#### Georgia Southern University Digital Commons@Georgia Southern

Sustainable Solutions Newsletter

Center for Sustainability

2018



Georgia Southern University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainable-solutions

Part of the <u>Higher Education Commons</u>

#### **Recommended** Citation

Georgia Southern University, "Sustainable Solutions" (2018). *Sustainable Solutions Newsletter*. 4. https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainable-solutions/4

This newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Center for Sustainability at Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. It has been accepted for inclusion in Sustainable Solutions Newsletter by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Georgia Southern. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@georgiasouthern.edu.

# Sustainable Solutions



# April

# Make sure to put these Spring highlights on your calendar!

**Environmental Community Cinema** (with Henderson Library) Landfill Harmonic, 7pm, 1119 Natural Sciences (4/12)

**No Impact Week (April 8-15)** (with UWP) – we will be hosting sustainability activities on campus all week. <u>Register now!</u> Activities 11-1 daily, M-F at the Rotunda + other times and locations; see the <u>schedule</u> for full list of events

Sustainability Showcase Open hours, Henderson Library (4/6-4/23)

Download our full Spring calendar here

Green Eagle Award Nominations EXTENDED to 5PM Wed., April 4th.



# **Campus Engagement**

Updates

#### 2nd Annual Recycled Boat Regatta:

Our RecycleMania signature event was a huge success with 20 teams who raced their boat constructed of recycled materials! Congratulation to the top 3 winners for Best Time, Titanic (Best Sinker), and Most Creative.

<u>Best Titanic:</u> Justice Lead <u>Best time:</u> Alpha Tau Omega <u>Most Creative:</u> The Greatest Leaders



<u>Top Left:</u> The trophies that Southern Adventures made using spare bike parts. <u>Top Right:</u> Contestant's boats being inspected and judged before the race. <u>Bottom Left:</u> A captain before her race across the lake. <u>Bottom Right:</u> Onlookers enjoying the show.

### No Impact Week

# **NO IMPACT WEEK** GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

#### APRIL 8–15 2018

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

IDAY

£

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

#### April 8 – Consumption

Sustainable Solutions Exhibit Sustainable Solutions gives examples of how our ecological footprint impacts the world and how we can "be green while saving green" by making technology and lifestyle choices for a greener world. The exhibit will be on display all week. MUSEUM, 2-5 PM

#### April 9 – Trash

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

Exhibits & Activities at the Rotunda No Impact Week Registration will take place all week long. Officially register for No Impact Week and get your NIW t-shirt. UNION ROTUNDA, 11 AM - 1 PM

Wildlife Center Join the Wildlife Center for their afternoon program at 3:30 pm focused on the theme of the day. WILDLIFE CENTER, 3:30 PM

#### April 10 - Food Farmers Market Festival

Our one big campus farmers market of the season. Join dozens of local vendors for delicious produce, baked goods, honey, ready-to-eat food, crafts and more. Live music, lunch and activities for all! UNION ROTUNDA, 10 AM - 2 PM

Planetarium showing of Dynamic Earth The award-winning Dynamic Earth explores the inner workings of Earth's climate system. GS PLANETARIUM, SHOWS EVERY 30 MINS FROM 1-4 PM

Eco-Model Residence Hall Tour

Join the Eco-reps for a tour to learn how to reduce your footprint in your residence hall or your off-campus apartment! Participants will be entered for a chance to win a zero-waste swag bag including bamboo toothbrushes, shampoo bars, beeswax napkins, reusable to-go containers, and more! EAGLE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE 6-8PM

### STATESBORO CAMPUS

April 11— Water Exhibits & Activities at the Rotunda UNION ROTUNDA, 11 AM - 1 PM

Guest Lecture: Dr. Brian Thorn, Rochester Institute of Technology – The Emergence of Industrial Ecosystems

This talk will describe the industrial ecosystem, a useful model for addressing industrial waste. **1004 IT BUILDING, 7-8 PM** 

#### April 12 — Energy Environmental Community Cinema: Landfill Harmonic

In the barrios of Paraguay, a humble garbage picker uses his ingenuity to craft instruments out of recycled materials – and a youth orchestra is born. Landfill Harmonic is a symphony of the human spirit. **1119 NATURAL SCIENCES, 7 PM** 

April 13 – **Transportation Bike to Campus Day** Prizes for all bike riders! **UNION ROTUNDA, 11-1 PM** 

April 14 — **Giving Back** ArtsFest An annual festival celebrating the arts and arts education through

performances, exhibiting and demonstrating artists, and hands-on activities and games. SWEETHEART CIRCLE, 10 AM - 3 PM

April 15 – **Reflection** Sustainability Showcase Come see the 13 projects that were funded by student sustainability fees this year and learn how Georgia Southern is reducing its environmental impact. HENDERSON LIBRARY, 1ST FLOOR - OPENS AT NOON

USTAINABILITY

Follow us on social media for more updates gasouthernsustainability **y**@CfS\_GSU

F Center for Sustainability - Georgia Southern University

REGISTER TODAY AT GEORGIASOUTHERN.EDU/SUSTAINABILITY STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FEES AT WORK!

STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FEES AT W

Ongoing All Week:

- Art from Trash in the Library's Makerspace-Ongoing 3pm Monday – noon Friday; Henderson Library's 2nd floor Makerspace, inside the Learning Commons. Come turn trash into treasures in this zero waste activity.
- Sustainability Showcase- Henderson Library 1st floor (during library hours only)
- Wildlife Center Program of the Day- program starts at 3:30 p.m. and is focused on the theme of the day
- Sustainable Solutions exhibit- Learn how our ecological footprint impacts the world at the Museum 2-5 p.m.



LEARN HOW TO BE MORE ECO-FRIENDLY AT THE...

# SUSTAINABLE APARTMENT TOUR

\*\*BRING YOUR RESIDENCE HALL RECYCLING CARD & RECEIVE A FREE STAMP

PART OF

#### APRIL 10 • 6PM-8PM • EAGLE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

- ---

#### ENTER IN A RAFFLE TO WIN A ZERO WASTE SWAG BAG!

Including...

- shampoo bar
- bamboo toothbrush
- soap bar
- reusable containers
- insulated bag
- and more!





### Apartment Planting 102

Have you always wanted to grow house plants/herbs inside your apartment/residence hall? Come out for our Apartment Planting 102 workshop April 4 at 6:30pm to learn how! Funded by your

student sustainability fees, we will cover a variety of beginner and intermediate indoor gardening techniques! With your RSVP you will be provided a free herb and house plant.

> Interested? Limited seats available! Click <u>here</u> to register!

# **Apartment Planting 102**



#### April 4th , 6:30-8:30 pm Russell Union 2044

Plant and take home a house plant and an herb!

Register by April 2nd at cfs@georgiasouthern.edu

Limited Seats Available! Reserve Now



### Catch a Ride to the Mainstreet Statesboro Farmers Market!

# CATCH A RIDE TO THE MAINSTREET STATESBORO FARMERS MARKET

Meet at the roundabout behind Russell Union

CASH PREFERRED, BUT CREDIT ACCEPTED BY SELECT VENDORS







Any Questions? Email us at cfs@georgiasouthern.edu.







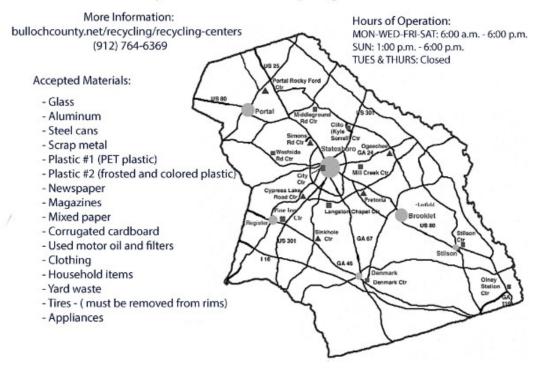
What Does Georgia Southern Recycle?

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

It is CHEAPER for Georgia Southern to recycle than it is to send trash to the landfill! Make sure to follow these handy guidelines to keep contamination out of the recycling:



#### What can I recycle off-campus? Bulloch County Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Centers



Environmental Community Cinema

#### When: April 12, 7pm Where: 1119 Natural Sciences Building

Join CfS for April's Environmental Community Cinema! The public is invited free of charge and attendance verification provided.



Click <u>here</u> for the trailer.

Sustainability Showcase



GREEN EAGLE AWARDS and CLOSING RECEPTION Thurs. APRIL 19 from 3 to 5pm

SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE SHOWCASE Student Sustainability Fees at Work!



When: April 8-22, library hours Where: Henderson library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Exhibit space

See the 13 projects funded by your student sustainability fee for FY18 and learn how Georgia Southern is reducing its environmental impact!



These are a few of those who were "Caught Green Handed" during the months of February and March! They and their catcher have been entered into a raffle to win a prize from the Tech Corner!







The Caught Green Handed winners will be announced and receive their gift from the University Tech Store during the Sustainability Showcase Closing Ceremony, Thursday, April 19 at 3pm on the first floor of the Henderson Library!

Click here fore more information

Arts Fest



#### Where: Sweet Heart Circle

An annual festival celebrating the arts and arts education through performances, exhibiting and demonstrating artists, and hands-on activities and games. CfS will host an 'Art from Trash' ArtStop.

Earth Day Festival- Savannah



When: 11am-4pm Saturday April, 21 Where: Forsyth Park

Celebrate Earth Day with Savannah! The day will offer environmentally conscious activities for ALL ages including free workshops, interactive exhibits, fresh foods, live music, and much more!

Click <u>here</u> for more information!

Green Ambassadors



Green Ambassadors is a student organization that is dedicated to educating and putting green-living into action in a way that is easy and relevant to every day life. Meetings include eco-educational activities, field trips, workshops, the chance to make friends and memories, and many community service opportunities!

#### A Message from Holly Kight-President:

"We are so proud of our members this semester! We have reached Gold Status as a student organization because of their participation, and have been nominated for the Most Improved Organization of the Year! We look forward to what's in store next semester!"

#### Want to join?

Add us on MyInvolvement &/or Email us for more information





<u>Left</u>: "The Green Sinker"made for the Recycled Boat Regatta! <u>Right</u>: Our collaboration with GoGreen Armstrong for the Tybee Beach Cleanup event.

# Programs

Eco-Reps



CfS and Housing have teamed up to pilot a new Eco-Reps Program in University Villas and Southern Courtyard.

The Georgia Southern Eco-Reps are dedicated to increasing knowledge and understanding of sustainability issues by promoting environmental and social responsible behaviors to their fellow Eagles.

During Spring 2018, our Eco-Reps will focus on increasing recycling in the residence halls, promoting Recyclemania, and participating in No Impact Week. Keep an eye out for them throughout the semester with their Solar backpacks, pictured here!

### Residence Hall Recycling Inventive Program



The Residence Hall Recycling Incentive Program provides students living in the residence halls with a 7 gallon recycling bin for each suite, making recycling a breeze for residents. Once filled, students take the bin to the clubhouse, where the sort the recycling. Residents can then get their green recycling card stamped.

10 stamps earns a suite a prize from the Center for Sustainability.

#### A message from MiChel'le Hull-RHRIP Facilitator

"RecyclingMania was a blast this semester! First place was University Village with 350 gallons of recycling, and Southern Pines with 280 gallons in second place. Kennedy and Eagle Village were tied for 3rd with 210 gallons of recycling! We are so proud of these groups!"

click here for more information

# After School Garden Program



The After School Garden Program (ASGP) teaches children in five local elementary schools about gardening, basic plant biology, ecosystems, and nutrition.

#### A Message from Bailey- ASGP Leader

"ASGP is running along great, and our veggies are happy that the weather looks to be taking a warmer turn! Elementary students have been learning about the different parts of plants over the last couple of weeks. This week we are focused on friends and foes of the garden. For example, honeybees and butterflies are great pollinators and friends. Animals like deer and slugs are the ones we try to keep out because they eat our hard-earned food. Speaking of food, we have seen a lot of progress in our spinach and lettuce plants!"

Click <u>here</u> for more information on how to volunteer This program is a partnership between Georgia Southern, Bulloch County Parks and Recreation, the Bulloch County Board of Education and Lee Family Farms.

### Campus Community Garden



The Campus Community Garden provides an opportunity for students to learn how to grow food, explore their gardening interests, and to connect with fellow students.

#### A message from Brandon Hobbs-CCG Intern

"Gardeners are beginning to see the benefits of growing their kale, carrots, brussel sprouts, and cabbage from seeds. At the last workshop, gardeners learned about flower gardening and companion plants to increase a garden's efficiency."

> Interested? Please email <u>cfs</u> for more information Click <u>here</u> to watch our video!!

# Campus in the Spotlight

### Student Sustainability Fee Grant Project

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:**

Proposed by: James Grigg Funded in: 2016

This project grant funded electric vehicle charging stations on campus at the Office of

Parking and Transportation. The dual head charging station is free to use for the campus community as and general public, and provides a complete charge of two electric vehicles in under four hours!



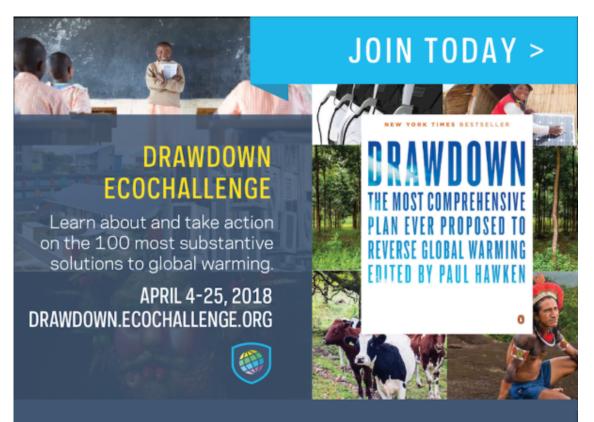
### Green Eagle Award Winner: Steven Watkins, '17



As an Energy Manager for the Division of Facilities, Steve has helped the university to save time, money, and energy by ultimately maximizing energy conservation

measures around campus. So far, he manages the campus Energy Efficiency Rebate Program, has led the Climate Action Plan Program, and has implemented independent energy meters in 85% of the buildings across campus.

# **Regional Opportunities**



# THE RESEARCH IS IN. IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION.

The Drawdown EcoChallenge is offered in partnership by Project Drawdown and Northwest Earth Institute's EcoChallenge. This is a way to take action on the 100 most substantive solutions to global warming. Stretch your limits, earn points, and compete for prizes! See how three weeks of action add up to a lifetime of change for you and the planet.

Click here for more information.

Georgia Conservancy Events



#### Women's Campout

#### When: April 14–15 Where: Unicoi State Park

Bring your friends, sisters, mothers and daughters and spend the night under the stars with a campout led by the expert women of the Georgia Conservancy and REI. This will be 24 hours of fun in the outdoors with camping, SUP lessons, mountain biking, sunrise yoga, backcountry skills, nature walks, an evening of s'mores around the campfire and more! Click <u>here</u> for more information



### Augusta Canal Day Paddle

#### When: April 21 Where: Augusta, GA

Join the Georgia Conservancy and the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area for our fourth annual Augusta Canal Paddle. "Augusta Canal is a National Heritage Area, a place designated by the U.S. Congress that best represents an important theme in American history. Augusta Canal tells the story of the Industrial Revolution in the American South. Augusta Canal is the oldest continuously operating hydro-power canal in the United States." Click here for more information.

Conferences



#### 2018 Local Solutions Presents: Eastern Climate Preparedness Conference

#### When: April 30- May 2 Where: Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown

This conference will cover a range of climate preparedness and resiliency issues, such as Community engagement, equitable adaptation, sea level rise, urban heat, vector-borne disease and both coastal and inland flooding issues.

Click here to register and to learn more

## Job Opportunities

- Marine Science Outdoor Education Job- New Logic Marine Science
  Programm, NJ
- <u>Conference Organizer for Zero Waste- Post Landfill Action Network</u>
- Summer Sustainability Fellowships University of New Hampshire
- <u>Membership Operations Coordinator- AASHE Philadelphia, PA</u>
- <u>Sustainability Coordinator Mills College Oakland, California</u>
- Zero Waste Program Coordinator- The University of Texas
- <u>Citizens' Climate Campus Leader- Citizens' Climate Lobby</u>
- <u>Adult Red Drum & Shark Longline Survey Georgia DNR</u>
- <u>Sustainability Coordinator: Austin Community College</u>
- Full-time Aquarist- The Maritime Aquarium

# **Read All About It**



#### How the Oscars Became More Sustainable: <u>Repeat Roses</u>

For the Oscars parties, Repeat Roses will keep as much as an entire ton of organic waste from entering the landfill, an ecoaccomplishment that the company plans to increase!

Immediately after the glitzy event is over, Repeat Roses swoops in and picks up the flowers, and brings them to new faces of varying non-profits. After the flowers have brought cheer, Repeat Roses takes one more step to ensure the environmental impact remains high—the company returns to each facility to collect the flowers and delivers them to local composting facilities.

click here to read the full article



These Floating Islands May Improve Water Quality N.C. State University tests water quality with floating islands

A faculty member and a student in biological and agricultural engineering recently installed floating islands of plants at an oncampus research site to evaluate whether the islands can improve stormwater quality. A temporary vinyl barrier divides the pond into a control side and an experimental side with water quality sensors providing continuous, multi-point data, as water enters and exits the pond.

# Inspiration



The Company that Fishes Plastic

#### Out of Amsterdam's Canal: Plastic Whale

Plastic Whale company gives guided tours of Amsterdam's scenic canals and Rotterdam's harbor, but, boat guests fish plastic out of the water during the ride. As of December 2017, the company had collected 105,105 discarded bottles and tied up 2,062 bags of waste. It's hard to imagine that all that garbage might still be lurking the canals if just one person had never decided to make a change and take action.

Click here to read the full article

# **Green Tip**



#### Green Cleaning

Shopping for cleaning products is a lot more complicated than it should be. There are dozens to choose from that promise to keep your surfaces spotless, with confusing words in their ingredients. Those confusing words are often harsh toxins that should be avoided both for the environment and our personal health. The best way to assure that the cleaners you use aren't harmful to the environment is to make your own.

Check out these chemical-free cleaning recipes!

Sign up for our monthly Sustainable Solutions newsletter & for notifications about upcoming CfS events <u>HERE</u>

For more information, visit the <u>Center for Sustainability</u>, and check us out on:



Twitter: @CfS\_GSU Instagram: gasouthernsustainability Facebook: Center for Sustainability-Georgia Southern University

Student Sustainability Fees at Work!

## y f 💿 💿 in 🗅 🥝

#### Center for Sustainability P.O. Box 8042-1

Statesboro, GA 30460 Phone: (912) 478-5895 Email: <u>Center for Sustainability</u>

Forward to a Friend Unsubscribe Update subscription preferences

Copyright © 2016 • All rights reserved

