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!

Sustainability Employment Opportunities

BGSU’s Office of Campus Sustainability is now hiring for positions starting this semester, summer, and the 2017-2018 academic year! We’re looking for individuals passionate about sustainability to coordinate the end-of-year “When You Move Out, Don’t Throw It Out” waste reduction initiative, as well as an Orange Bike Rental Coordinator, and a Sustainability Assistant Intern!

These are paid positions that can qualify for academic internship credit and offer great work experience in the growing field of sustainability coordination. Application deadlines are quickly approaching, so apply today through BGSU WorkNet!

Plastic Bag Recycling Stations

If you’ve walked through the lobby of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union or Falcon Heights lately, you may have noticed a new addition, Plastic Bag Recycling Stations!

As a result of a Student Green Initiatives Fund proposal, written by BGUSU undergraduates Amanda Ellis and Christina Deehr, two dedicated plastic bag recycling stations are now available for use by the campus community to recycle their disposable shopping bags. With one located just inside the front door of Falcon Heights’ main lobby and the other located on the first floor of the Student Union outside Falcon Outfitters, it’s easy for the BGUSU community to recycle their bags in one of two central locations.

With this increased availability of recycling on campus, come more service credit opportunities! Student organizations can now sign up to adopt a plastic bag recycling station on a monthly basis, earning an hour of service credit each week to help support the stations. Want to learn more about the program and sign up to adopt a station? View our webpage here.

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Waste Reduction in Athletics

The Office of Campus Sustainability has partnered with BGSU Athletics since 2011 with a goal of reducing the environmental impacts of highly attended events. With an influx of many people onto campus comes an increased need to consume recyclable and disposable waste at a sustainable manner. BGSU Athletics engages thousands of individuals across campus each year at a vast array of athletic competitions while serving as a leader in waste reduction initiatives.

The eventual goal for home football games at the Doyt Perry Stadium is achieving “Zero Waste”, by ensuring that all waste generated is either recycled or composted instead of being sent to a landfill. While not quite there yet, there are numerous initiatives going on behind the scenes that contributed to an overall waste diversion rate of 51.5% for the 2016 home football game schedule!

The “Green Game Day” initiative is the face of waste reduction at home football games, where volunteers patrol the tailgating areas, distributing and collecting recycling/landfill bags to attendees while educating them on how to properly dispose of waste here at BGSU!

In addition to volunteers, the Office of the President has shown its commitment to waste reduction through the implementation of reusable dishes, silverware, and glassware in the President’s Suite. AVI FoodSystems, our food supplier at athletic events, has committed to the recycling of cardboard, has phased out the use of disposable plastic cups during events, and is increasing the use of bulk packaging. After each home game, BGSU Athletics provides a stipend to a student organization to pick up recyclables and landfill waste inside the stadium to complete each event.

BGSU Athletics and Campus Sustainability ensure waste reduction strategies are employed at all athletic events, such as hockey games and swim meets, through the utilization of paired recycling & landfill containers and educational signage.

ReStore Event - January 20th

Join us at the ReStore Friday, January 20th from 12pm-2pm for our first event of the spring semester! The event is held in the Kreischer Sundial across from the Recreation & Wellness center. The ReStore is a monthly thrift sale that offers a variety of new and gently used office and school supplies, books, electronics, clothes, and home goods to students, staff, and faculty for free! Consider stopping by before you go out and purchase new items; we’re likely to have what you need. This event will be especially worthwhile, as we have been busy all winter break taking in new donations from various offices and classrooms. If you’re not looking to stock up on anything, that’s okay! Maybe you’re doing some spring cleaning? If you have items in good condition that someone else might find useful, simply submit a maintenance request and we will be happy to pick them up!

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