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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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## Green Bag Lunch Series: Sustainability at Local Zoos

Thursday, October 26

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Tinkam Veale University Center, Senior Classroom

Sustainability representatives from both Cleveland and Akron zoos will speak about how they keep it green. **Please RSVP on [Eventbrite](#)**. Coffee and desert provided, feel free to bring lunch. Read more on our [news page](#) and share the event on [Facebook](#).



**Help Us Calculate Our Carbon Footprint - Take the Transportation Survey**

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### Former Sustainability Ambassador Starts YouTube Channel

Erin Deasy, a former Sustainability Ambassador, is now a graduate student at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland working on a master's degree in [Outdoor Environmental and Sustainability Education](#). She started a [YouTube channel](#) with green lifestyle videos.

### Upcoming Events

#### [Instrumental Evening for the Earth](#)

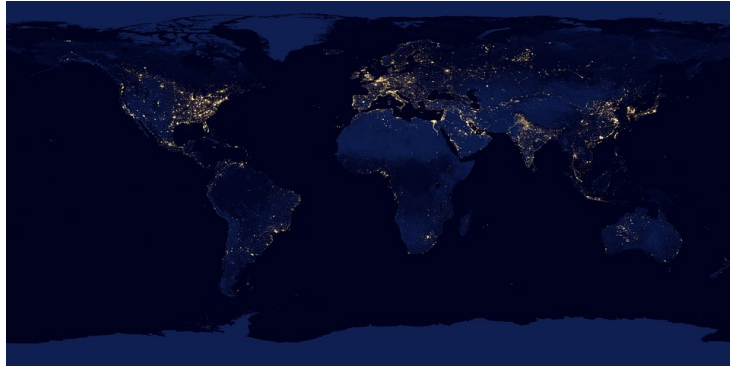
Wednesday, October 18  
6:00pm- 10:00pm  
smARTspace at 78th Street Studios

#### [Doan Brook Photography Hike with David Perelman-Hall](#)

Saturday October 21  
9:00am - Noon  
Lower Shaker Lake

many other local institutions are all participating for the second year in an October transportation survey to gain more information on how we commute, to improve transportation for all in the Circle and to better calculate the economic and environmental impact of our commutes.

Survey participants will be entered into a drawing for cool prizes if you take the survey by the end of October. The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes. No matter how you get around we need your info, thank you for your time! Faculty, staff and students **take the [survey here](#) (CWRU only link).**



### Save the Date - Annual Fall Big Green Event November 15th - Special Keynote

Save the date for our fourth Annual Big Green Event on Wednesday, November 15, 5:00-7:00 pm. This year a keynote address will be made by John



Mitterholzer, the [George Gund Foundation](#)'s senior program officer for the environment on national funder's response to the U.S. pulling out of the Paris Climate

Commitment.

We are again asking CWRU community members involved in sustainability research or work to give lightning round updates (three slides in three minutes) and will give our State of Campus Sustainability report. Join us for fun, networking and food.

**Do you want to be a lighting round speaker?**

**Apply [here!](#)**

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Thursday, October 26  
Noon - 1:00pm  
Senior Classroom, Tink

[Decorate Your Door: An Upcycle Workshop](#)

Saturday, November 4  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Deagan's Kitchen + Bar,  
Lakewood

[Healthy Soil - What is it and how do I get it?](#)

Thursday, November 9 from  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Cuyahoga SWCD office,  
Cleveland

[Voice of the Lake](#)

Sunday, November 12  
3:00pm - 4:30pm  
Breen Center for the  
Performing Arts, Cleveland

[Big Green Event](#)

Wednesday, November 15  
4:00pm - 6:30pm  
Ballrooms A & B, Tink

[Building Education Series 2017: Building Safety, Security, Emergency Procedures and Disaster Tickets](#)

Thursday, November 16  
7:30am - 10:00am  
Oswald Building, Cleveland



## First Sustainability House Cohort Underway

With move in done, we have six students (including one grad student advisor) living at the newly themed Sustainability House this year. Students are working to track and manage energy, water usage as well as reduce and track their waste. They have committed to personal and house-wide green lifestyle pledges and are creating plans on how to retrofit the house to be a more environmentally friendly space. We will be accepting Fall 2018 applicants for Sustainability House early next semester.



## CWRU Student Sustainability Ambassador Program Update

We are thrilled to kick off our third year of the Student Sustainability Ambassador program. This past weekend the green grounds team held a service event to correct some volcano mulching practices on campus to improve tree health (see image above). Each ambassador team will be running events and programs on their area of focus

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- 2 Chemical engineering majors
- 4 Biology majors
- 2 Environmental studies
- 1 Civil engineering major
- 1 Biomedical engineering
- 1 Business management
- 7 new, 9 returning
- 8 teams focused on: green labs (new this year), green buildings, green grounds, local food, student energy use, recycling, reuse, and transportation

Meet our seven new ambassadors:

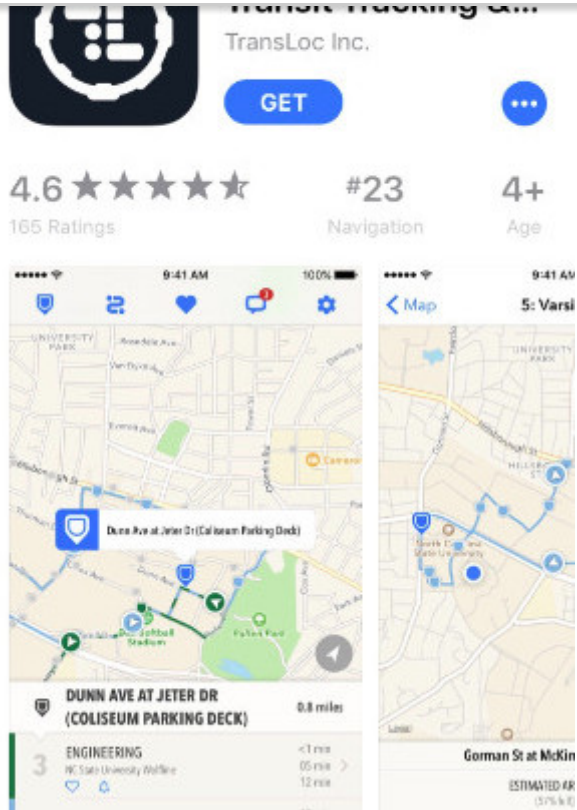
- Jason Guo, a first year from Hershey, PA intending to major in International Studies and Medical Anthropology
  - Kevin Pataroque, a first year from Portland, OR, planning on majoring in Chemical Engineering
  - Mika Hoercherl, a first year from Madison, WI, majoring in Civil Engineering
  - Emily Herrmann, a second year from Fairport, NY with a double major in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
  - Sindhoora Yalavarthy, a second year from Hyderabad, India majoring in Business management
  - Naveen Rehman, a third year student from Toledo, OH, majoring in Nutritional Biochemistry
  - Sierra Leonard, a fourth year student from Cleveland, OH, majoring in Accounting and Statistics
- We are proud of our diverse, engaged, and hard-working team of student ambassadors and are so lucky to work with them! Learn more about them [on our website](#), and be sure to say hi when you see them on campus.
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## New BlueLink Shuttle Route and Times

The FREE CircleLink BlueLink Shuttle now connects Cleveland Heights, University Circle, and Little Italy to University Circle! The BlueLink now runs 6:30am to 6:00pm on weekdays and noon to 6:00pm on weekends with 30 minute frequency. The new route connects Wade Oval, Uptown, Little Italy and Coventry. Learn more at the University Circle Inc's [CircleLink page](#) for specific routes.

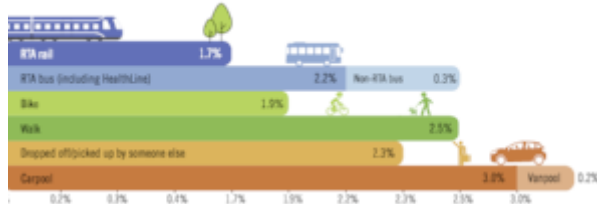




### New Shuttle Locator App

The [TransLoc Rider](#) app is now available for the University Circle community to use to track CircleLink shuttles, parking lot and evening shuttles. TransLoc uses GPS to track the location of each shuttle to provide more accurate information. TransLoc will replace the NextBus system. The app is available for both for iOS and Android.

### 14% OF WORKDAY TRIPS ARE NON-DRIVE ALONE



### UCI Transportation Annual Report

Check out the recently released University Circle Inc's transportation action plan annual report. Find a [pdf](#) on their website. There are lots of interesting infographics with data on how people are moving

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