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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Municipal Building Board Room

138 E. Main Street

Mount Horeb, WI

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a. Consideration of March 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adopt a Municipality Reports
 - c. Beekeeping Information
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Discussion of strategic plan and how it relates to meetings
 - b. Discussion on Creation of Green Team
 - c. Review of Wastewater Treatment Column and Discussion of future column ideas
 - d. Idling reduction campaign discussion
 - e. Electric car charging information
 - f. Debrief on Composting/native plant event at the library
 - g. Discuss ideas for next program
 - h. Future agenda items
- 4) Meeting adjournment.

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Grabe, Butusov, Saltes and Gottwald.
- 2) Consent Agenda
Motion by Gottwald, second by Saltes to recommend approval. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of February 27th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Sustain Dane Climate Anxiety Breakfast Slides and Information
 - c. Adopt a Municipality Reports
Gottwald reported on Stoughton having both a Sustainability Committee and a separate 501 (c)(3) called Sustainable Stoughton. White reported on the McFarland Urban Forestry Management Plan, No Mo May program, net zero public safety facility and Gold SolSmart designation. White
 - d. Review and approve Mount Horeb Mail Column: Prescription Drug Take Back
 - e. Solsmart Update
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Discussion on Increasing Cycling in Mount Horeb
White reported for Jocelyn Vande Velde. Vande Velde has made contact with the Bike Federation who agreed that testing a school bike train in May for a launch in fall was a good idea. The Bike Federation can supply some resources.
 - b. Discussion on Green Team

The Committee continued discussion of the formation of a Green Team. There was consensus that this is still an idea worth considering, but that there remained many unknowns. Grabe and Butusov talked about involvement of students. The Committee will look into such groups in other municipalities and report back for more discussion at the next meeting.

- c. Debrief on Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour
White, Grabe and Saltes toured with John Klein on March 23. White asked about making a video tour to post to share information on the award-winning facility. Saltes will draft a newspaper column about the facility to coincide with the timing of Klein's retirement.
 - d. Update on Middle School Native Plant Project
Grabe and Butusov reported that the project is on track for planting in May. Before then the soil will need sampling.
 - e. Discussion on Carbon Sequestering Presentation at Mount Horeb Public Library
Grabe wrote a newspaper column on the April 16th event and submitted it. The program is in partnership with the Mount Horeb Public Library. Either Saltes or Butusov will introduce the program.
 - f. Discussion on Composting Program and Article
Discussed under previous item.
 - g. Discussion on Idling Reduction Campaign
White reported he spoke with Aubree Hanks of MHASK. Hanks is interested in partnering on a campaign to launch for the fall to reduce idling at the schools.
 - h. Discussion on WPPI Regional Power Dinner, April 24th
White announced that the dinner will be at Buck and Honey's in Mount Horeb. Committee members should reach out to Nic Owen if they want to attend.
 - i. Review Draft Guide for Recycling Materials
Grabe prepared a guide about the types and recyclability of plastics. The committee discussed bringing more attention to reducing the usage of single-use plastics.
- 4) Future Agenda Items
Strategic plan review, Green Team discussion and report out, debrief on library event, updates on idling and bee keeping.
- 5) Meeting adjournment.
Motion by Butusov to adjourn, second by Grabe. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

April 23, 2024

PREPARED BY

Nicholas Owen, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM # 2.c

Beekeeping Information

BACKGROUND

Chair White provided this link to a piece on [Bee Keeping](#) by Wisconsin Public Radio.

Additionally, Jennier Gottwald was able to connect with a professor at UW-Lacrosse, and he advised against allowing honeybees in the Village due to their competition with native pollinators. For this reason, we will not be discussing the beekeeping issue further, unless a citizen reaches out with a strong desire to continue the discussion. The professors' email will be included in your packet.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bee keeping Email

From: Barrett Klein

Subject: Re: Bee policy question and request

Date: April 6, 2024 at 4:18:44 PM CDT

To: David and Jennifer

Dear Jennifer,

Thank you kindly for reaching out to me with your invitation to virtually join a meeting and to share my thoughts about introducing (or not) honey bees to your village. I'd be happy to share what I know with you and your group.

Your concerns are valid, and certainly worth discussing. I would not restrict the presence of honey bees based on concerns relating to humans sustaining stings, unless the concentration of honey bee hives was absurdly high. As for concerns relating to honey bees outcompeting native pollinators, there is plenty of evidence to show that this is the case. You will most certainly have honey bees visiting your village, as foragers can scout about 6+ miles from their nest, but to establish hives would exacerbate the level of competition with native bees, flies, and others. There are many variables involved, but the relationship is pretty straightforward. Below is a small sample of writings on the topic.

<https://www.wired.com/2015/04/youre-worrying-wrong-bees/>

You're Worrying About the Wrong Bees

Honey bees will be fine. It's the other 3,999 species of bees in North America we need to worry about.

www.wired.com

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/featured-story/buzz-native-bees#:~:text=Honeybees%2C%20of%20course%2C%20are%20well,flowering%20plants%20around%20the%20world.>

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1442-9993.2004.01376.x?casa_token=l74sVITpmDYAAAAA%3Ay6nqDQhQJt_54NTg8fj_4W8PKPZSbnu8LVjQcS1fbzFVuO6wff7uPJH9yVPZ68CrukyFxKwv8ex9xmg

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The Buzz on Native Bees | U.S. Geological Survey

Bees are nearly ubiquitous, occurring on every continent except Antarctica. Wherever there are insect-pollinated flowering plants — forest, farms, cities and wildlands — there are bees. And just because you don't see plants blooming, does not mean that there are no bees around.

www.usgs.gov

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214574521000584?casa_token=e-cfx2IsE6wAAAAA:1InF32zFepqmmm36QYXQ66BDUIpTt6rQy3vTr-XhSDCzgyDFgZvogvKZBg_md6tETILG9G7aQ

How protection of honey bees can help and hinder bee conservation

Pollinators are globally recognised for their role in ecosystem function and reports of pollinator declines are a source of public and academic concern...

www.sciencedirect.com

https://resjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/icad.12178?casa_token=eBTxDaFOqacAAAAA%3AEW8wJpnBSFjX77ilqlt1zWp3BB8KjlrO3LyJ17NYZfKoLgptQDNoYnnYjBPWxc5EXbQo1_A0FMTX_L8

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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM # 3.b

Discussion on Creation of Green Team

BACKGROUND

From Chair White:

This is an interesting site; a lot of the best practice corporate green team info are applicable to adopting a municipal team. [Green Teams](#)

Also, see attached Green teams PDF which deals specifically with formation of municipal teams, (see heading “Creating Your Own Public Sector Green Team”).

Also, Green Team Template doc. Those may be a good jumping off points for review and discussion?

Discuss time line for formation. This is a suggestion I found online. (Would be nice if this could be established by September to fuel idling reduction campaign.

How long does it take to establish a team?

It will take approximately one to three months to identify, recruit, and appoint members to serve on the community green team. This does not include the time it might take to gain municipal approval to start a green team. The time-frame required for passing an ordinance is usually 2-3 months.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Green Team Template (from NJ)
2. green-teams copy
3. Sample_Green_Team_Resolution

Who should be involved?

The mayor and city council should formally establish a green team and appoint members by resolution or ordinance. Members of the green team could be appointed from municipal staff and departments, elected officials, and volunteer members of community boards and commissions. Below are some sample boards and commissions and the action areas they can contribute toward. Communities could also invite representatives from schools including educators, school board members, parent-teacher organizations, school staff, as well as students. Local businesses, chambers of commerce, academic institutions, civic organizations, faith-based groups, and community residents are also important partners in municipal sustainability efforts.

In diverse communities, especially ones that wish to improve the degree to which various demographics (race, income, age, etc.) are involved in civic life, the formation of the team is a prime opportunity to expand inclusion. Aspiring to create a green team that reflects the overall demographics of the town is the optimal goal. The creation of a green team allows communities to reach out and engage people from all community perspectives.

Can an Environmental Commission serve as the green team?

Yes. The municipal governing body can decide how it wishes to appoint the green team, which can be through an existing commission or group, or creating a new team.

Example of Environmental Commissions serving as the green team are listed below. The link goes to the municipality's certification report, scroll down to the green team submission.

- [Caldwell Borough](#)

Is there a minimum or maximum number of green team members allowed?

No. It is entirely up to the municipality to determine the number of green team members. Some municipalities have a handful of members that work in cooperation with other groups, while others have upwards of 20.

[Sample Green Team Resolution](#)

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What are the costs and resources needed?

The initial costs to establish a Green Team are minimal. Municipal governments may incur costs for municipal staff time needed to recruit team members and create the appointment resolution. The Mayor and Council should specify the amount of municipal staff time available to support the work of the green team. Additional costs for municipal consultants (planner, engineer, attorney, sustainability consultant) may be incurred once the team begins implementing actions. The Council should identify funding available to support the work of the green team if possible. Team volunteers will contribute significant time and energy to the effort.

Green Teams

In a Nutshell

A green team is a group of dedicated individuals who come together to promote, identify, and implement specific solutions to help their organization operate in a more sustainable fashion. Green teams can form within governments, businesses, neighborhoods, churches, schools, or any other organization. Green teams can be started by an interested employee, can be mandated from above, or can be a combination of the two. Green teams are usually comprised of interested individuals who sometimes bring expertise in a specific topic or field but who are interested in civic engagement and sustainability.

The “How To”

Joining a Green Team

Many churches, schools, community groups, and governments already have established green teams. Look for flyers posted in lunch rooms, on community forums, or in other common areas to see if the green team at your organization is discussed. Sometimes just asking other people or sending out an interested email can garner response and information, as well. Green teams may also be known by different names ranging from Sustainability Commission to Climate Action Task Force to Citizens Committee for the Environment.

Creating Your Own Private Sector Green Team

Within private businesses, the green team is meant to promote sustainable actions and solutions the company can establish in order to become more efficient and sustainable. Private sector organizations and businesses are not using public money, so the goals and objectives may be different than a public sector green team. Brandi McManus of GreenBiz.com has created a list of [five rules](#) the organization's green team should follow.

1. Executive support - A member of the green team should be from the executive staff of the organization; this shows executive buy-in and allows decisions to be made quickly
2. Commitment - The executive staff must commit to review suggestions from the green team; make sure the green team is empowered to make real change
3. Diversity - The green team should be comprised of employees from various departments within the organization and should hold official positions
4. Size - Limit the size of the green team to 10 or 12 people; a team too large has much difficulty agreeing on suggestions and accomplishing goals
5. Unleash the Creativity of Your People - Encourage creative thought and interesting solutions; tap the resources that organizations spend billions of dollars to attract and retain

Creating Your Own Public Sector Green Team

Local government green teams vary in their formation. In some instances, the green teams are formal committees or commissions created by ordinance with members appointed by the mayor or city council. Other times, the green team is an informal body that advises the local government staff. In either case, there is usually

at least one city employee that acts as a liaison to the green team. Ideally, some members of the team will bring expertise in different sustainability or environmental areas in order to better guide and assist the city's sustainability efforts. Resilient Cities & Communities provides [resources](#) to help you launch or strengthen an environmental commission, green team, or citizen sustainability commission.

An effective green team should meet on a regular basis and agree upon a course of action in order to focus the team's efforts. The green team should frequently be in communication with city staff, and both parties must agree to respect and listen to one another's ideas and suggestions.

Planning & Zoning

Sample Green Team Ordinances

Sustainable Jersey, a certification program for New Jersey municipalities that want to go green, offers [information](#) to municipalities who want to establish green teams. The differences between an ordinance and a resolution as well as a typical green team structure are discussed.

The City of Brentwood established a sustainability commission with [Ordinance 4941](#). The commission was established to foster policies and programs that create energy conservation, environmental improvement and sustainability of resources in the City of Brentwood. The commission recommends policies to the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Dollars & Cents

Costs of Creating a Green Team

The cost accrued in actually creating the green team will be minimal. Potentially, some staff hours and other clerical and office expenditures might be necessary to appropriately advertise, establish, and inform the desired population about the green team.

Costs of Implementing Recommendations

Once the green team is formed, however, money will probably be necessary to implement any recommended policies or actions. Some green teams are tasked with recommending options, while others are able to spend budgeted funds on initiatives and programs related to sustainability. The total cost of implementing sustainable options varies depending on the scope and size of the project.

If the green team's main objective is advocacy and education, social media and other digital forms of communication can cost very little. Informing the public can be as simple as an online post, message board, newsletter, or email mailing list. Paper flyers, presentations at meetings and conferences, and newsletters will have a cost associated with them but should be minimal.

Measuring Success

Success of a Municipal Green Team

**Village of Mount Horeb — resolution language creating a Green Team
RESOLUTION #070292**

Establishing a Village Green Team

WHEREAS, the the Village of Mount Horeb strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Horeb wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, Mount Horeb wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Horeb wants to begin the process of focusing on “Green” issues by starting with audits of municipality facilities and operations first.

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Horeb has appropriated “seed money” in their 2007 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly beginning with energy audits of the Township’s facilities to pinpoint the most effective ways to reduce energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, solar power, changes to fleet purchasing and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Township moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Mount that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of eleven members who shall be residents or employees of Mount Horeb, appointed annually, but whose initial term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Village of Mount Horeb that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through _____, _____2024 are established as follows:

Mission

Village of Mount Horeb Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the Village Sustainability and Natural Resource committee on ways to improve municipal operations

with “Green” initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

Goals

To be established by the S&NR Committee?

Objectives

1. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
2. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
3. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal and (*school operations?)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Village of Mount Horeb that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for the remainder of 2007 and are eligible to serve until replaced though an updated resolution or ordinance:

Protecting Public Health and Water Resources

Mount Horeb's Water Pollution Control Facility

By Jack Saltes, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee and John Klein, Wastewater Facility Superintendent

Did you know that Mount Horeb has been collecting and treating wastewater for over 100 years?! The first sewer lines and wastewater facility were constructed in 1915-1916 and upgraded in 1957. It was located where Grundahl Park is now. In 1978, a new wastewater facility was built at 2447 Sand Rock Road and was later upgraded in 1989. The current facility was constructed in 2019 at 2450 Sand Rock Road with many updates to the 2447 location. The Water Pollution Control Facility is required to meet many discharge limits and other requirements through a permit issued by the Wisconsin DNR. The Facility is also operated, maintained and managed by an advanced certified wastewater treatment plant superintendent and three advanced certified wastewater operators. Operating an advanced treatment facility takes a strong knowledge and background in microbiology, chemistry, mathematics, fluid mechanics, electricity and many different types of mechanical equipment.

We often take for granted when we take a shower, flush the toilet, do the laundry or wash the dishes. The dirty water goes down the drain and goes away. It flows through the plumbing, then the building sewer pipe out into a bigger sewer pipe in the street. It is then conveyed through a network of sewer pipes and pump stations to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant at 2447 and 2550 Sand Rock Road. It is one of the largest investments in our community. The current state-of-the-art facility, completed in 2019, cost 20 million dollars. The Village also operates and maintains a wastewater collection system of 46 miles of gravity sewers, 1204 manholes, 9 lift (pump) stations and 4.6 miles of forcemain (pressure sewers). The facility receives and treats an average of 475,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The plant was designed for 790,000 gallons per day and has been built to expand even further to accommodate future Village growth and flows. Request a tour of the treatment facility, learn more about it and see it in action as some members of the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee

did on March 13, 2024. It is facility and personnel the community can take great pride.

Wastewater treatment systems can use a lot of energy. During the design phase, the Village worked with Focus On Energy and their engineering consultant to make it as energy efficient as possible, using all LED lighting; pumps and blowers that can vary their speed to deliver flow or air only as to what is needed; and dissolved oxygen monitoring meters in basins to regulate oxygen levels for only what is most efficiently needed operationally.

So what can residents and businesses do to help keep our treatment plant operations running as well and as trouble-free as possible?

1. Do NOT use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage, medications or chemicals. And flush ONLY toilet paper, no other paper products or wipes of any kind.
2. Keep fats, oils and grease out of the drain and pipes. They clog pipes and effect treatment.
3. Dispose of chemicals, hazardous materials, infectious wastes and medications properly, not down the drain.
4. Compost as much organic materials and food wastes as possible.
5. Disconnect any sources of clearwater from your building sewer, such as sump pumps, roof drains and foundation drains. Clearwater adds to pumping and treatment energy use and extra unneeded flows to the plant.
6. Install on-demand softeners to reduce the amount of salt (chlorides) at the treatment facility.
7. Reduce your own water use and cost through water saving fixtures and energy efficient appliances.
8. Maintain, clean and inspect your own building private sewer lateral on a periodic basis.

Other useful information about private building sewers and how to prevent problems can be found in the following brochure on the WDNR website :
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Wastewater/BuildingSewerBrochure.pdf>



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AGENDA ITEM # 3.d

Idling reduction campaign discussion

BACKGROUND

From Tim White: These photos were taken between around 7 Am this morning. Total there were 1 truck, idling without driver, (probably in sleeper) four cars idling, (one moved on before I could take photo. I have noticed this the norm on this street.

I invited Aubree Hanks from School to be part of the discussion.

It may be helpful to share this 6-minute video which outlines the program to open the discussion. [Video](#)

Discuss recommended Schedule for roll out. (Starting in September) See recommended schedule PDF.

This EPA website has excellent resources - [EPA](#) (Many suggestions can be applied to both school and municipal applications.)

I would like us to discuss both school and municipal no idling zones. How to identify no idling zones and how to fund signage for those zones?

I think this would warrant a sub-committee if green team isn't an immediate option. (One example of how a citizen team would be beneficial.)

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

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4. IdlingReductionPresentation_201311060924042426
5. recommended_schedule









THE CITY OF FITCHBURG'S IDLING REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission
Chair Diane Streck

Vehicle Exhaust Pollutants

- **Hydrocarbons** - Hydrocarbon emissions result when fuel does not burn or burns only partially. (When an engine idles, it is not running at its optimum operating temperature resulting in incomplete combustion.) Hydrocarbons react in the presence of nitrogen oxides and sunlight to form ground-level ozone, a major component of smog. Ozone irritates eyes, damages the lungs and aggravates respiratory problems. A number of exhaust hydrocarbons are also toxic, with the potential to cause cancer.
- **Nitrogen Oxides** (NO_x) – contribute to the formation of ozone and acid rain and water quality problems.
- **Carbon monoxide** (CO) is a product of incomplete combustion and occurs when carbon in the fuel is partially oxidized rather than fully oxidized to carbon dioxide (CO₂). Carbon monoxide reduces the flow of oxygen in the bloodstream and can impair mental functions and visual perception. It is particularly dangerous to persons with heart disease.
- **Carbon Dioxide** (CO₂) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now views carbon dioxide as a pollution concern. Carbon dioxide does not directly impair human health, but it is a “greenhouse gas” that traps the earth’s heat and contributes to the potential for global warming.

These pollutants can linger in the environment and lead to long-term health impairment as well as environmental damage.

Idling Facts

- ❖ Each day Americans waste approximately 3.8 million gallons of gasoline by voluntarily idling their cars. For every gallon of gasoline used, a vehicle emits, on average, 20 lbs. CO₂. That translates to **13 million tons of CO₂ produced annually from voluntary idling!** (“Anti-Idling Primer; Every Second Counts” by Hal Hinkle, Patricia Deacon & “Kasia Duda Hinkle Charitable Foundation
- ❖ Diesel engines emit 15% more CO₂ per gallon than gasoline engines. (“Emission Facts: Average Carbon Dioxide Emissions Resulting from Gasoline and Diesel Fuel” U.S. EPA)
- ❖ **Idling gets zero miles/gallon!**
- ❖ Studies have shown that idling for over **10 seconds** (15 seconds for diesel) uses more gasoline and produces more CO₂ emissions than restarting your engine.
- ❖ Idling is not an effective way to warm up today's engines even in cold weather. The best way to warm up your engine is to drive your vehicle. In fact, your vehicle will warm up faster if you drive it rather than idle it . . . and you'll get better gas mileage.
- ❖ Excessive idling can damage your engine's components, including cylinders, spark plugs and the exhaust system. (Natural Resources Canada, Office of Energy Efficiency)

Goal: Reduce Voluntary Idling

Voluntary Idling: Idling when a vehicle is not being driven.

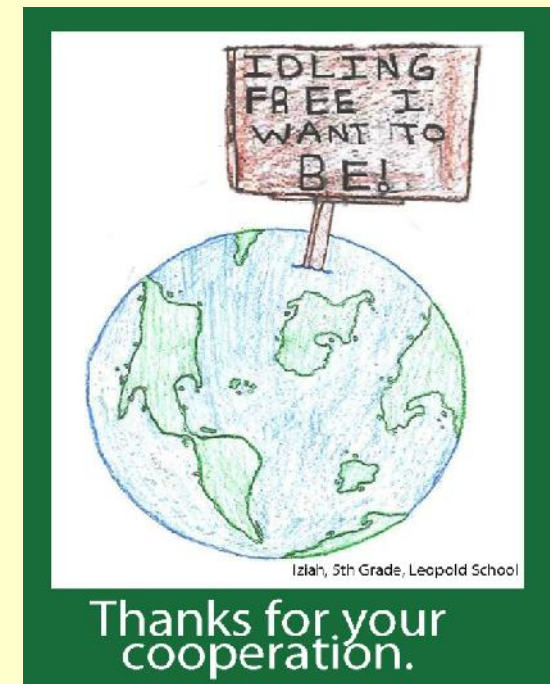
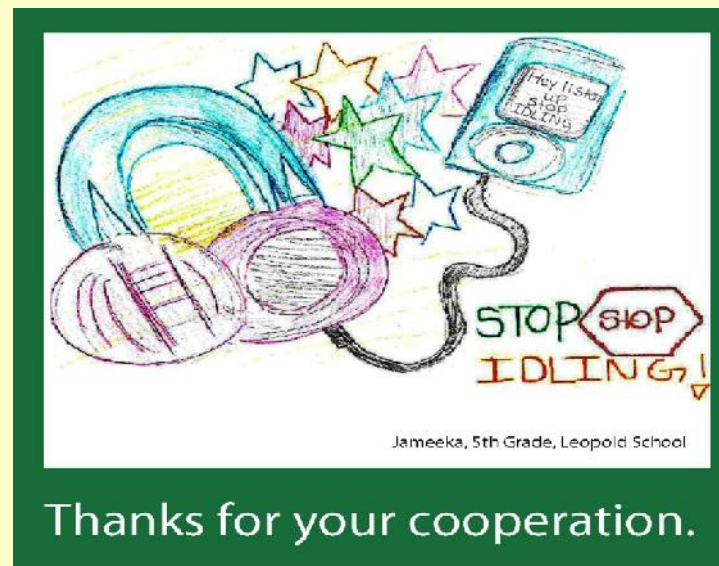
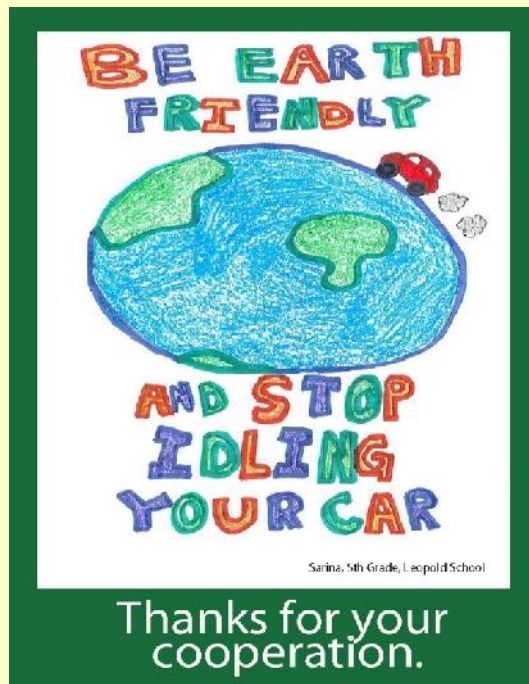
Examples:

- Drive-thru lanes
- Dropping off and picking up customers
- Delivering/picking up packages
- Car washes
- Warming up the car

Municipal Idling Reduction Sign



Community Idling Reduction Posters



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Idling Reduction Cling



Why Participate?

- ✓ Reduce fuel costs
- ✓ Better gas mileage
- ✓ Don't want to be wasteful
- ✓ Minimize environmental impact
- ✓ Concerns about air quality
- ✓ Concerns about climate change

Idle Free Schools

Recommended Schedule

Ideally, an idling reduction campaign should be instituted over the entire school year, relying on proven social marketing techniques to change the behavior of parents who currently idle their vehicles at the school. Here is a recommended schedule:

Early to Mid September:

Pre-Campaign Observations:

- Conduct first set of observations **before** announcing the campaign.
- **Tools:** *How to Conduct Observations, Sample Observation Form.*

Late September:

Introduce Campaign:

- Introduce campaign to the school/PTA.
- Determine if and how students will be involved.
- Incorporate air quality and air pollution concepts into classroom teachings.
- **Tools:** *Idle Free Schools Presentation, Making it a Student Project, Clean Teachers Guide.*

October:

Get the Word Out:

- Publish and distribute idling policies.
- Distribute letters, pledge sheets, etc.
- Begin school-wide competition for which class collects the most pledges.
- Publish articles in school newsletter
- **Tools:** *Sample Idling Policies, Sample Letters, Pledge Forms, Idle Free Schools Flyer, Clean School Bus Brochure, and Sample Language for the Newsletter.*

November:

Hang No Idle Signs Around School

- **Tools:** *Hanging 'No Idle Zone' Signs*

January:

Mid-Campaign Observations:

- Optional

March:

Driver Contact Event:

- **Tools:** *How to Conduct the Driver Contact Event*

April:

Post-Campaign Observations:

- See your success!

Complete Pledge Contest:

- Determine which class collected the most pledges. If possible, provide a prize (e.g., pizza or ice cream party)

Continuing Activities (each year):

- Continue to teach students air quality and air pollution concepts.
- Include periodic reminders about the school's no idling policy.
- Hold one driver contact per year.

Turn Your Key, Be Idle Free!



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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PREPARED BY

Nicholas Owen, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM # 3.e

Electric car charging information

BACKGROUND

SNR committee member Elizabeth Grabe has provided the following links on electric car charging:

[Webinar Recording](#)

[PowerPoint Slides](#)

[Final Dane County Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan](#)

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

None



- Refuse/Garbage Information
- Recycling & Recycle Center Information
- Brush/Composting/Yard Materials Information
- Donation/Repair/Re-use Information
- Hazardous/Unique Materials Information
- 2024 Compost Bin Group Buy!

[Home](#) › [Departments](#) › [Public Services](#) › [Public Works](#) › [Materials Management](#) › 2024 Compost Bin Group Buy!

2024 Compost Bin Group Buy!

In honor of Food Waste Prevention Week (April 1-7), all compost bins will be discounted by \$3, bringing the price down to \$65/bin. Hurry! Discounted pricing is only available for a limited time. Click [HERE](#) to order now!

The City of Sun Prairie is excited to partner with Recycling Connections to offer its residents another [compost bin group buy!](#) Compost bins can be ordered now through April 18, 2024 and will be available for pickup on Saturday April 20, 2024 at the Sun Prairie Recycle Center. Click [HERE](#) to place your order!

About the Compost Bin

This 128 gallon compost bin has a huge capacity for yard material and food waste, and is made with 100% recyclable material. Other features include:

- Black plastic to absorb heat quickly
- Easy to use, simple to assemble and move
- Long-lasting
- A sliding door opens at the bottom of the bin, providing easy access to finished compost
- Tight lid keeps pests out
- Great ventilation for aerating organic material
- Comes with "The Composting Cookbook"

Watch a demo of the Home Composter [here](#).

Order & Pickup Instructions

Bins are available for \$68 through the group buy. Online orders can be placed now through April 18. Place your order [HERE](#). Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 20 from 10am-1pm at the Sun Prairie Recycle Center located at 1798 South Bird Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. If you are unable to pickup your order on April 20, please contact Jackie Stoller at jstoller@cityofsunprairie.com. Additional order and pickup information can be viewed [here](#).



Thank you for doing your part to reduce organic waste!
Questions? Contact Rose Daily, sustainability coordinator, at rdaily@cityofsunprairie.com



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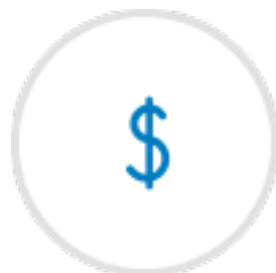
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