance to decrease plastic straw, utensil, and condiment use. Put on hold due to pandemic.
- Kitsap County Solid Waste
 - > Supplied ZW with cardboard boxes for Styrofoam collection, litter bags for BI Beach Cleanup, and compost caddies

- > ZW promoted Kitsap Adopt-a-Road (at least one recruit)
- Senior Center (Regina) – Incorporated magazines into their semi-weekly book and puzzle swaps
- BI School District (Diane and Deb) – Served on the BISD waste management team
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- Multiple nonprofits (Diane) - Bainbridge Island Beach Cleanup

Internal

- Cash flow spreadsheet (Dawn) – Created this tool to track both our petty cash and Zero Waste income and expenditures, separate from the rest of the Sustainable Bainbridge bank account

Consultations

- Bainbridge Island Rowing (Diane) – Discussed type of recycling containers to buy for their new building
- Grow Community (Diane) – Joined Earth Squad meetings and helped edit announcements
- Winslow Cohousing (Diane) – Helped edit “What Do I Do with It” list