

# Sustainability *updates*

The City of Beaverton's Sustainability Division is charged with integrating sustainability into city operations and services, the community, and the upcoming comprehensive planning process.

This update will be distributed to city staff quarterly and will highlight city activities that support our internal and community sustainability goals. In the near future, the city will be releasing its internal sustainability strategy (currently under review), outlining in detail the city's sustainability goals and related action plan to meet state, regional, and community mandates and expectations.

## Sustainability in Ops and Services

A few key staff projects in motion that we want to highlight this quarter:

Related Links: [Better Buildings Challenge](#), [City Web page](#)

**Wonderland Arboretum** – On April 6, the Public Works Department turned a vacant city lot into a showcase of native plants and low impact design elements. Great teamwork!

**Energy monitoring** happens every 15 minutes at City Hall and the main library and shows when energy use deviates from normal usage patterns, identifying equipment failures or other areas of concern. Staff have implemented several low to no-cost actions to save energy. The library has already saved over 250% of the monitoring software costs. Great work Library staff, ISD, and the Facilities Team!

**Reusable mugs for meetings** - We have 20+ ceramic mugs for use for internal meetings. Call Stevie at x2474.



## iPledge

Take the “iPledge” to support the future of our community.

Take the pledge by:

1. [email](#)
2. text “iPledge” to 22828
3. visit [iPledge website](#)

## Sustainability in the Community

We held our **first public sustainability forum** on March 25 and will hold three more through June.

**Join us at the next forum on Monday, April 15 at the City Library at 6:30 pm.**

The first educational forum was attended by over 120 community members and engaged the audience around several key sustainability topics:

1. Why does sustainable development matter? We have damaged our planet and regardless of our beliefs of how we got there, there is real evidence of trouble ahead.
2. What is the role of a community and what can Beaverton do? ~ Real change needs to happen in communities like this.
3. Climate Change? ~ You don't have to believe in climate change to believe in the solutions.
4. What can you do? Your individual actions matter ~ take the “iPledge”.
5. Do we need new ways of thinking? ~ Together we must decide what kind of community we want for our families—and what we want to leave to our children and grandchildren.

Related Links: [Beaverton Valley Times](#), [City Web page](#)

# Your actions matter!