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CWRU's Office For Sustainability E-Newsletter

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About Us

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.

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This Friday is Bike to Work Day

Join cyclists around the world and those in and around Cleveland to celebrate biking to work this coming Friday. Our office is helping UCI host the energizer station right off of campus next to Thwing from 7:00am - 9:30am. At this station, we'll have iPads on hand to unveil the new [Gohio Commute](#) portal, the new regional tool to help you transit around Greater Cleveland. We will also be raffling off a Patagonia fleece to support our CWRU bike commuters who sign up on Gohio. Find more energizer station locations with coffee, breakfast and some swag throughout town on [Bike Cleveland's website](#). Remember that passengers with bikes ride the RTA free all day if you get too tired!

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Green Your Kitchen

We love [these ideas](#) on how to make your kitchen more Earth friendly from the Green Home Guide.

Community Events

[DIY Rain Barrel Workshop](#)

Thursday, May 18
6:30 - 8:00pm
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

[Centennial: Ride the Emerald Ring](#)

Saturday, May 20
9:00am - 4:00pm
Mill Stream Run Reservation

[Recycle Pots and Pans Collection Day](#)

Saturday, May 20



Hiring Student Workers for 2017/ 2018

We're hiring a number of student workers for the next academic year: sustainability ambassadors, green lab auditors and a graduate fellow. Find job descriptions and a Google Doc [on our website](#) to apply. We will be conducting phone interviews over the summer on a rolling basis.



UH Bikes are on Campus

Enjoy the summer on two wheels instead of inside a stuffy car! A UH Bikes station was recently installed on campus across from the Village, two more coming soon. Students can take advantage of a discounted [monthly membership](#) of only \$8 per compared to the normal \$15 per month rate. Plans gives members an hour of free rides per day. Regular annual memberships are \$120 or you can pay as you go for just \$3.50 per half hour.

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Countryside Conservancy

[Metroparks Dinner and a Chat:
Mushrooms](#)

Thursday, May 25

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Lakefront Reservation

[ciCLEvia Metro](#)

Sunday, June 4

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Clark-Fulton/Tremont
neighborhoods

[Fourth Global Forum](#)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

June 14-16

CWRU Tink

[Compost Seminar & Rain](#)

[Barrel Workshop](#)

Tuesday, June 20

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Strongsville Recreation &
Senior Center

Sustainability Champion Awards 2017

At the end of this academic year, the Office for Sustainability is honoring three great advocates for sustainability at CWRU. Thank you to SSC, SAC and other partners for helping to nominate campus champions.

Student: Grace Cammarn - Grace, a senior, has been a leader in many forms as part of CWRU's Student Sustainability Council. During her four years she has worked to shift CWRU's student culture to better embrace sustainability principles, helped pass several USG sustainability related resolutions and performed SURES research to benchmark the University's greenhouse gas footprint. We're going to miss her sustainability spirit!

Staff: Brian Gray - Brian leads the University's volunteer campus garden, located behind Leutner and next to the softball field. He has shown strong leadership coordinating day-to-day garden care, service days, recruiting volunteers as well as and donation of harvested produce to local food pantries.

Faculty: Dr. Narcisz Fejes - Narcisz has provided information and inspiration to students and the CWRU community concerning global and local food systems. She is advisor to the Food Recovery Network student group. She has also helped the University host two annual CWRU Food Weeks, focused on bringing greater awareness to our food system and its environmental and social footprint. Learn about past winners on our [Champions page](#) and longer write up about these winners on our [news page](#).

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Live in University Circle to Reduce Your Commute

University Circle has some great housing options including apartments, rental homes, and houses for sale. Consider reducing your commute and your carbon footprint by living close to where you are every day: our CWRU campus. There are [May leasing specials](#), incentives for home buyers (closing costs covered!), one month free rent and even matching funds for rehab projects through [University Circe Inc](#) (UCI). Peruse the many places to [rent](#) or [buy](#) within this rich, cultural center on the UCI website.

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Tree Planted on Arbor Day

Sustainability Ambassadors worked hard this year to produce a campus tree plan, assemble a campus tree committee, and plan an Arbor Day celebration, all in order to prepare CWRU to qualify as a Tree Campus USA. The early Arbor Day celebration wished a Happy Birthday to the oldest tree on campus on Friday, March 31st (Arbor Day was April 28th) in the Thwing Atrium (inside due to weather). The week preceding the event, students documented their love of trees on reclaimed paper leaves which were made into an art piece.

Participants played tree-via (tree trivia!) and enjoyed cupcakes before a new tree, a beautiful sugar maple, was planted near the fountain "Merging."

Two sustainability ambassadors, Kayla and Claire, and a member of the Student Sustainability Council (SSC), Catherine, will submit CWRU's application to be certified as a Tree Campus USA at the end of 2017.

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