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Events:

April 6: How Sustainable is WPI?

Sustainability Panel, noon to 1 pm, AK233, Refreshments

April 8: E-Waste Drive

10 am – 2 pm, Quad

April 15: Waste Audit

9 am – 3 pm, Quad

April 19: Bikeshare Launch

4 pm, Quad, Morgan-Daniels

April 19: Land and Water Conservation in a Period of Climate Change

Wayne Klockner, The Nature Conservancy, 5 pm, Salisbury 104, Refreshments

April 20: Sustainability Project Competition

2 - 4 pm, Gordon Library

April 23: Alumni Clean-Up Day

8:15 am check-in at Ruben Campus Center,

Welcome to the first edition of an occasional newsletter from the Office of Sustainability. Liz Tomaszewski and I, together with our two great Interns, Meghan Trahan and Ryan Cooney, have truly enjoyed our first year in helping WPI achieve our shared sustainability goals. The support from the campus community has been great and we look forward to the future. In this newsletter we would like to mention a few events and plans for the remainder of this academic year. You will find more information and details on our [Sustainability](#) website.

John Orr

Earthfest 2016

Did you know that April 22, 2016 will be the 47th celebration of Earthday that began in 1970? At WPI we celebrate throughout the month of April. Check out the events listed on the left and in this [Earthfest Schedule](#). Please join us!

Goodbye Paper Towels

After gaining some experience with the Sports and Recreation Center operations, and with the functionality of the Dyson Airblade hand driers, we will be moving ahead in May with the elimination of paper towels in the restrooms and locker rooms of the Rec Center. The entrance desk will have a supply of paper towels for those occasions, such as spills, for which they are needed. This change will save paper,

9:00 am departure on foot to project sites,
12:30 pm lunch in Campus Center Odeum

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save money, save waste hauling fees, and will free some custodial time for other duties in the building. We expect to extend this initiative to other buildings with appropriate hand driers.

Hello Bikeshare

Last year two students, Kevin Ackerman and John Colfer, carried out an IQP with Profs. Rick Vaz and Kris Boudreau that developed a plan for launching a bikeshare program for the entire WPI community. In a wonderful example of both a high-quality project and very professional follow-through, their IQP is about to become a reality with the **launch** on April 19 of a free bicycle sharing program for students, staff, and faculty. The Student Green Team has been instrumental in planning the launch of the bikeshare program, and they will oversee its daily operation. Major financial support has come from the Student Government Association with additional support from the Graduate Student Government, the Facilities Division, Residential Services, and the Office of Sustainability. To expand the service and maintain the bikes, the program asks for financial support from the community: **[WPI Bikeshare Fund](#)**.

Meet our Advisory Committee

Ultimately, people are the essence of sustainability. Hence, the involvement of people from all areas of the WPI community is essential to making WPI a truly sustainable institution. The Sustainability Advisory Committee was formed this year to provide direction, insight, and assistance in both establishing and meeting our sustainability goals. This group meets once per term and we look forward to our next get-together on April 27.

Here are the members with their affiliations: Provost (ex officio), Bruce Bursten; CFO (ex officio), Jeff Solomon; Alumni, Kathy Loftus; Students, Nayantara Chaisson; Faculty, Corey Dehner, Scott Jiusto; Business School, Joe Sarkis; Community Affairs, Linda Looft; Admissions, Julie Loveless; Marketing and Communications, Martin Luttrell; Student Life, Greg Snoddy; Facilities, Bill Spratt; Undergraduate Studies, Kris Wobbe.

Please share your thoughts and suggestions with any Advisory Committee member.

Eco Reps bring Sustainability to WPI Offices and Living Areas

We are re-launching the Eco-reps program across office, academic, and living spaces at WPI. This is a peer-to-peer education program that engages students, staff, and faculty. Eco-reps will lead efforts to enhance resource and energy conservation in their working and living environments. Our first focus will be on waste reduction and

recycling. In the near future, we will also look at energy and water conservation.

It is a pleasure to welcome the following staff and faculty volunteers to the program: Julie Loveless, Doreen Manning, Anne Valerio, Mike Voorhis, Kathleen Adams, Gina Betti, Jess Colati, Ruth McKeogh, Jim Doyle, Krista Berube, Christine Girouard, Bill Baller, Wendy Walsh, Lisa Stoddard, Jackie Malone, Suzanne LePage, Jim O'Rourke, Felicia Vidito, Tessa Mailloux, and Neil Hitchen.

Our student volunteers include: Caroline Armstrong, Matthew Eaton, Natalie Wellen, Kayleah Griffen, Sarah Brown, Lenna Quackenbush, Megan Concarron, Jacqueline Tedesco, Kazim Hyder, Warren Staver, Marc Printz, Sarah Campos, Luke Habib, Tara Chaisson, Virginia Adams, Sheetal Salunke, Oliver Sanderson, Chelsea White, Ashley White, and Mikaela DeRousseau.

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