

# B\_Sustainable Newsletter

## C4/Sustainability Spring (Feb 2020) UPDATES

### WELCOME BACK!!

Happy New Year! As we embark upon the start of the second semester, Sustainability at BSU is in full swing. Please take a minute to read over this short newsletter and respond accordingly.

### Sustainability site updates

While the website is constantly being updated, the following new pages have also been added:

- [BSU Bikeshare program](#)
- [Recycle/Waste Reduction](#)

### Climate Action Plan- \*UPDATE\*

We are about halfway through the process of completing the 5-year BSU Climate Action Plan 2020. The Task Force has met twice with about 2 more meetings planned. The goal is to have an accessible plan by April.

### New Solar Panel covered Parking Lot opening

The new @400 space parking lot is complete. The new lot (Lot I) will include an extensive solar panel canopy network- similar to that of Lot G. The solar installation is expected to be completed by the end of February.



Recyclemania is underway in our Residence Halls. The competition lasts through April.

Our Facilities Master Plan is also underway. C4 is a vital part in that discussion.





# \*PROJECT UPDATES\*

**Bikeshare program**--- THE BIKESHARE PROGRAM IS A HIT! The Student Center operates the program from the Gameroom. Check the website for more details.



**Solar charging units**--- The outdoor charging units for charging smart devices while you sit at a bench are installed. These are off-grid, 100% solar powered units strategically placed in three locations across campus: two on the East promenade in front of the Student Center lawn, facing the rear of the Library, and one placed next to the bench between TM Library and Henry Bldg nearest to Henry Circle.



**Mini solar table by Kennard**—SolGreen Solutions replaced all four of the seats of the table over the winter break. The new seats are guaranteed to be much sturdier, durable and longer lasting.

**LEED Platinum plaque (CNSMN)**—The CNSMN building finally has the coveted LEED Platinum plaques installed! There are three of the plaques located throughout the building including one (pictured) in the Lobby area.



**Big Belly trash compactor**— Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T announced plans to discontinue their 3G networks beginning Dec 31, 2019 and all stations would have to be converted to the 4G LTE network which should last through the year 2030. As a result, BigBelly performed the necessary upgrades to both of our on-campus Bigbelly stations to make them up to date and now fully compatible.

**Other marketing/campaign plans for 2020**— Keep in mind that at this particular time, these are only PLANNED or PROPOSED events/campaigns going forward.

- Keep Our Campus Clean
- Entrepreneurship Academy project collaboration for a campus-wide Recycle motivation campaign
- Recycle Task Force (TBD)- to make suggestions on updates and improvements across campus



## Calendar of Events

*This calendar contains C4 projects/events only, and not necessarily other campus-wide sustainability events & activities*

Date and Time	Topics	Meeting Locations
Wednesday, February 12 3:00pm	C4 Spring Kickoff Meeting/ Facilities Master Plan	Chesapeake Room (Student Center)
Wednesday, March 11 3:00pm	C4 Meeting	 Library Conference Room
Mon– Fri, March 16-20	SPRING BREAK	
Wednesday, April 15	C4 Meeting	 Chesapeake Room (Student Center)
Saturday, April 18	2020 Bowie Green Expo	Kenhill Ct, Bowie, MD
Mon– Fri, April 20-24	BSU Earth Days Various Activities	BSU Campus
Tuesday, May 12	C4 Meeting	Academic Affairs Conf Room (Henry Bldg, 2nd floor)

For more information on any of the events listed above, please contact Jabari Walker via email at [jswalker@bowiestate.edu](mailto:jswalker@bowiestate.edu) or 301-860-3472



## **INTERESTING ARTICLES:**

***U.S. Cities with the cleanest air***— <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/wellness/us-cities-with-the-cleanest-air/ss-AAEbEKB?ocid=spartanntp#image=1>

***Colombia's growing sustainable farming movement***— <https://theweek.com/articles/864509/colombias-growing-sustainable-farming-movement>

***College of William & Mary signs solar power agreement with Dominion Energy***— <https://www.wm.edu/offices/sustainability/news/solar-power-agreement.php>

***Three Charlotte Universities Unite to Support Racial Healing and Transformation***— <https://weather.com/news/news/2019-08-19-arizona-nevada-face-first-mandatory-water-cuts-from-colorado-river>

***Microsoft will be Carbon Negative by 2030***— <https://blogs.microsoft.com/blog/2020/01/16/microsoft-will-be-carbon-negative-by-2030/>

***Electric-vehicle Super Bowl Ads***— <https://theweek.com/articles/864509/colombias-growing-sustainable-farming-movement>

***Antarctica reaches hottest temperature ever!*** — [HTTPS://WWW.CNN.COM/2020/02/07/WORLD/ANTARCTICA-REGISTERS-HOTTEST-TEMPERATURE-ON-RECORD/INDEX.HTML](https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/07/WORLD/ANTARCTICA-REGISTERS-HOTTEST-TEMPERATURE-ON-RECORD/INDEX.HTML)

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