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First Hybrid Recycling Truck

As a result of a recent Student Green Initiatives Fund proposal, BGSU Campus Operations is now picking up recycling across campus in a brand new Diesel-Electric Hybrid truck!

This new recycling truck boasts a number of sustainability features:

- When stopped, the truck's engine automatically shuts down, saving fuel and reducing the amount of pollutants emitted into the atmosphere.
- The truck has pollution reduction systems, which ensure that particulate matter (soot) and toxic exhaust gases are greatly reduced.
- It's the first hybrid box truck in Ohio! Serving as an example of what's to come for public institutions across the state.

Keep an eye out for this clean, green recycling truck as you're walking across campus!

Green Move-In with Chapman Learning Community

On August 18th, the Office of Campus Sustainability partnered with the Chapman learning community to host a “Green Move-In” service project. Almost 100 volunteers helped incoming residents recycle cardboard & prevent contamination of the recycling bins outside residence halls.

The service project was a major success, resulting in the collection of 25 tons of recyclables! More specifically, 15 tons of cardboard and 10 tons of bottles, cans, and paper was collected. Because of the hard work of these volunteers, all of this waste was kept out of the landfill and will now be remade into valuable consumer goods instead of having to use even more non-renewable resources!

A huge thank you to all the members of the Chapman Learning Community for kicking off the 2016-2017 academic year with sustainability in mind!

Kuhlin Center Native Landscaping

You may have noticed that the newly renovated Kuhlin Center has a unique look! The surrounding landscape is the result of a partnership between the Student Green Initiatives Fund and the Office of Design & Construction to bring back plants and habitat native to our region’s once prevalent “Great Black Swamp”.

This landscaping project features 100% native plants, which provide year-round habitat for local pollinators & are evolutionarily equipped to survive our local climate. It also features a special “nutrient-enriched” soil and water-permeable pavement.

When established, this landscaping will not require regular irrigation or fertilization, conserving fresh water and reducing the amount of harmful nitrates & phosphates that run off into our region’s water supply!

These native plants will provide a variety of colors with each season, so be sure to stop and smell the flowers!

Green Game Day Initiative

“Green Game Day” is the primary waste reduction initiative that takes place at every home football game. Staffed entirely through volunteers, the team ensures our tailgating guests are able to recycle their waste instead of sending it all to the landfill! Volunteers cruise the tailgate area via golf cart, set up recycling containers, and distribute recycling bags to tailgaters. Service hours are available for organizations & volunteers will be provided lunch! Sign up for a shift at this upcoming homecoming game on October 1st & help BGSU tackle landfill waste! Sign up for a shift here.

This is “Sustainability News”, a newsletter distributed by the Office of Campus Sustainability once a month to keep the campus community informed & involved with the many sustainability happenings at BGSU!