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Vanderbilt Second Harvest Food Drive – Through December 10

Continuing its mission in the community to assist those in need, Vanderbilt is partnering with Second Harvest for the Feeding Hope Challenge, a campaign to raise and distribute 8 million meals. The Vanderbilt community is encouraged to make donations of: canned fruit, vegetables, soups, stews, tuna, or chicken; peanut butter; cereal; and pasta. 25 donation locations will be set up for the collection of items. [Read more...](#)

Holiday Events Downtown via Music City Star – December 4

Interested in attending the Nashville Tree Lighting, Rudolph Red Nose Run and/or Nashville Christmas Parade on

Brrrrrrr! The temperatures have dropped as we approach winter and the holidays. As temperatures grow colder, the demand for energy rises. Stay warm while conserving energy by adjusting your thermostat to 68-70 degrees F for maximum efficiency, dressing for the season and in layers, and opening window shades to take advantage of natural light and heating from the sun. There are several green events and sustainability opportunities coming up this month – more information can always be found on both the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Don't forget to check out the [Holiday Greening Guide](#) available on the SustainVU website with earth-friendly tips to green your holiday season. Here's to a jubilant and sustainable December!

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Friday evening, December 3? Ride the Music City Star, which will operate its regular Friday evening service, to holiday events in downtown Nashville. Seats will be available on a first-come basis and will not be reserved. [Read more...](#)

Impact Nashville Energy Project – December 4

Help promote carbon footprint reduction in Belmont, Hillsboro, and West End neighborhood homes with Go Green, District 18, an initiative to reduce District 18's energy consumption by 5%, on Saturday, December 4 from 9:45 am-12:30 pm. Project volunteers will undergo a 30 minute training session about the campaign, the In-Home Energy Evaluation process, and the financial incentives offered to homeowners, and will be provided with door hangers that include specifics about the campaign and Go Green, District 18 t-shirts to wear. Participants will then hit the streets going door-to-door to spread the word. [Read more...](#)

“Is Global Warming on the Back Burner? Prospects for Change”– December 8

Join David Wood, Centennial Professor of Philosophy, for Thinking Out of the Lunch Box: “Is Global Warming on the Back Burner? Prospects for Change” on Wednesday, December 8 at the Nashville Public Library from 12-1 pm. A panel featuring Vanderbilt Professors Mike Vandenbergh, Michael Bess, and Beth Conklin will discuss climate change and mitigating

Celebrate the holidays sustainably



The holiday season brings joy and merriment to many people. Unintended side effects of the holidays include an excessive generation of waste and over-consumption of natural resources. As you prepare to celebrate the holidays with friends and family, take a moment to check out [SustainVU's Holiday](#)

[Greening Guide](#) that includes tips for minimizing your holiday impact. Suggestions are included for: green giving; holiday cards; gifts; shopping and packaging; holiday decorating; holiday entertaining and party planning; and travel. Other great green gift guides you might want to peruse: [Yahoo! Green Gift Guide](#), [The Daily Green's Gift Guide](#), and [Treehugger's Holiday Gift Guide](#).

Get to know VU's EMS Coordinator, Steve Gild

Steve Gild joined Vanderbilt in 2007 as the Environmental Management System (EMS) Coordinator. Steve's primary responsibility is to manage data related to Vanderbilt's environmental compliance responsibilities and sustainability initiatives, such as air and water protection, waste management, recycling, greenhouse gas emissions, fuel and energy use, alternative transportation use, and other environmental metrics. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, Steve worked as a consultant to improve the EMS of corporations such as General Electric, NBC/Universal, Johnson Controls, and Carrier Corporation. He has a B.S. in Natural Resource Management from Michigan State University, a M.S. in Environmental Science from Tennessee State University, and is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM). In his free time, you might find Steve spending time with his wife and three sons, or cheering on the Nashville Predators.



Happy 40th, EPA!



Since the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) founding on December 2, 1970, the United States has made great strides in reducing pollution that threatens air, water, and communities. For four decades, our country has confronted environmental challenges, fostered

actions amidst the recent financial crises. Box lunches will be provided for the first 300 people to respond. To RSVP call 322-8585 or email lunchbox@vanderbilt.edu by December 3, 2010. [Read more...](#)

Decorate the Holidays GREEN! – December 11

Discover some easy and inexpensive tips to being eco-friendly around the holidays on Saturday, December 11 from 2-3 pm at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center. Learn how to make your own envelopes for holiday cards out of old magazines and how to make bird feeders to give to people as gifts! Call (615) 862-8539 or email shelbybottomsnature@nashville.gov to register or for more information.

Swing Dance @ the Nashville Farmers' Market – December 19

Join the Dean Martini's on Sunday, December 19 from 1-4 pm for this month's Swing Dance at the Nashville Farmers' Market in the marketplace building. Bring your dancing shoes to cut a rug and your recycled or canvas bag to do some shopping for local goods and great produce! The event is free and open to the public. [Read more...](#)



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innovations, and cleaned up pollution in the places where people live, work, play and learn. EPA's founding has been commemorated at events throughout the week, including the [announcement of a National Research Council \(NRC\) study](#) that will help the agency build upon its expertise in protecting human health and the environment through the incorporation of sustainability concepts into EPA programs and the unveiling of [a list of 10 ways EPA has strengthened America](#). [Visit EPA's 40th Anniversary site](#).

Route 91X Franklin/Brentwood Express now serves Vanderbilt

The Route 91X Franklin/Brentwood Express now services Vanderbilt University with the addition of two



timepoints at 21st & West End and 21st & Children's Way. Buses travel from Franklin to Music City Central (MCC) in downtown Nashville and then continue to campus. Cost is \$3.50 per ride or \$60 for a 20-Ride pass. **20-Ride passes are available for \$37 (\$23 discount) for Vanderbilt employees** through Vanderbilt Valet Services, the Parking Permit Office at East Garage and the Vanderbilt University Traffic and Parking Office at the Wesley Place Garage. [Read the full article and route schedule published in MyVU](#).

VUMC to Host ECOtality's Blink Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) announced last month the planned installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as part of The EV Project, the largest deployment of EV charging infrastructure in history. The pilot phase of the program will install more than 15,000 charging stations by June 2011 in 16 cities throughout 6 states, as well as Washington, D.C. VUMC will receive 6 to 10 of ECOtality's Blink EV charging stations to be used in public parking areas. [Read the full article published by Medical Center News and Communications](#).



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