New solar panels around campus

Working with Turning Mill Energy has been a pleasure, he said, and they have been extremely cooperative and responsive to the college’s needs. While Turning Mill has done several projects across the nation, they are particularly interested in the CCCC vertical axis wind generator.

This is due to the fact that it could be a viable option for communities that do not want to have large wind turbines installed in their area. He said CCCC is a beta testing or demonstration site for this equipment, since it could prove to be an effective alternative to large wind turbines.

Above all, CCCC is thrilled to have the new system installed on the students as well. Gross said the college is always looking not only for the financial benefit of the institution, but also for the students as well. Gross said the college is always looking for new ways to save on resources.

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by Bianca Brown

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Available in Cape Cod Community College’s cafeteria is a computerized marquee that displays bus schedules to inform riders of any scheduling changes.

Students should also be aware that there are three new bus shelters on the college’s campus at the original bus stop in front of the school. Having more than one stop makes it more accessible to catch the bus. Since the bus stops are sheltered, it does make it extremely helpful during seasonal weather conditions. This is a new improvement for both the campus and the bus line.

The Barnstable Villager is a small slice of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority. The CCRTA travels as far as Brewster and Falmouth. With the CCRTA traveling such a distance, it helps students who live in more remote distances go to college. Over the summer, the CCRTA had transportation from the Bourne Bridge bus stop to the town of Falmouth.

However, this was discontinued because it was only seasonal and had a lack of passengers in the winter months. CCRTA busses do have bike racks, but space is limited.

These buses are exact fare-only busses; drivers do not make change. Animals or pets in secured carriers are allowed to board. For more information about the CCRTA or questions about the bus from the Bourne Bridge to Falmouth, please call (800)-352-7155.

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