



October 2024 Newsletter

Happy October!

Already one month into the school year! We hope you all have been doing well.

As always, this October is Campus Sustainability Month. See what CS has in store to celebrate sustainability at CMU, a fall electronics recycling drive, and much more!



Campus Farmer's Market

Come visit the on-campus farmer's market at CMU! There will be fresh-baked pizza, flowers, cider, produce, crafts, and more from all local vendors!

The farmer's market runs **every Friday from 11-2 PM**, except October 4th due to CMU gentle break, **until October 25th in northeast corner of Lot 33N** east of the School of Music.

Campus Sustainability Month

Every October, CS facilitates events around campus to promote sustainability in everyday life. Everyone is encouraged to participate and contact CS with ideas!

Our current list of events includes:

Campus Clean-Up

October 1st

Meet at Fabiano Garden Gazebo at 5 PM

Bottled Water Myth-Busting & Taste Test

October 11th

Can you taste the difference between bottled, filtered, and tap water? The first students there get free donuts! Lot 33N, Campus Farmer's Market, 11-2 PM

Sustainable Scavenger Hunt Competition

October 14-18th

Compete to find examples of the five pillars of sustainability in action at CMU. The team in first place wins a \$100 coupon to the CMU Bookstore. Follow @cmucentralsustainability on Instagram for more!

Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Aquifer

October 24th

Visualize how groundwater contamination works by creating your own, sweet aquifer! The Eatery, from 5-7 PM

Troubled Water Screening & Discussion

October 30th

Learn and discuss Michigan's Line 5 environmental conflict through two people's mission to paddleboard all five Great Lakes!

French Auditorium, at 6:30 PM



Topic of the Month: National Community Planning Month

What is National Community Planning Month?

National Community Planning Month is recognized by the American Planning Association to celebrate the role that planning plays in creating and sustaining communities nationwide.

Why is it important?

Community planning is integral to creating sustainable places. In order to develop safe, healthy, and equitable societies and environments, every action must be well-thought out to both meet the needs of the present and avoid compromising the needs of future generations.

How does CMU incorporate community planning?

In order to best represent community needs, CMU created a Campus Master Plan using thousands of stakeholders' input. In 2021, CMU gathered input through surveys, presentations, discussions, comment cards, and more for students, staff, faculty, and community members to make their voices heard. Ever since, CMU has focused on solving and implementing the identified issues and ideas that mattered to respondents most.

American Planning Association. (n.d.). National Community Planning Month. American Planning Association.
<https://www.planning.org/ncpm/>

Want to make sustainability a part of your daily life?

Check out our Sustainable Living Guide and make the CMU Sustainability Pledge today!

Sustainability Pledge



CMU Sustainable Living Guide



CMU Fall Electronics Recycling Drive

For Sustainability Month, CS is hosting a fall electronics drive on CMU's campus to reduce e-waste.

Students, staff, and faculty can drop off old or used electronics from **October 1st-31st** in any of the **CMU residential hall lobbies** as well as outside **Dow Science Building Room 275**.

Sustainable Programs in Mt. Pleasant

Bike Benefits

Bike Benefits is a downtown Mt. Pleasant program that incentivizes carbon-free transportation through special deals for customers with a Bike Benefits sticker and proof of carbon-free travel.

Pick up stickers at the **Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce**, **GreenTree Co-Op**, and **CMU Dow Science Room 275**.

Isabella County Recycling Center

The Isabella County Recycling Center is a locally-staffed center that processes recyclable items, including cardboard, clear glass, steel, and more. They serve as a community drop-off point for recyclable materials and host drives for hard-to-recycle items.

For more information, visit their website at <https://www.isabellacounty.org/departments/recycling-center/>

Any Questions? Contact Us!

Stop by our office in Dow Science Room 275 or email us at sustainability@cmich.edu.

Also check out our socials for more updates!

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