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# SustainVU

*Growing Responsibly*

October 2018

October celebrates all things sustainable – it is Campus Sustainability Month, Commons Unplugged, and football sustainability competition month! We are looking forward to celebrating with tons of great events! Calling all campus departments, organizations, groups, and classes...please apply for the Football Sustainability Competition and you can win a fabulous catered tailgate, 25 tickets and an on-field recognition. Application details are below! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Have a sustainable October and slay some “energy vampires” this Halloween! Happy fall!

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## **Computational Modeling, Archaeology, and the Anthropocene Lecture – October 2**

Isaac Ullah, assistant professor of anthropology, San Diego State University, will deliver a lecture on “Computational Modeling, Archaeology, and the Anthropocene” at the Center for Digital Humanities from 3-4:30pm. Ullah is a computational archaeologist who employs GIS and simulation modeling to



## Are YOU the greenest group on campus?



[Waste Management, Inc.](#), the Vanderbilt [Sustainability and Environmental Management Office](#) (SEMO), and [VU Athletics](#), are looking for the greenest group on

campus during this year's Vanderbilt Football Sustainability competition. Your group could win a catered VIP hospitality event, 25 tickets to the game, and on-field recognition at the Vanderbilt vs. Ole Miss football game on November 17, 2018! To qualify, just tell us about the sustainable actions your VU department, organization, class or group regularly do in order to make Vanderbilt a greener campus.

You can fill out the application [online](#) or email the pdf application available [here](#) to [sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu). **Applications are due by Friday, October 26!** Good luck and Anchor Down! Read more [here](#).



## Campus celebrates PARK(ing) Day

Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members enjoyed Vanderbilt's "parklet" during last week's PARK(ing) Day 2018.



Hosted by the [Division of Administration](#) and supported by the Nashville Civic Design Center, 18 parking spaces located at the corner of Broadway and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue were transformed into a temporary park highlighting sustainable features and materials for the community to enjoy.

Emphasizing aspects of [FutureVU](#) and its [guiding principles](#), the park included local and sustainable features such as a solar panel demonstration, an

understand the long-term dynamics of humans and the Earth System. More information [here](#).

### Golden Cone Awards – October 4

Join Nashville Civic Design Center to celebrate the best parklets from PARK(ing) Day 2018! The "Golden Cones" is Nashville's paramount award ceremony when it comes to public space and VU won the Wow Factor and came in second for People's Choice award last year! The Golden Cones goal is to recognize the best parklets and to ultimately educate Nashvillians of the importance of public space. The awards will be held from 5:30-7:30pm at Center 615. More information [here](#).

### WeGo Progressive Dinner – October 4

Join this one-of-a-kind event as [Edible Nashville & WeGo Public Transit](#) partner with local restaurants to bring you an amazing night of tastes, drinks, and best of all, a RIDE! Guests will meet at WeGo Central, hop on the Charlotte bus line, and stop at each

umbrella installation using bamboo from campus, a succulent garden, and a water feature using captured storm water.

Vanderbilt's participation in PARK(ing) Day is part of its [pop-up event series](#) held on campus to activate outdoor spaces. Like our picture [here](#) to vote for our park at the Golden Cone awards! Read more [here](#).



## Chancellor's Charter explores sustainability across Nashville



Faculty, staff and students joined [Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos](#) last week on a Chancellor's Charter tour to explore sustainability, a fundamental [FutureVU](#)

guiding principle and initiative.

"It is our duty and responsibility to reach out and learn from the vibrant community we exist in and with," said Zeppos. "Investing in sustainability as a lifestyle is necessary to ensure Vanderbilt exists for generations to come. Treating our land and each other with respect is the only way we can thrive as humans and as a society."

The tour included stops at three different locations focusing on different sustainability themes. The first stop was at McGruder Neighbors' Community Garden and the C.E. McGruder Family Resource Center to learn about food insecurity as well as farm-to-table and food waste initiatives. The second stop was at Music City Solar, the first and only solar park in Nashville. The third and final stop incorporated a lunch-and-learn presentation on downtown sustainable projects and a tour of Music City Center. Read more [here](#).



## University's bike-share pilot wins TN Sustainable Transportation Award

participating restaurant. A signature tapas style bite as well as a signature cocktail will be served at each stop. Event will be from 5-11:30pm. More information [here](#).

### Open Streets Nashville – October 7

Join Walk Bike Nashville as they transform a street into a park filled with events and activities to including bike parades, food trucks and music. Bike, skate, or chill at the 1.8-mile route on 1277 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South from 2:00-6:00pm. More information [here](#).

### International Walk to School Day – October 10

Remind your friends and family about International Walk to School Day! Improve and encourage safe, walkable neighborhoods for students and children and join thousands of students, teachers and community partners in Nashville as they walk to school. A list of participating schools and more information can be found [here](#).

### Nashville Transportation Summit – October 24

Vanderbilt University's pilot of the bike-sharing service ofo has won a [Tennessee Sustainable Transportation Award](#) from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. TDEC presented the award to university representatives on Sept. 18.



“We are honored to be recognized by the state for our efforts in sustainability,” said [Eric Kopstain](#), vice chancellor for administration. “Creating a more sustainable and healthy campus community is not an easy or quick undertaking, but it is the right thing to continue striving for. Knowing we succeeded in one pilot is not enough; we must keep the momentum going to achieve our long-term goals of making a major environmental impact on campus and in the region.” Read more [here](#).



## Facilities invests in sustainable technologies across campus



The [Division of Administration's](#) Facilities department has invested in two new sustainable technologies for the 2018-19 academic year.

Integrating sustainable practices throughout campus is a fundamental element of

[FutureVU](#).

Seven [Bigbelly](#) solar-powered compacting trash cans and recycling bin units were installed around Rand

Hall and one at the new Hank Ingram [VandyVans shelter](#). The units increase the amount of trash that can fit into one bin so fewer trash cans are needed. Facilities also invested in two [green mowers](#), which are electric-powered and reduce air pollution with zero emissions.



Join Walk Bike Nashville on October 24th for a Nashville Transportation Summit. Mayor David Briley will highlight his transportation priorities for the coming year, and the Metro Transportation departments will share some of their upcoming projects and programs at Barge Design Solutions from 11:30am-1pm. More information [here](#).

### **Greenway Grand Opening Walk – October 27**

Join Greenways for Nashville for the grand opening of Nashville's newest greenway. The I-440 greenway is finally finished! There will be food trucks, activities, and a ceremonial walk from one end of the greenway in Elmington Park to Centennial Park and back. Meet at the Elmington Park upper parking lot at 10am. More information [here](#).

### **Commons Unplugged – October 28- November 2**

Save the date for the 2018 Commons Unplugged! Commons Unplugged is a week-long sustainability and natural resource conservation event.

Read more [here](#).



Commons students will participate in an energy conservation competition, and three events will be held that are open to the public: Green Activity on October 28, Green Fair on October 30, and Green Forum on November 1. Stay tuned for more details!

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.

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