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The City of Hillsboro envisions a sustainable future in which the City responsibly satisfies the needs of its citizens, provides a healthy and satisfying work environment for its employees and minimizes its impact on the physical environment of the community.

- City of Hillsboro Sustainability Plan

Project and Department Spotlights

Happy Earth Month!!

We want to hear from you!

Let us know what your department or employees are doing to help implement the City's Sustainability goals and we'll feature your story here! Send a brief summary and photo (if available) to dacia.ermatinger@hillsboro-oregon.gov.

Sustainability Revolving Fund (SRF)

Check out this resource for your project or idea! Two years ago the Finance Department led the creation of the Sustainability Revolving Fund (SRF). It is an internal grant created to provide financial support for sustainability projects that address one or more goals in the City Sustainability Plan. The SRF was created with money saved from energy efficiency projects and provides a means for capturing savings from ongoing and future projects.

City employees are encouraged to apply for these funds to help implement sustainability projects. Funding amounts for projects range from \$0-\$25,000, and must lead the City toward one or more goals depending on the funding amount. Applications are reviewed by a team on an ongoing basis.

Find the SRF details and application details here.

Projects funded so far include a logistics efficiency system in Parks to reduce fuel consumption, cleaner- and cheaper-burning propane mowers for Parks, and facility lighting retrofits. The SRF idea has even been shared with entities across the northwest and even abroad. Recently a university in Buenos Aires implemented a similar internal fund after learning about the Hillsboro SRF!

Hillsboro Police Department Shred-It

Saturday, May 4, 2013 | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Downtown Hillsboro Post Office | 125 S. First Avenue
For more information call 503.681.5207

Have your confidential documents shredded on-site at this free community event! There is a two banker box limit. Monetary donations will be accepted on behalf of a local non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Green Power Community Challenge - Hillsboro #2!

Hillsboro is up to the challenge. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Power Community Challenge encourages individuals and businesses to purchase green power which helps expand the development of renewable energy. The challenge also ranks communities nationally every year, based on the amount and % of green power purchased by residents and businesses.

For 2012, Hillsboro maintained its high national ranking at #2 for the total green power purchased and #3 for % of green power purchased by our community. We work closely with our power utility, PGE, and our businesses and residents to encourage the purchase of green power. Our community is clearly committed to reducing the use of fossil fuels for power.

You can help Hillsboro stay at the top of the national class by electing to purchase renewable energy at your home or business. Together, we can reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, create a positive community image and enhance Hillsboro's Hometown livability. To learn more about renewable energy options or to enroll with the local utility call (503) 228-6322 or 800-542-8818.

Join your neighbors and rise to challenge - the **power** is in your hands!

EPA Green Power Communities: epa.gov/greenpower/communities/index.htm

Fourteen Ways to Repurpose Your Old Laptop Computer

Dust off your old laptop and put it back to good use! It may not be suitable to keep up with newer applications but there are still many other useful things it can do.

Here are just a few ideas, courtesy of Intel Corporation:

1. Printer/File/Web Server: Connect your printer(s) to your old computer and create a network to your newer one. Data from several computers can be consolidated and you'll be able to print from any of your networked computers to any networked printer.

2. Second Monitor: Pair up your newer laptop with your old one to create a double-size screen. Download software to connect an external keyboard to both machines so you can switch back and forth from one to the other.

3. DVD Player: Most laptops built within the last eight years should be able to play standard DVDs and Blu-Ray discs if it was built post 2006.

4. Music and Photo Storage: Store music and image files on your old laptop to save space on your newer one.

5. Social Media & Information Center: Use your old laptop as a search and storage tool for things like recipes or. Set up a social media/newsfeed station or make it your dedicated Skype or video communication station.

Want to see more great ideas? Click [here](#) to view the rest!

What's Happening

Green Bag Series: [Local Food & Regional Agriculture](#)

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Conference Room 113B

RSVP to: dacia.ermatinger@hillsboro-oregon.gov

Farmers Market

Public Services Building

155 N First Avenue (rear entrance)

Every Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

Hillsboro High Schools Recycling Events

For a list of accepted items click [here](#).

Century High School | 2000 SE Century Boulevard

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Liberty High School | 21945 NW Wagon Way

Saturday, April 27 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

SOLVE IT Annual State-Wide Earth Day Event Saturday, April 20 | 9:00am - 1:00pm

Click [here](#) to view available volunteer opportunities.

Contact Us

Questions? Comments? Ideas?

Your feedback is important and valued. Please send us your ideas about how we can improve this newsletter or enhance the City's sustainability goals.

Thank you for your efforts!

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