

SUSTAINABILITY

Morgan Library Sustainability Committee Newsletter

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This Thursday will be the final Lunch and Learn for the year. We will be visited by Dr. Anthony Koski, a Master Gardener and faculty member in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. Tony will be presenting on “Having a Sustainable Home Landscape.” Lunches are “sold out” for this event, but you are still invited to attend what promises to be an enjoyable presentation. Join us in room 203 at 12pm on Thursday May 19th!



Last LnL attendees received a kit from the city. If you are one of those individuals, this is another reminder to install the items and log your actions at: <http://goo.gl/9LsLUO>.

There is a good chance you will have left over items from the kit. If you do, bring them back! Drop them off to Neyda Gilman (room 155 or the mail box in the liaison suite) and she will find them a home.

If you want items, let Neyda know that as well! Currently there are sink aerators and one shower head up for grabs.

Did You Know?

CSU will be expanding their compost service!

The University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB), voted to approve the funding of the initial start-up costs of a CSU windrow composting project. OSCAR will continue working on the amount of compost it can handle, but this new windrow facility will allow for even more composting to happen!

Things are just beginning, and it will take time to get it all up and running, but know it is in the works! Keep your eyes out for updates from the composting committee.

Here is some information on windrow from the [EPA](#). For more information on composting in general, and what you can do, check out this [presentation](#).

A look at Alternative Transportation within the Morgan Library Community

By Christina Vessa

Avoiding traffic, vehicle wear-and-tear, and costly parking on campus gives Morgan Library employees reasons to use the growing alternative transportation infrastructure within in the City of Fort Collins.

Bicycle routes, the [MAX Transit](#), and city buses seem to be the most popular forms of transportation, however, walking, carpooling, and even [Zip Cars](#) are common around Colorado State University as well.

Some said the increase in parking permits gave them incentive to begin using alternative transportation, while others said avoiding the construction on campus was reason enough. Morgan Library employees said that even though there are improvements to be made, they are impressed with current forms of alternative transportation in the city.

With the buzzing cycling community and expanse of trails, Fort Collins is an appealing city to bike around. Rob Sica, a humanities and social sciences liaison librarian, moved to Fort Collins almost three years ago and said the first thing he noticed was how pervasive the cycling community is.

“I like the exercise and I enjoy the activity of riding, even just leisurely,” Sica said. “Even if it takes more time to do things, its more fun to be out in the sun.”

He also commented on the city’s [ambitious bike plan](#) that creates a safe and comfortable biking environment for citizens. Sica, along with others who work at the library, do not drive their personal cars to campus because they don’t need to.

Louise Feldmann, business librarian and coordinator for the college liaisons, started using the MAX last year after on-campus parking permit prices increased. She drives to the Swallow Station Park-and-Ride and hops on the bus to campus, all for free. Checking bus times online is a convenient aspect of this service, but the buses get busy by mid-morning, so she avoids the crowds by taking the MAX early.

Feldmann said it appears as if Fort Collins has recently piqued an interest in alternative transportation over the past few years, and she said it is important that the city provides different options for getting around town.

“Typically, the parking is so expensive, especially here where its going up substantially,” Feldmann said. “I think its really important that there be other options besides just riding your bike.”

Although the MAX runs every 10 minutes, Feldmann said the buses gets crowded during the winter and she is hopeful that there will be an increase in city bus times over the next few years.

Another library staff said she hasn’t driven to campus in 12 years. She walks and takes the MAX to work every morning and has been using it since it opened in May 2014. She also appreciates the Bustang, which takes passengers from CSU to Denver Union Station and back for just \$10 on the [RamsRoute](#).

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Although the MAX is [the largest public infrastructure](#) project in Fort Collins history, some say things can be done in the future to make alternative transportation more convenient. Sica and Feldmann said it would be ideal to have a rapid train to Denver.

They also said it will be interesting to see how construction impacts transportation around campus as well. Sica said he hopes there will be more bikes on the road in the future.

“I am hoping there will be an increase in proportion of those using alternative means of transportation, and a smaller proportion of those using personal cars,” he said. “I hope that cashes out in terms of more people cycling because that correlates with a healthier population.”



CSU Surplus Tent Sale supports the Eco Leaders

CSU Surplus Property is having their 5th annual tent sale in June. Every year students who are moving away from Fort Collins donate their items to CSU Surplus. These items are then sold at the two day tent sale and then all proceeds are given to the [Eco Leaders](#) to fund sustainability and recycling projects. Stop by June 18th or June 19th and find everything from bikes, to furniture, to clothes, to computers and more!

Surplus also needs volunteers for this event! If you are willing to volunteer, every 2 hours of your time gets you a 5 coupon to use at the tent sale, or later at Surplus Property. 10 hours of time gets you T-shirt, and 20 hours gets you a sweatshirt!

Find out more at tentsale.colostate.edu.



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