

# SustainVU

*Growing Responsibly*

vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu



VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY

## “The Economic Perspective on Climate Change” – April 5

On Friday, April 5 from 4-5:30pm in Wilson Hall 126, Dr. William Nordhaus, Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale University, will discuss the economic perspective on climate change. Read more [here](#).

## Rand Produce Stand – April 4, April 18

On Thursday, April 4 and Thursday, April 18, from 11am-1pm, support local food by stopping by Rand Terrace for Vanderbilt Dining’s Rand Produce Stand! Read more [here](#).

## Vegetarian and Vegan Night at The Commons Center – April 16

VU Dining presents Vegetarian and Vegan Night at The Commons Center on April 16 from 5pm to 8pm. Come

This month, we celebrate the earth on Earth Day April 22<sup>nd</sup>! However, consider showing your appreciation for the Earth by celebrating all month long! Nashville’s big Earth Day event will take place on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in Centennial Park. Make sure to stop by to enjoy the live entertainment and take part in the fun activities that are planned! Vanderbilt is proud to announce its “lucky” 13<sup>th</sup> LEED certified project! The top floor of the Commons Center was recently completed and awarded LEED Gold Certification, which matches the certification level of the previously completed floors. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Have an Earth-friendly April!

Andrea George, Director  
Sustainability and Environmental Management Office,  
Vanderbilt University  
(615) 322-4551 | [e-mail](#) | [Web site](#)



**Sustainability Intern Position for Summer 2013**

out and enjoy some tasty new dishes!

---

### Nashville Green Drinks – April 17

On Wednesday, April 17 at 6 pm, participate in Nashville Green Drinks, an organic, casual, self-organized meet up of like-minded professionals with a focus on sustainability.

Nashville Green Drinks will take place at Village Pub (1308 McGavock Pike).

---

### Nashville's Earth Day Festival – April 20

Nashville's Earth Day Festival is a free, family friendly event with live entertainment throughout the day celebrated each year in April. This year's festival will help the community take another step toward Mayor Karl Dean's goal of making Nashville the greenest city in the Southeast. The event will feature exhibits and activities aimed at educating Nashvillians about protecting our environment. With nearly a hundred family-friendly booths, hosted by community groups, environmental organizations and government agencies, will offer fun and exciting hands-on activities for all ages. Read more [here](#).

---

### Earth Day – April 22

This year, Earth Day 2013 focuses on "The Face of Climate Change" by telling the world the stories of people, animals and places affected by climate change – and of those stepping up to do something about it. You can help do your part by choosing an action to help your

A student intern position in the VU Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) will be available full-time from mid-May

through mid-August. The sustainability intern will assist SEMO in coordinating and promoting sustainability programs, primarily recycling, across campus and the medical center. The sustainability intern will assist primarily with evaluating options to improve athletics recycling, assisting with SEMO preparation for upcoming 2013 AASHE conference to be held in Nashville, developing an online inventory of recycling container locations, and implementing improvements to Vanderbilt's campus recycling program as a result of a recent conveyance study. Read more [here](#).

### Sustainability efforts creating a greener Vanderbilt

Since its formal organization in 2008, Vanderbilt's Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) has made significant strides in promoting a greener campus, including expanding the university's recycling program, supporting the construction and retrofitting of facilities for greater energy efficiency, and educating and sparking action among faculty, staff and students. Read more about Vanderbilt's sustainability accomplishments as discussed as part of the Chancellor's 5-year anniversary [here](#)!



### Latest LEED certification is Vanderbilt's lucky 13<sup>th</sup>

The top floor of The Commons Center recently achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, making it the 13<sup>th</sup> certified project on campus. The newly completed third floor comprises 25,560 square feet and is now home to the department of Political Science, which includes the Center of the Study of Democratic Institutions, the Latin American Public Opinion Project, and the Research on Individuals, Politics and Society Lab. Read the [full article](#) to learn more about the project.



community through the "[Billion Acts of Green](#)" campaign. Read more about Earth Day 2013 [here](#).

### **VU Earth Day Happy Hour – April 22**

Stop by the wall outside of Rand from 12-1pm and drop off your non-traditional recyclables including batteries, cardboard, electronics, and more! When you drop something off, receive a free glass of lemonade, a cookie, and Ecosuds, made by the VU Alternative Energy Club!

### **VU Earth Day Movie Screening – *The Lorax* – April 22**

Celebrate Earth Day (and the last day of classes!) with us by attending a movie screening of *The Lorax* in Sarratt Cinema from 4pm – 6pm.

### **National Volunteer Week – April 22-26**

It's National Volunteer Week! Visit [Hands on Nashville \(HON\)](#) to find some volunteer opportunities nearby! Read more [here](#)!

### **Arbor Day – April 26**

April 26 is National Arbor Day. Celebrate this year by touring Vanderbilt's campus, a National Arboretum since 1988! You can access a walking tour guide [here](#).

### **Cherokee-McDonough Challenge Deadline – April 30**

The Cherokee-McDonough Challenge is designed to identify, fund and develop high impact environmental

## **Join us in celebrating Earth Day!**

Join SustainVU in celebrating Earth Day on April 22 by attending one or both of our exciting events! From noon-1pm on Rand Wall we will be hosting "Earth Day Happy Hour", where you can drop off non-traditional recyclables including batteries, cardboard, electronics, and more! When you drop something off, receive a free glass of lemonade, a cookie, and Ecosuds, made by the VU Alternative Energy Club!



Later in the day, relax after the last day of classes and attend a FREE moving screening of *The Lorax* in Sarratt Cinema from 4-6pm! Don't miss it!

## **Don't Toss it!—Vanderbilt's Earth Friendly Move Out Tips**

With the hustle and bustle of finishing up the semester, moving out can be a hectic process of trying to fit a year's worth of stuff into cars, suitcases, and storage. For all the stuff that doesn't fit, Vanderbilt's



Earth Friendly Move Out provides opportunities to keep a large volume of material out of the landfill while helping others at the same time.

Donate your old textbooks to [Better World Books](#), resell them, swap them with friends or post them on [Vandy FreeSwap](#). This might earn you money, and will reduce waste in the landfill! Donate any other items that you do not want to a local charity by dropping them off in the residence hall lobbies or in the pods conveniently located throughout campus. Or you can post them on [Vandy FreeSwap](#).

In addition to donating, there are many locations for recycling items during move out.

- Electronics, tablets, computers, appliances, ink and toner cartridges, batteries, pens and pencils, papers, and books can all be recycled. Please drop off your electronics and appliances in the specially designated areas outdoors around the residence halls that are set up only during move-out.
- For ink and toner cartridges, batteries, and pens, markers and mechanical pencils, recycling is available

business ventures. Up to five ventures will be offered \$20,000 in seed funding from Cherokee and will then be invited to participate in an intensive three month accelerator. The deadline to apply is April 30. For more information, and to apply, click [here](#).

### **EPA Sponsored TRI University Challenge Deadline – May 13**

Submit your ideas to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently launched Toxic Release Inventory University Challenge, an initiative aimed at using academic partnerships and university communities to find innovative ways to protect the environment and public health. The Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) is EPA's annual report containing data on toxic chemical releases into the air, water and land. The EPA hopes to receive ideas from both individuals and institutions on how to use data collected in the TRI. EPA will accept TRI University Challenge applications between March 18 and May 13, 2013 for projects that will begin this fall. Read more [here!](#)

### **AASHE 2013 Conference – October 6-9**

Save the date for the 2013 AASHE Conference, to be held in the "Greenest City in the Southeast", Nashville! Befitting of this year's conference theme, "Resiliency & Adaptation," AASHE 2013 is taking place in a city that is part of the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, has a comprehensive strategy to ensure consistent access

year round at the Sarratt and Commons Center main desks. Battery recycling is also available at all Reeve desks.

- For more traditional recycling items such as plastic, paper, aluminum, and cardboard, students are encouraged to use the residential recycling areas located next to their dumpsters rather than throwing items away. Please remember to flatten boxes to leave space for others wanting to recycle!

For more information about Earth Friendly Move Out, please visit the [SustainVU website](#), contact [recycle@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:recycle@vanderbilt.edu) or call 343-2784 (E.ARTH on campus).

### **Join a CSA and enjoy fresh veggies all summer and fall!**

Don't have room to grow a garden of your



own? Consider joining a community-supported agriculture (CSA) agreement. CSAs allow farmers and consumers to share the benefits, costs, and risks associated with maintaining, harvesting and producing food items. Customers receive a selection of fresh vegetables, fruit, meat and/or dairy products on a weekly basis. You can even share a CSA membership with a friend or co-worker and split the bounty! CSAs that deliver to Vanderbilt's on-campus Farmer's Market include [Avalon Acres Farm](#), [Bells Bend Neighborhood Farms](#) and [Doe Run Farm](#). Click [here](#) for a list of CSAs in the Nashville area or visit [SustainVU](#) to learn more about the benefits of CSAs.



### **Sign up for Cardboard Crew 2013 and volunteer to recycle after Rites of Spring!**

Want to move in early next year before all the crowds? Want to help the environment, eat some free food, and get an awesome SPEAR tank? Sign up for Cardboard Crew 2013! If you don't know about Cardboard Crew, it is an alternative to Move Crew that recycles all of the cardboard normally discarded during move-in day. Last year, we diverted over 32 tons of cardboard from the landfill! You also get to wake up later than Move Crew, and you can sign up to work with your friends! Don't have any? Sign up today and we'll find you some new ones! If you're interested, you can sign up [here](#). Email [patrick.v.burton@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:patrick.v.burton@vanderbilt.edu)

to an affordable, sustainable and nutritious food system, and features a new residential energy efficiency program that provides free in-home energy evaluations and other financial incentives to Nashville homeowners. Click [here](#) for up-to-date conference information.



**join SustainVU  
on facebook**



with questions.

Another way to volunteer is by joining SPEAR in recycling after Rites of Spring. Email [morgan.j.goldberg@Vanderbilt.Edu](mailto:morgan.j.goldberg@Vanderbilt.Edu) with questions about signing up for recycling after Rites of Spring.



For more information on any of these stories, events and more, visit the SustainVU website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu) or contact the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office at [sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu) or (615) 322-2057.

