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April 2017

April is Earth Month, and the stories below have lots of fun and informative ways to celebrate around Nashville! Vanderbilt has many speakers coming to campus and mark your calendars to attend the FutureVU expo on April 19th! As the weather gets warmer, more people are pulling out their bikes to get around town – check out one of the [Walk Bike Nashville](#) bike rides for tips about riding around the city safely. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. SustainVU wishes you a super green Earth Month!

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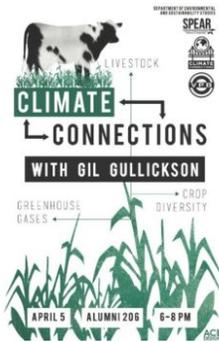
TURBO Traffic Circle Build – April 1

Join TURBO Nashville and volunteer to help construct a temporary traffic circle as part of a traffic calming study in the 12 South Neighborhood. Multiple shifts available from 8am-6pm. Sign up to volunteer and read more [here!](#)

Walk/Bike Nashville: Beginner Bicycle Greenway Ride – April 2

Join [Walk Bike Nashville](#) for a beginner

Climate Connections hosts speaker Gil Gullickson



American Agriculture is not dead! Join [SPEAR](#) as they welcome this year's [Climate Connections](#) speaker [Gil Gullickson](#), editor of *Successful Agriculture* magazine and climate change advocate. Gullickson will be discussing sustainable agriculture and the

increasing need for mitigation efforts against global warming. Farmers are currently one of the most vulnerable populations in the face of climate change, yet their cohort consistently votes for politicians that neglect or ignore the environment, and the industry remains as one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases. Mr. Gullickson is going to address this paradox.

The event will be held on April 5th from 6-8pm in Alumni 206. Free Chipotle burritos (vegan options available) will be served! Read more [here](#).



FutureVU Expo to highlight Land Use Master Planning Effort

Come learn more about the proposed 20-30 year plan for the future of Vanderbilt's campus at the FutureVU Expo at the Wond'ry on Wednesday, April 19th from 2:30-6:00pm. The Expo will include exhibits on upcoming building projects, sustainability and transportation. The interactive event will feature a land use history video and virtual reality stations, as well as food, t-shirts and prizes & numerous ways to give feedback! All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Make sure to check out the third floor where the Expo will focus on sustainability and transportation! Read more [here](#).



adult ride on the Mill Creek Greenway. Certified instructors will lead you through some basic parking lot drills and then on a short ride through the greenway. Read more [here](#).

Private Sector Demand for Renewable Power – April 4

The Energy, Environment, and Land Use Program in Vanderbilt's Law School presents the Private Sector Demand for Renewable Power panel from 12:10-1:00 pm in the Law School Building Moore Room 218. Read more [here](#).

Engage Green: Saving April Showers – April 5

Did you know just one inch of rain on 1000 square feet of rooftop produces 600 gallons of usable water?! This month, join [Team Green](#), [Urban Green Lab](#) and the [Cumberland River Compact](#) to learn about how to save water and money this spring! Read more [here](#).

Street Fight: Janette Sadik-Kahn – April 6

Join the Nashville Civic Design Center ([NCDC](#))



Celebrate Earth Day in Nashville!

Earth Day is celebrated across the globe, but are you looking for ways to celebrate here in Nashville? Thankfully there are many events happening across the city for you to choose from!

Centennial Park Earth Day Festival –

Centennial Park 11am-6pm

Nashville’s Earth Day Festival is a free, family-friendly event with live entertainment throughout the day celebrated each year in April. Nashville’s Earth Day Festival features exhibits and hands-on activities aimed at educating Nashvillians about protecting our environment and living green. With over a hundred family-friendly booths, hosted by community groups, environmental organizations, and government agencies, Earth Day is a fun festival for all ages. Read more [here](#).



Nashville March for Science – Legislative Plaza 9am-11am

The March for Science is a celebration of our passion for science and a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. Recent policy changes have caused heightened worry among scientists, and the incredible and immediate outpouring of support has made clear that these concerns are also shared by hundreds of thousands of people around the world. It is time for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies to take a public stand and be counted. Read more [here](#).



Mayor Barry’s Citywide Spring Clean 2017 – all day

for its inaugural Living the Plan Breakfast at the Music City Center from 7:30-9am, featuring Janette Sadik-Khan and Seth Solomonow, the co-authors of Street Fight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution. Read more [here](#).

Tennessee Women in Green – April 7

Join Tennessee Women in Green’s monthly meeting featuring Betsy Littrell. Betsy is a representative from Manual Zeitlin Architects who will be giving a presentation. The event will be held at the Bridge Building from 7:30am-9:00am. Read more [here](#).

2nd Annual Nashville Veg Fest – April 8,9

Come to the 2nd Annual Nashville VegFest at the Nashville Fairgrounds to help support a plant based, healthy, and sustainable food future! Tickets are \$10 for a single day, \$15 for both days. Read more [here](#).

Nashville City Nature Challenge- April 14-18

Biodiversity is everywhere, even in thriving urban areas like

April 22, 2017 will be the 2nd Annual Mayor Barry's Citywide Spring Clean, please sign-up to volunteer! Look around your neighborhood to identify the areas that need a good cleaning then follow the directions [here](#) to register your event, get free supplies, participate in training and help us all work together to keep Nashville Beautiful! Read more [here](#).



Nashville. During the Nashville City Nature Challenge from April 14th to 18th, snap a photo and upload your wildlife observations to iNaturalist. You will be helping local scientists understand what plants and animals call Nashville home. Read more [here](#).

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.

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