

Dear sustainability enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 36th edition of the newsletter that we publish as the university's climate action management team. Here you will find small reports from the university's climate action and sustainability cosmos at more or less regular intervals.

If you have recently joined us (yay!), you can view the old issues on the [website](#).

SSB No. 3: The Future is on Board

We are actually doing our best to make sure you can't miss our promotion for the third Sustainability Sounding Board (September 10, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.). Just in case the event slipped your mind or you might need a little nudge, we'd like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you once again to the event through this channel. Attend short, snappy keynote talks on various topics related to the keywords "mobility" and "generation," or dive deeper into a specific project for the university in one of our workshops. Topics include promoting night trains as a mode of transportation for business travel, the influence of gender in transportation planning, the role of working from home in the transportation transition, the City of Oldenburg's mobility plan, and much more. Of course, it's best to attend the entire event from start to finish – feel free to take a look at the program [here](#).

City Cycling 2026

As we do every September, we are excited to have you participate in City Cycling again this year – preferably, of course, as part of the University of Oldenburg team. You can sign up quickly via this [link](#). This time, there is even a prize to be won if you have cycled at least 15 km during the campaign period. The group ride kicks off on September 7. As in previous years, there will be a small supporting program of events. For example, you will once again have the opportunity to have your bike coded by the ADFC right on campus during your lunch break or to pick up an access card for the bike station at the train station (by the way, the distribution event at the end of June was a huge success, which made us very happy!). You can find an overview of the City Cycling program [here](#).

Secret Little Place

Here is a little hidden gem for when you need a break from the hustle and bustle of events and the madness of everyday life. For the past few weeks, there have been two garden benches in the Tiny Forest where you can make yourself comfortable. And because the trees have continued to shoot up nicely this year despite the heat stress, you'll find yourself sitting right in the greenery there – and a little removed from the goings-on around you. You can get a glimpse of the benches [here](#).

Wildflower Meadows

While you are out and about on campus, why not take the opportunity to catch one last glimpse of the flowering meadows before fall arrives? Once again this year, Department 4 has created many flowering and wildflower meadows—perhaps you've already spotted a few of them. We've posted an overview map on our website where you can locate these flower-filled spots. You can find the map [here](#).

Energy of Freedom Made Easy

Are you among the 52.8% of people in Germany who rent? If so, it is often not that easy to contribute to the energy transition in your own living environment (i.e., to gain access to an efficient and economically attractive energy supply). In the “Do it yourself” workshop “My Electricity from the Balcony” hosted by the City of Oldenburg, you can change that a little. On September 19, you will have the opportunity to build your own small balcony solar system there under expert guidance in just a few hours. (Your landlord must agree to the installation, but thanks to Section 554 of the German Civil Code (BGB), they can no longer refuse without a valid reason.) If you would like to register for the workshop, you can do so [here](#). [link in German]

With these brief updates, we hope you enjoy a pleasant, late-summer breather and look forward to welcoming you to the City Cycling team and/or our events.

Best regards,

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