Greening Shalom Park: Small Steps Can Make A Big Difference

When it comes to protecting the planet, every little step helps. Across Shalom Park, agencies are doing their part to promote sustainability. Did you know that ...

Temple Beth El offers textile recycling and will also take your old cell phones to donate to an organization that helps domestic violence victims. Temple member Ted Hessberg accepts donations of old computers, which he refurbishes and donates to low-income families at Sterling Elementary.



Filling a reusable water bottle saves energy and landfill space by avoiding use of plastic bottles.

You can ditch the disposable plastic water bottle, and refill your reusable water bottle outside the workout room at the LJCC.

Paper, aluminum, plastic and glass can be recycled at locations across the main campus of Shalom Park. (Hint: Blue receptacles are for recyclables; black receptacles are for trash - even if they're not labeled that way. And meeting rooms often have silver cans with the recycling symbol on

The Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource center offers the opportunity to recycle books you no longer need, which are sold to raise money for the library or given to children attending the Shalom Park Freedom School during the summer.

At Temple Israel's January Yom Gemilut Chasadim (Acts of Loving Kindness) program, congregants learned about and made eco-friendly household cleaners.

This year, Hebrew High students have been learning about Jewish environmental values and environmentalism in Israel in an elective course taught, appropriately, by Mr. Green. The class is working on plans for a program to teach other Hebrew High students about Eco-Judaism.

Charlotte Jewish Preschool's PTO Green Team provided parents tips for reducing lunch time waste and the sponsored a Waste-Free Lunchbox Challenge on November 23. Trash and recycling were weighed and tabulated by classroom, and the class with the least waste received a green Popsicle party and a book on recycling for the classroom li-

The Foundation of Shalom Park installed an energy efficient water heater for the old gym at the LJCC, which has reduced gas consumption by 60%. The Foundation has also taken steps to reduce



Recycling books at the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center.

energy usage with occupancy sensors on restroom lights and solar

powered lighting on the back steps near the tennis courts.

next? Install solar panels on Camp

Mindy and solar lighting in park-

ing lots? Use rain barrels to cap-

What should our community do



Recycling clothes, shoes, and more at Temple Beth El.

ture water for irrigation? Start composting food waste? Join Shalom Green and help plan the next steps toward a more sustainable Shalom Park. For more information, email environmental@ shalomcharlotte.org. ♥





Recycling bins are available in various locations across

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