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Vanderbilt Farmer's Market Returns May 3!

Visit the Vanderbilt Farmers' Market and purchase fresh fruits, honey, vegetables, locally farmed meat, milk, cheeses and bread. The market is open every Thursday to Vanderbilt employees and visitors. The Market resumes May 3 and ends on October 25. [Click Here](#) for more details on the Vanderbilt Farmer's Market.

Paper Shredding Events Each Saturday in May

Do you have confidential and personal papers that need shredding? Credit card statements, tax returns, bank statements, medical records? Local company Shred On The Run is holding several collection events in Middle Tennessee each Saturday in May. For information on locations and times, go to

As we head into May and spring continues to unfold, there are lots of fun events planned at Vandy and in Nashville, so be sure to check at least one of them out! If you haven't already heard, VU is proud to announce that the Central Library's renovation has received Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Have a wonderful May, and congratulations to our graduating seniors!

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Check out Vanderbilt's New Solar-Powered Charging Stations!

On April 25, a new solar-powered picnic table charging unit and walk-up solar-powered charging stations were installed on Vanderbilt's campus. These new solar stations can charge your cell phone or laptop with solar power while you eat your

www.shredontherun.com and click on 'Free Shred Days' at the top of the page.

Air Quality Awareness Week: April 30-May 4

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reminding everyone that air quality begins to be a concern in May. Increase your knowledge during [Air Quality Awareness Week](#) and [sign up directly to receive Air Quality Alerts](#) for Nashville through texts, Facebook, android or iPhone apps, or even Twitter. Fortunately, Vanderbilt faculty and staff have plenty of [alternative transportation](#) options available to them which can reduce ozone pollution, including:

Free rides on MTA Buses
Discounts for the Music City Star train
Discounts on Express Bus Service
Carpooling and Vanpooling

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Events in May

A great opportunity to safely dispose of old household chemicals, automotive fluids, and lawn/garden chemicals, these drop-off events are open to anyone living in Tennessee. [Click Here](#) for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. Upcoming events:

Saturday, May 5 – Williamson County
Saturday, May 12 – Smith County and Robertson County

For details on times and drop-off locations, go to the [Sustain VU Calendar](#).

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lunch or enjoy the outdoors and were paid for by the Vanderbilt Green Fund!

The picnic table is on the Commons Center patio while the walk-up units are located at Branscomb Quad and McTyeire volleyball courts.



Picnic Table



Walk-Up Unit

Celebrate Progress in Nashville's Sustainability



You probably know this already: Nashville is working to be one of the greenest cities in the USA. Nashville Mayor Karl Dean shares his thoughts on the progress Nashville has made

in becoming one of the greenest cities in the Southeast. [Read More...](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Awards \$90,000 to Senior Design Team to Develop Spinach-Powered Solar

Earth Day 2012 proved exceptionally green for a University team of five engineering seniors who a biohybrid solar panel



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designed that is

capable of producing electricity from spinach. The design team of Philip Ingram, Jason Ogg, Paul McDonald, Trevan Locke, Eric Dilbone and Professor Kane Jennings excelled at a student design competition at the National Mall, Washington D.C. [Read More...](#)

New Weekday Bus Service For Madison, Lakewood Communities

Membership Meeting— May 25

The U.S. Green Building Council of Middle TN will host their monthly membership meeting on Friday, May 25 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the Adventure Science Center. This month's topic: Green Buildings and Healthcare. [Read more...](#)

Budget-Friendly Healthy Food Workshop—May 31

You can eat healthier and “go organic” with little to no additional cost. Attend a free Team Green Workshop. [Read more...](#)



Weekday service on two new lines –Route 27 Old Hickory and Route 36X Madison Express – begins Monday, April 30. Route 27 Old Hickory will provide weekday service in Old Hickory via Lakewood. Also, a new route in Madison – Route 36X Madison Express – will offer express travel between Madison and downtown Nashville. New park-n-rides are located at the former Lakewood City Hall and at the new MTA Administrative Offices on Myatt Drive in Madison.

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of Vanderbilt's Free Ride to Work Program. Vanderbilt employees, graduate students, and VUMC volunteers are eligible to ride to and from



work on an MTA bus — simply swipe your I.D. card upon boarding! Complete bus route and schedule information is available at www.nashvillemta.org.



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

