

2021 Zero Waste Accomplishments

Steering committee: Alison Kettering, Dawn Snider, Jane Martin, Susan Knell, Barbara Ochota, Diane Landry

Lead person or participants in brackets

Projects/Outreach

1. Cart tagging pilot [Diane Landry]
2. Campaign (and other corrugated plastic) sign collection [Susan Knell] – Approximately 215 given to V Calvez for a compost bin insulation project
3. Annual Trashion Show [Naomi Spinak] – 184 tickets sold, 160 attended

Community Service

1. Tableware lending library [Jane Martin]
 - Donations of tablecloths, napkins and dessert plates
 - 57 events, approx. 3000 persons - 38 private, 22 nonprofit
 - Lent approximately 1600 forks, 600 knives, 900 spoons, 110 plates, 40 bowls, 800 glasses, 480 napkins, and 180 tablecloths
2. Styro collections [Diane Landry]
 - Targeted January Styro collection for mass collectors (Grow, Harbor Square, UCB, construction). Filled 2/3 of a 40-yarder
 - June general collection
 - Targeted December collection of Harbor Square amassment
3. Terracycle collection containers [Susan Knell] – oral care, office supplies, #6 cups, plastic and glass, Brita products

Education

1. General meetings with guest speakers
 - January: Heather Church, Bainbridge Disposal
 - February: Caroline Stanford, Ridwell
2. Farmers Market tabling [Barbara Ochota]
 - April (recycled paper products, tree-free paper, reusable over single use)
 - May (Food waste reduction-blocks with food pic and size represents GHG emissions, compost bucket giveaway)
 - June (Tableware Lending Library, Styro collection announcement, Trashion poster)
 - July (plastic film yes/no, bath and kitchen “Ditch the Plastic” packaging)
 - August – Clothing reuse and facts
 - September – No theme - Recycling questions
3. Senior Center’s *Something to Talk About* Zoom series [Barbara, Jane and Diane]– New recycling rules
4. Senior Center resource fair [Barbara Ochota] – Household products in plastic-free packaging; recycling, yard waste and plastic film recycling handouts
5. Newsletter [Diane Landry]

- 14 issues, 50% open rate
- 658 subscribers (up from 464 at end of 2020) – 42% increase

Collaboration

- Kitsap County [Regina and Dale Spoor, Susan, Diane, Barbara, Debbie Hollyer] – Waste audit of Bainbridge curbside recyclables @Olympic View Transfer Station
 - Distribution of bags and pamphlets to Winslow Arms [Diane]
 - KSW Styro collection [Barbara and Diane]
 - Campaign sign collection [Susan] (took the 100 they collected)
- Climate & Energy Forum [Diane] – Carbon Footprint of Food Waste presentation
- COBI [Jane and Diane] – Messaging on new Bigbellies, new waste ordinance
- Grow Community [Diane] – messaging, gave Kitsap recycling bags with handle on bottom
- Farmers’ Market [Jane, Diane, Barbara] – Provided with signs and bins for recycling, provided two Zero Waste raffle bags
- IslandWood [Susan, Barbara and Diane] – Participated in graduate student Erin Kollar’s podcast on waste
- Student – Micah Guy wanted to help Sustainable Bainbridge. She created a quiz for the Trashion Show.
- COBI Education Task Force [Diane] – Along with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Association, helped shape messaging to businesses concerning the new accessories ordinance
- COBI Ambassador Outreach – [Barbara and Diane] – Helped to make food and drink businesses aware of the new city accessories ordinance