

Thank you for making our Sustainable Burien November Gathering a great success!!!!!!

Our next meeting will be on the fourth Sunday of the month – December 28th from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the Burien Library (doors open at 1:30pm). Please note – the meeting time has been moved from 2:30 to 2:00. It will now end at 4:00pm.

At our November gathering we collected garden vegetables, herbs and coupons for attendees and the food bank. And we collected compact fluorescent bulbs and batteries for recycling. We will continue to do both at future meetings.

Then we met at-large to discuss some items and then participated in a “round table” discussion on a variety of sustainable topics.

PLEASE NOTE – it was decided that STARTING IN JANUARY 2009 the gatherings will be held on the SECOND SUNDAY of each month instead of the 4th Sunday. The next two gatherings at the Burien Library will be:

- Sunday December 28th from 2-4pm (doors open at 1:30) – round table discussion format with holiday dessert potluck
- Sunday *** **January 11th** *** from 2- 4pm (doors open at 1:30)

The format of the gatherings will shift early in 2009 to include a speaker and/or a demonstration. Pods will be encouraged to meet between gatherings and report at the monthly gatherings. The Coard will be meeting before the January gathering to develop guidelines for choosing speakers, including making sure that the presentations are informative rather than just marketing, encouraging local speakers, making it clear that Sustainable Burien doesn't necessarily endorse someone just because they're invited to speak. Also beginning in January there will be a portion of the gathering dedicated to preparing for Sustainable Burien's participation in the Burien Strawberry Festival in June 2009.

We then had a Round Table Discussion that covered: Low Impact Developments, Personal Wind Power Generators for Residential & Marine locations, Electric Cars (some of the history, challenges and what can be done to promote them), having a neighborhood “Stop By House”, increasing safety for Pedestrians, Supporting “Buy Local” and doing something to help to celebrate the opening of new Bike Lanes in Burien.

With our diverse group we had people knowledgeable about all sorts of things, so it was a very interesting discussion.

We look forward to seeing everyone on December 28th from 2:00 – 4:00pm (doors open at 1:30pm). Remember, starting in January, meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of the month instead of the 4th Sunday.

www.SustainableBurien.org or call 206.242.8378 if you have questions.