



Take a look and be encouraged

Stop by the Gazebo on Courthouse Square and see the future site of Fredericksburg's first public Electric Vehicle (EV) dual charging station. Then, head over to Marktplatz around the Memorial Gardens and see the new custom sculpted bicycle parking stand (should be installed by now). See, Fredericksburg is becoming more sustainable all the time!

Solar Financing Workshop

Learn about options for avoiding upfront costs by financing solar installations.

Saturday, March 22 9 am – noon. Hill Country University Center

Speakers: Lloyd Lee, President of Native, Inc.
Cathy Redson, VP, Sales, Longhorn Solar
Jason Ballard, President, Treehouse

Co-sponsored with Public Citizen. Contact Kaiba White, kwhite@citizen.org for details.
Free event; donations welcome.

Zero Waste Forum

Goal: To design the zero waste program that best fits FBG with input from citizens and businesses.

Saturday, April 5th, 10:00 – 2:00. Hill Country University Center

Objectives:

- To build on our German heritage that FBG is no place for waste
- To educate businesses and the general public with the following breakouts:
 - Zero Waste for schools
 - Zero Waste for construction
 - Zero Waste for non-profits and churches
 - Composting organics for businesses and residences
- To think of trash as reusables
- To divert 90% of our discards from trash to local reusables
- To improve our health and the health of our environment
- To bring more jobs and improve our local economy
- We need and welcome your input

Catered lunch by Otto's German Bistro. RSVP by March 24th.

Co-sponsored with Central Texas Zero Waste Alliance. Free event; donations welcome.

Moving forward with “Smart Water Solutions”.

We have identified a champion and need just a more individuals ready to “take the plunge” and join our new committee who have a passion to see “Smart Water Solutions” implemented in Fredericksburg.

Sustainable with solar? Yes. Sustainable with landscaping? Not yet.

Although I now have Solar PV and Solar water heating, I need help to make the backyard of my personal residence more sustainable. My crushed glass beds that work so well in my front yard are not keeping out the weeds and nut grass in my back yard. I’d appreciate any help to rectify this situation: tarp to kill my weeds and nut grass naturally, non-toxic and other sustainable solutions, etc. are welcome. I want to keep the mowing area of my yard to a minimum so I can continue mowing with my carbon emissions free manual powered mower.

Bicycling and Art: a perfect combination

1st Bicycle Studio Tour on Friday, 11th 9:30 – 12:30 pm in Fredericksburg City Limits. Finn Alban, Nancy Bush, John Bennett, and Jack Kendrick are featured artist and sculptors. Contact Sherryl Brown at 990.9305 for reservations if you want to participate.

Other news

Come by our Office to pick up copies of our annual reports, fliers, and brochures. Would your business like to host a Tesla Electric Vehicle charging station? Do you know a business that might want to sponsor one of our upcoming events: Zero Waste Forum, Clean Financing workshop, and Sustainability Home Tour? Contact our office for details.

Upcoming Events and “Save the Dates”

- **Mar 6 “Zero Waste Forum”/Zero Waste subcommittee meeting, 7 pm**
- **Mar 10 Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 pm**
- **Mar 13 “Solarize Gillespie County”/followed by Clean Energy subcommittee meeting, 5 pm**
- **Mar 22 Solar Financing workshop, 9-12, HCUC**
- **April 5 Zero Waste Forum, 10-2, HCUC**
- **Sep 20 Sustainability Home Tour, 9-3**

Don’t forget.....

Ready to Take the Plunge and help Fredericksburg become the most sustainable community in Texas?

1. **Volunteer.** Take a minute and click on to sign up at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3PG6HVR>. Then email us to let us know you filled out the survey.
2. **Donate.** Please send your donations to our Office via mail or through your bank. You may also donate online at www.fbgshines.org. We have 501©3 non-profit status so that all donations made to Fredericksburg SHINES are now tax-deductible.
3. **Apply to serve on our Board of Directors.**