
Theme of the Month: Waste

Every month from now to November, we'll be addressing a different sustainability issue through our "Un"Festival. In July we are tackling "waste." Why is waste so important to sustainability? Because everything has to go somewhere. Our "waste" is quickly consuming the planet, when so many products could be reduced, repaired, reused or recycled. We used to think we could just throw things away. We now have to realize there is no "away!" [Click here](#) to learn more about our plans for July.

Announcing the 2020 Sustainable Ballard UnFestival!



Given the uncertainty of large group gatherings in Seattle for the foreseeable future, a virtual festival will replace our annual live festival in 2020.

From June through November, the Sustainable Ballard UnFestival will feature online workshops, master classes, discussions, movies, games, contests and challenges -- with a different theme each month. The theme for June is ACTIVISM, with Friday protests, Meaningful Movies about speaking out on social justice, and a collection of resources to get more connected.

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#BlackLivesMatter Protest - June 26





We invite you to join us in person to stand up for Black Lives Matter again this **Friday, June 26 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** at the corner of 65th and 15th in Ballard.

We plan to show up in support every Friday as long as downtown protests continue and #BlackLivesMatter demands are on the table. Bring noise makers and signs that express the demands of the movement. PLEASE WEAR MASKS & FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

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Backyard Cottages: Housing and Resiliency Workshop - June 30



Thinking about the long-term use of your home, and designing for resilience, is an important part of preparing for an uncertain future. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs) allow people more flexibility to accommodate a growing family, support changing work requirements, or to provide supplemental rental income. Learn more about DADUs at this virtual workshop on **Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m.**

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Plastic Free EcoChallenge is Back! - July 2020



Reducing plastic use and plastic pollution is as important as ever. This year, Sustainable Ballard is sponsoring a Plastic Free EcoChallenge team as part of our UnFestival. Join our team!

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Edible Garden Tour - July 11





New Date, Same Great Event. We've moved the Edible Garden Tour date to Saturday, July 11. This is a fun walking or biking tour of neighborhood gardens, planting strips, containers, raised beds, chickens, and all sorts of creative edibles from fruit trees to berries to veggies galore. The 11th Edible Garden Tour we'll be hosted with social distancing!

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Volunteers Needed for Ballard Gleaning Team



Join our team of volunteers who collect donations from the Ballard Farmers Market. At the end of each Sunday market, we deliver donations to the Ballard Food Bank, supplying hungry folks with fresh, local produce. We're looking for new volunteers to help feed the community while adhering to our COVID-19 best practices.

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Waiting for Public Libraries to Open?



While Seattleites await the re-opening of our public libraries and book stores, Little Free Libraries have become a community focus in many neighborhoods. In Ballard, some libraries have seeds, sewing patterns, and music sheets along with cookbooks and travel tomes -- all appealing to those interests that we now have perhaps more time to engage in.

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Meet Jill!



Say hello to another Sustainable Ballard member and volunteer. This is Jill, market gleaner and volcanic island wiz.

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Get Involved

There are so many ways to support Sustainable Ballard - we've got options for everyone.

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Black Lives Matter Links and Resources

We know there are a lot of lists out there. We've compiled a list of links and resources to dive deeper into #BlackLivesMatter that also features local Seattle organizations.

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Member Spotlights

Do you know a Sustainable Ballard Member who should be featured our website and social media?

[Fill out a nomination form today!](#)



Sustainable Ballard, a blueprint for Everytown, USA, educates, inspires, and engages neighbors to take action to live more sustainably both individually and collectively. Our vision is an inclusive, joyful, sustainable community co-creating a world for this and future generations where eco-systems are healthy and peace is inevitable.

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