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Vanderbilt Farmers' Market – Thursdays through October 28

Mark your calendars! Pick up some fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat, and cheese on your way home from work through October 28 at the weekly Vanderbilt Farmers' Market each Thursday from 3-6 pm on the Medical Center Plaza. [Read more...](#)

Solar Day Workshop & Tour – June 19

Celebrate Solar Day 2010 with LightWave Solar's workshop and solar home tour on Saturday, June 19 from 10 AM – 12 PM in Antioch. Learn about solar energy and meet local area experts. [Read more...](#)

Community Food Advocates Celebration and Information Session –

We hope that your summer has gotten off to a great start! As the temperatures rise and the days get longer, there are numerous green events, opportunities, and news stories that we would like to share with you. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#). As a reminder, please become a fan of our new [SustainVU Facebook page](#) and get up-to-the-minute sustainability news and join our discussions. Have a great green June!

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Vanderbilt buildings awarded ULI Nashville's Excellence in Development Awards

Two Vanderbilt buildings, One Hundred Oaks and the Commons Center, recently earned Excellence in Development Awards from the



June 24

Join Community Food Advocates (formerly Manna-Food Security Partners) on Thursday, June 24 from 5 – 8 PM to celebrate their new office space, name, and logo, and to learn about their mission and programs. Enjoy food and beverages at their office, located at 415 Fourth Avenue South. Please RSVP at 385-2286 or [by email](#).

Sustainability & Social Responsibility: Creating Financial, Environmental & Social Value – June 21-22

Join the Owen Graduate School of Management for Sustainability & Social Responsibility: Creating Financial, Environmental and Social Value on Monday and Tuesday, June 21-22. The program, led by instructors Jim Schorr and Jeff Gowdy, will help participants understand how sustainable practices and social responsibility are relevant to businesses and assist them in creating strategies that generate financial, environmental and social value in their company. [Read more...](#)

LEED for Healthcare Panel Discussion – June 25

The USGBC Middle Tennessee Chapter will host a Green Healthcare Panel Discussion and Lunch on Friday, June 25 from 11:30 AM – 1 PM at the Adventure Science Center. The event costs \$20 for USGBC Middle TN Chapter members and \$30 for non-members. [Read more...](#)

Urban Land Institute's Nashville District Council. Winners were selected based on criteria considering various design factors, such as land use, contribution to the community, financial practicality, and sensitivity to the environment. The Vanderbilt Health/One Hundred Oaks facility was honored for its adaptive reuse of space and the Commons Center was lauded for its achievements in green development. Entries included public and private projects and commercial and residential developments. Other area buildings receiving awards included the Downtown YMCA, Hutton Hotel, J. Henry Hale Apartments, the Nissan Americas Corporate facility in Smyrna, and several others. [Read the entire Tennessean article.](#)

2525 West End earns EPA's ENERGY STAR for energy efficiency



The 2525 West End office building has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® for the eighth consecutive year, indicating that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. Vanderbilt is the largest occupant of the building, which includes the Human Resources Department and other university offices.

"Improved energy efficiency of buildings occupied by Vanderbilt employees helps to reduce the university's environmental impact," said Cliff Joyner, assistant vice chancellor for Real Estate Operations. "By earning this award, the owner, management and tenants of the 2525 West End building are illustrating a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability." [Read the entire MyVU article.](#)

EPA Response to BP Spill in the Gulf of Mexico

In the wake of April's BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the EPA has provided information concerning potential public health and



environmental concerns. Environmental statistics, such as air quality, sediment data, and water samples, continues to be updated on EPA's Oil Spill Response website. The EPA spill site also contains helpful information regarding dispersant use, waste management, frequently asked questions, and suggestions for what you can do. [Visit the EPA BP Oil Spill Response Site.](#)

Good Food Film Festival

This year's Good Food Film Festival will feature screenings of several informative food films, including *Fresh, Dirt! The Movie*, *Pollen Nation*, and *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*, at various Nashville locations throughout the summer. Warner Park Nature Center at 6:30 PM on June 22, July 6, and July 20; Fido at 7 PM on July 2 and August 6; West Nashville United Methodist Church at 7 PM on June 23, July 28, and August 25; and Wedgewood Urban Garden at 9 PM or dusk on June 19, July 17, and August 21. Contact Shayne Wingo at 405-9500 for more information.



Dr. Mark Abkowitz, professor of civil and environmental engineering at VU, recently commented on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill in *CFO Magazine*. [Read Dr. Abkowitz's remarks.](#)

National Science Foundation launches Green Revolution video series



The National Science Foundation recently released its "Green Revolution" educational video series, which features scientists and engineers who aim to develop and improve clean-energy strategies, new fuels and other technologies. Segments exploring wind, solar, biomass, microbes, Smart Grid, and CityCar detail the latest research underway by professionals in their respective fields. The series aims to encourage people to ask questions and look beyond fossil fuels for innovative solutions to growing energy needs. Additional segments are to be released in the coming months. [Visit the Green Revolution site.](#)



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