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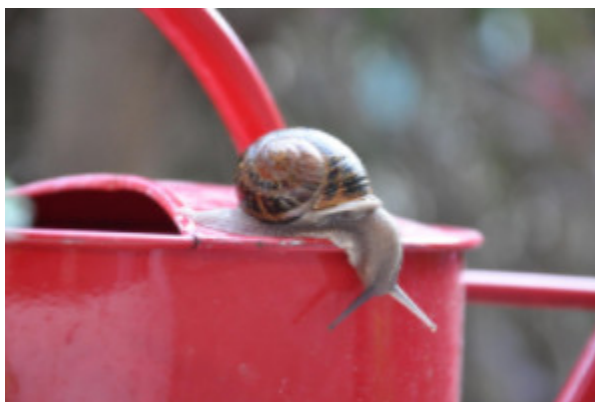
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# Sustainable CWRU



## February Green Bag Lunches

[Green Bag Lunch Series: Climate Action in Labs @ CWRU | Green Labs and the -80 Freezer Rebate Program](#)

Biomedical Research Building | Room 105

Tuesday February 14 | 12:00 - 1:00pm

*Lunch on us, please RSVP*

[Green Bag Lunch: Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels](#)

Tinkham Veale University Center | Senior Classroom

Wednesday February 22 | 12:00 - 1:00pm

*Coffee and dessert provided, please RSVP*

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**April Think Forum to Address Water Crisis**

On April 4, Professor Jay Famiglietti will speak at a CWRU Think Forum, addressing the global water crisis. Famiglietti is an internationally-renowned hydrologist and a professor of earth system science and of civil and environmental engineering at the University of California-Irvine and the Senior Water Scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. Reserve [your free tickets](#) on the Think Forum website.



**SURES Application Deadline March 10**

While it's still a cold Ohio winter, deadlines for summer research are coming soon. One great

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Support of Undergraduate Research & Creative Endeavors (SOURCE) office and their Summer Undergraduate Research in Energy & Sustainability (SURES) program. The SURES program provides students with a \$3,500 stipend for ten weeks of full-time summer research in an area related to energy and sustainability. SURES participants are also provided with weekly lunch seminars where local sustainability experts present. There are other requirements related to documenting research results. Applications are due on March 10. The SURES program will run from May 30 to August 4. The Office for Sustainability often advises several student's research related to CWRU's sustainability goals and climate action programs. If you would like to work with the office this summer, email [sustainability@case.edu](mailto:sustainability@case.edu) and share your areas of sustainability research interest by March 1, please include a resume. Learn more on our [website](#). Information on the SURES program can be found [here](#). Interested students with general program questions can contact SOURCE office Director [Sheila Pedigo](#).



**RecycleMania 2017 is Underway**

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RecycleMania, the annual recycling competition between colleges and universities across the US, kicked off again this past Sunday, February 5. CWRU has been participating in RecycleMania, now its 15th year as a intercollegiate contest to see who can reduce their waste and recycle the most, since 2009.

We have seen an increase in our recycling rate every year since 2011, from a low of 11% to a high last year of 31%. During the eight weeks of competition, running throughout February and March, CWRU recycles anywhere between 150,000 and 200,000 lbs of paper, plastic, metal, glass and cardboard!

While CWRU has not proven to be a top contender in RecycleMania, we value the opportunity to benchmark our recycling progress year-to-year, and see how we rank against peer institutions. We also welcome the chance to refresh our community on the value and importance of recycling, as well as the details on what can and should be recycled on campus.

The Student Sustainability Council (SSC) is a valuable partner to the Office for Sustainability, running a variety of activities during RecycleMania including an annual waste sort, where they dig through the previous day's trash to determine how well we're doing on a micro scale keeping recyclables out of the landfill. You can check in with SSC at their [website](#), and [facebook page](#).

To do your part, make sure you're up-to-date on our recycling processes at CWRU by reviewing our policies on our [website](#), tell a friend about recycling on campus, and maybe try a new habit like bringing reusable silverware or a cloth napkin to use with your lunch instead of using disposables!

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### Transportation Survey Winners

Thank you for the over 650 students and the additional 650+ faculty and staff who took our transportation survey at the end of 2016! We now better understand how students (and staff) move around campus, Cleveland and beyond! We now know more about student's very sustainable means of transportation - 82% reported that they walk and 5% are cyclists. About 2% use the Greenies and 0.5% carpool.

We promised prizes for the students and here are our winners: Barnes & Noble gift cards went to Jack Webb, Brianna Walker and Nicole Brooks. Tom Trischman, Emmett Donnelley-Power and Elaine Ahn won our [solar chargers](#). A fleece Patagonia jacket went to Emily Jennings. Maria Kuznetsov, Elizabeth Adams and Sarah Bedoyan won our [Klean Kanteens](#).

Prizes were awarded to staff/faculty by University Circle Inc. and several CWRU members were chosen.



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**Introducing Ted**

Ted Bambakidis has been hired as the Office for Sustainability's graduate student fellow for the 2016/2017 academic year. Ted has experience in aquatic ecology and climate change research, as well as recycling and alternative fuels. Ted is interested in several aspects of sustainability, such as biofuels, micro-scale wind and solar and the expansion of affordable, renewable energy to the developing world. He is also interested in the health benefits of sustainability designed walkable and bikeable cities. Ted earned his MS in Biology from Bowling Green State University and a BS in Evolution and Ecology from Ohio State University.



**Upcycle Parts Shop**

The Office for Sustainability is good buddies with the [Upcycle Parts Shop](#) on St. Clair. This nonprofit is a creative reuse center that accepts donations of waste items from individuals and businesses - think vinyl, fabric, wallpaper scraps but also jewellery, DVD cases, coat hangers and more. Find a list of what they want [on their website](#). They revalue these waste items as art supplies. Upcycle has hosted field trips for the Office for Sustainability, supplied our

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held nametag making workshops. We're a [member](#) which means we can shop in their art supply store front by appointment, earned some store credit and lots of other fun perks. Those without memberships can drop off their donations and shop on the third Saturday of each month from noon to 5:00pm.



**Follow us on Instagram**

We now have an Instagram account! Be sure to follow [greencwru](#) for the latest photos we post about our activities and other green instants on campus.

**Community & Campus Events**

**Green Building Emerging Professionals Meeting**

Feb 13  
5:30-6:30  
Great Lakes Brewing Company  
Guests welcome, rsvp  
to MichaelIW@neptuneplumbing.net

[Sustainable Biz Networking](#)

Feb 15  
5-7:00 pm

**Building Education**

**Series:** [Retrofits for Historic Buildings](#)

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7:30-10:00 am \$ small fee			
<a href="#">Zero Waste NEO Workshop</a> March 28 2-4:30 pm Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District			
<b>CWRU Arbor Day Event - Save the Date</b> Organized by the Student Sustainability Ambassadors March 31 <i>More details coming soon</i>			
<a href="#">Think Forum</a> Jay Famiglietti on Global Water Issues April 4 6:00 pm Maltz Performing Arts Center			
<a href="#">LED Manufacturing Facility Tour at Energy Focus</a> April 6 4:00-5:00 pm			
<b>Food Week - Save the Date</b> April 10-14			
<a href="#">Earth Day / EarthFest</a> April 22 \$ small fee for attendees day of Volunteer training opportunities: Sat. 2/11/17 10:30 Sat. 3/4/17 10:30 Sat. 3/25/17 10:30 Wed. 4/5/17 6:30			
<b>Doan Brook Stream Clean-up</b> April 23 <i>Service opportunity, more details coming soon</i>			
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The **Office for Sustainability** is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, promoting local food, recycling, and sustainable purchasing, as well as advocating for individual and institutional behavior change.

### Questions/Feedback?

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