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Ashland Climate Collaborative

January 2023

Hello everyone, and happy New Year! We hope you're entering 2023 rested, hopeful, and ready to work for our climate goals. We are starting 2023 with our first sponsorship - with True South Solar, a leading installer of solar energy for homes and businesses. We appreciate the support!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us at info@ashlandclimate.org.

Here's what we've been up to and what to look out for in the new year.

Events

- **Thursday, Jan. 12 - Transportation Leadership Program**
Rogue Action Center has a brand new Transportation Leadership Program, created in partnership with the Clean and Just Transportation Network. In this five-session program, community members, leaders, elected officials, and local organizations will learn more about how transportation decisions are made and how these systems can transform to better serve our community. The program takes place in February. The exact dates and times will be decided based on participant availability. Fill out [this survey](#) to apply before Jan. 12.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. - Is Your Home Ready for Electrical Upgrades?**
Register for Electrify Ashland Now's monthly free Zoom support group. This

if a panel is ready for new heat pump systems and solar power? What tax rebates and incentives are available for panel and wiring upgrades? And more. As always, our experts will answer ANY of your home energy questions. Register [here](#) to get your Zoom link.

- **Monday, Feb. 6, 6 - 9 p.m. - Master Climate Protector Classes Begin**

Become a master climate protector through a 10-week course offered by Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN). 'Master Climate Protector - A Primer for Action' covers climate science, energy, transportation, agriculture and more. Mark Feb. 6 on your calendar as the kick-off date; from there, this course takes place weekly on Monday evening at the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center (HEC) on S. Bartlett Rd. in Medford. This course costs \$100 but scholarships are available. For more information and to register, visit: socanmcp.eco or email ellie@socan.eco.

Neighborhood Action Groups Form to Meet City Climate Goals

ACC has launched the Ashland Neighborhood Climate Action Network (NCAN)! This pilot program establishes five support groups, each in a different neighborhood of Ashland, where community members will gather to build resilience against fire, drought and heat and to support one another in their efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Participants will create their own climate action plans For the first year, support groups are located on Upper Clay Street (above Mohawk Street), Poplar Place and West Patterson Street, Hillview Drive, Allison Street, and Upper Linda Street. In coming years, the goal is to have groups all over the city.

Want to join a climate action group but don't see your neighborhood on the list? Jim Hartman, who leads NCAN, is also establishing a pilot group that will meet on Zoom. Not only will this group benefit community members who don't yet have a climate action group in their neighborhood, but it will also serve as a meeting place for those who need to meet virtually due to concerns about COVID transmission or other health and mobility issues. Jim is still seeking leaders for this group, so if you're interested, send him a message at jimhartmancc@gmail.com.

Success!

- Southern Oregon University took an important step towards reducing food waste. In November, The Hawk dining commons began collecting all “pre-consumer” waste — i.e. food scraps produced during the food preparation process, like egg shells — and sending them to SOU’s farm to be turned into compost. Find out more [here](#).
 - Composting is just one part of the larger effort that SOU is making to adapt to a greener future. In December, the University was awarded \$2 million to support its transition to solar power, as part of the recent federal appropriations bill. SOU has the [complete story](#).
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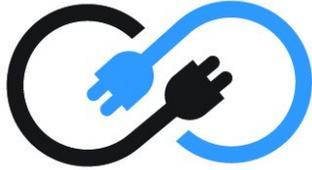
What We’re Reading

- **Making change, one home at a time** - For the [New Yorker](#), environmental activist and 350.org co-founder Bill McKibben wrote that the climate movement must shift its focus to on-the-ground implementation — in particular, transitioning American homes and vehicles away from fossil fuels.
 - **Bike lanes boost safety AND economies** - Established nearly three decades ago, Vision Zero is an international campaign to end cycling fatalities. The Urban Institute recently evaluated 13 U.S. cities’ efforts to improve cycling infrastructure as part of this program. They found that cities are increasingly channeling funding into safer, more connected cycling networks — such as off-street trails and buffered bike lanes. Cities that implemented protected bike lanes saw a boost in the local economy, an increase in bicycle commuting, and a dramatic drop in traffic fatalities. Read more [here](#).
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What We’re Watching

[In this powerful seven-minute video](#), astronaut Ron Garan talks about the transformation that happens when an individual first sees Earth from space and begins to realize that we are all connected — to one another, and to our Earth.

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