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Congratulations

Briella Wempner
AU’s $500 Scholarship Winner for 2021!

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We Support Renewable Energy

Our electrical supplier, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA) follows state mandates to provide:

25% of energy from renewable resources by 2025

In 2020, 26% of the energy delivered was from renewable resources*

Our wholesale provider is committed to being 80% carbon-free energy by 2030

*Renewable energy provided each year is modeled but the actual amount of renewable energy delivered is dependent upon the actual resources produced by the renewable generation.

Austin Utilities owns two solar arrays:

- Austin Utilities 3.8 kW array
- Downtown EV Charger 1.29 kW array

In 2020, our solar arrays produced 7,068 kWh of solar energy

We Support our Customer’s Interest in Renewable Energy

SolarChoice allows customers to subscribe to the solar output from a community solar array instead of installing solar on their own property

40 customers are subscribed to 185 panels

In total, SolarChoice customers received 86,765 kWh of solar energy credits.

Austin Utilities provides a solar rebate to support customers who have an interest in owning their own solar array

- 25 customers own
- 271.43 kWh of solar generation to date

Our solar customers produced approximately 916,075 kWh of solar energy
We support educating our customers and the community about using energy wisely.

**Conserve energy + save money**
when you participate in our Conserve & Save rebate program for the purchase of energy saving appliances and equipment.

$1,548 REBATES were processed in 2020 saving customers
2,602,204 kWh of electricity
210,909 therms of natural gas
303,126 gallons of water

Our Project Conserve and Save program for 4th graders encourages students and families to take action with their energy and water use through energy efficiency curriculum and a take home kit filled with items that provided these energy savings to participants.

- 5,108 therms
- 12,245 kWh
- 412,886 gallons

441 Take home kits filled with energy saving items were distributed in 2020

We support Clean Transportation

Austin Utilities is **CHARGED UP** about electric vehicles (EVs). EVs are good for the environment because they do not produce tailpipe emissions that contribute to carbon. Here are some of the ways we are helping our customers get charged up too.

**Austin Utilities has installed three electric vehicle charging stations in Austin on public property**
- 78 sessions in 2020 – 1808 kWh EV charging

- Public Parking Lot #1
  403 1st St NW – First EV Charger
  installed 2013, offset with solar panels

- Public Parking Lot #2
  329 1st St NE
  installed in 2020

- AU Parking Lot
  1908 14th St NE
  installed in 2020

In 2021 Austin Utilities will add a DC Fast Charge station for public use in Austin.

**EV CHOICE**

**Austin Utilities launched an Electric Vehicle Club in 2020.**
Our club members can help us learn about the needs of EV owners.

Austin Utilities has two alternate fuel vehicles in our fleet with plans to add more in the future.

- **2016 Ford F 150** with an aftermarket CNG Kit installed
- **2020 Nissan Leaf** BEV (Battery Electric Vehicle)
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In 2020 we held our first annual rain barrel sale event. Sixty rain barrels were distributed. Rain barrels reduce water used by providing free water for gardening collected and stored from your homes rain gutter system. Austin Utilities offers a $10 rebate on the purchase of rain barrels.

Planted by our staff in the NW corner of our property is a BUTTERFLY GARDEN to support growth of the declining Monarch Butterfly population.

Austin Utilities supplies butterfly garden seeds to customers interested in starting their own butterfly garden.

Thank you to the Shooting Sport and Wildlife Mower County 4-H group for the great work maintaining our Butterfly Garden.

The carbon reduction associated with this is equivalent to:

- Running 1.5 wind turbines for a year.
- The CO₂ emissions from charging 897,524,877 smart-phones in one year.
- The CO₂ emissions from 812 homes’ energy use for one year.
- The carbon sequestered by 9,191 acres of U.S. forests in one year.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.