

# NEWS

## UWS Sustainability Club celebrates Earth Week

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One week within the year is dedicated to celebrate Earth and emphasize the importance of sustainability.

The Sustainability Club collaborated with other campus organizations like Native Nations, Amnesty International, Students of Science (SOS), Chartwells, Residence Hall



Association (RHA), the Pruitt Center, and an Environmental Science course.

They recently hosted multiple events centered on Earth week between April 22, 2019 and April 26, 2019. Throughout that time period, the Sustainability Club has facilitated a community clean-up, Free Store, food waste collection, a string survey, and a presentation on ways college students can be more sustainable.

April 22, the Sustainability Club began Earth week by hosting their Free Store. Donations

were collected prior Earth week from student organizations and residents on campus. During the event, more than 70 people attended the Free Store.

Katie Mayer, Sustainability Club co-president, said, "It takes a lot of resources, such as water, to...make clothes and other necessities. By creating a free store, we can promote the use of reusable items and promote sharing within the community." The Sustainability Club collaborated with SOS and RHA April 22, too, to put on more activities and demonstrations.

A green road demo was also provided by the SOS and a recycling activity was held by RHA.

April 23 was all about food consumption and waste awareness. In the campus cafeteria, food waste was collected in clear bins to show students how much food waste one campus can create in a day. In the evening, the movie *Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story*,

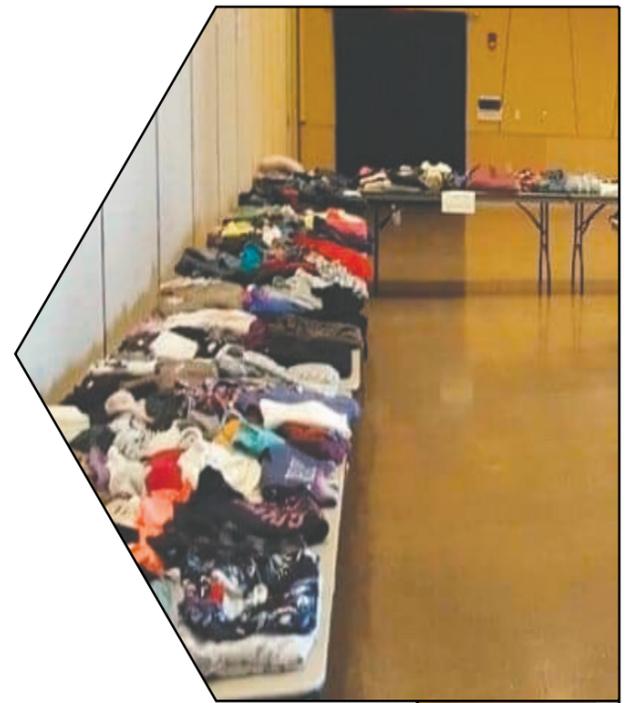
was played in Swenson.

April 24 the Sustainability Club and Native Nations tabled in the Yellowjacket Union to promote sustainable living and transportation. On the third floor of Swenson, a string survey conducted to ask students about their sustainability knowledge and to measure how students view sustainability on campus.

April 25 continued the theme food waste awareness and included human rights awareness from

Amnesty International, and the string survey. Then to wrap up the end of the week, on April 26 a mindfulness and well-being session was held in the UWS greenhouse by Randy Barker.

All photos provided by Katie Mayer



## Superior Mayor Jim Paine gives State of the City Address at UWS

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Superior, Wisconsin Mayor Jim Paine, and University of Wisconsin-Superior alumnus, delivered his vision for the city of Superior to a crowd of 130, April 29, 2019. The state of the city address was held at UWS in the Yellowjacket Union Great Room.

The address gave Mayor Paine the opportunity to describe Superior as, "A city that is still on the rise..." and one where, "The purpose of government extends beyond the necessities..."

He then addressed how Superior's government is altering its posture concerning the management of housing stock. Mayor Paine's administration emphasizes quality well-paying jobs over quantity, and Mayor Paine used the revival of the Winter

Street Depot into Thirsty Pagan Brewing.

Mayor Paine said the police departments are enacting Pathways to Hope, a program which offers rehabilitation options to those addicted to drugs.

Then when addressing the Husky Refinery explosion of last year, Mayor Paine thanked the many emergency personnel who helped manage the crisis. He also addressed Husky's cooperation in the effort to clean waste. Mayor Paine said Husky has agreed to shut down the discharge of their waste water into Newton Creek to instead be sent to the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System.

On the environmental front, Paine emphasized that the city is making

a positive push in the coming year. Short-term, Mayor Paine will be working closely with city counselors to help Superior gain recognition as a "Smart City," and expand municipal efforts to fight various tree blights to the properties of people who cannot afford the removal of the infected trees.

A more concrete development on environmental impact was Mayor Paine's reference to an agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and Fraser Shipyards concerning the cleanup of the "highly polluted" Howard's Pocket. Zoning the front of Superior is working toward making it easier to build green infrastructure.

"We should be excited for our future and accept responsibility for it."



Superior Mayor Jim Paine

Photo by Jean Germano

## UWS annual alumni Wine and Jazz event

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A crowd of 230 people filled the Yellowjacket Union Great Room to indulge in the University of Wisconsin-Superior's annual Wine & Jazz alumni

event.

Held April 25, 2019, the director of alumni relations, Heather Thompson, described the event as the

largest alumni event by attendance. A variety of alcoholic beverages were available courtesy of Keyport Liquor. To balance drinks, there was a buffet.

Jazz was performed live by the Greg Kehl Moore Quintet. Their fine tunes were an amiable partner to the clamor of the crowd. After 21 years

of annual Wine & Jazz events, it's become an alumni staple. As Thompson noted, "People love it because it's fun!"