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It's hard to believe that the academic year is already coming to a close! Even though students are leaving campus, there are still many things to celebrate, including Air Quality Awareness Week, Bike to Work Day, and Vanderbilt Commencement. Don't forget that [Earth Friendly Move Out](#) is underway, and donation and recycling locations have been expanded across campus with details in the story [below](#). Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#) and [social media](#) pages. Good luck to everyone graduating this month, and to all of our faculty and students on their summer plans!

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## **Air Quality Awareness Week—May 1-5**

Millions of people across the US live in areas of unhealthy air. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality Awareness week brings attentions to how air quality can affect your life. Download the [AirNow app](#) or sign up for [air quality alerts](#) issued by the EPA and [learn](#) how to take action.

## Earth Friendly Move Out is Underway

Just in time for student move-out and spring cleaning your office, donation and recycling locations on campus will be expanded from April 20 to May 13. [Earth Friendly Move Out](#) donation and recycling locations will be available until May 6 on the Ingram Commons campus until May 13 on main campus.



**Donate:** The Office of Housing and Residential Education ([OHARE](#)) will have multiple [donation locations](#) set up across campus that benefit a variety of non-profit charities.

**Recycle:** There are many [convenient recycling locations](#) around campus for: electronics, batteries, ink/toner cartridges, CFL bulbs, pens, mechanical pencils, plastic, paper, aluminum, cardboard, and glass. Read more [here](#).



## Celebrate Bike Month in May



The [Vanderbilt Walk Bike Coalition](#) is sponsoring two biking education classes that will focus on laws, safety techniques, basic maintenance,

and safe riding routes on campus and around Nashville. The classes will be on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center at noon. You can also celebrate Bike Month on National Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Find out more about the events happening this month [here](#) and check out more Vanderbilt bike resources [here](#).



## Campus learns about land use plan at FutureVU Expo

### Engage Green: Creative Reuse – May 3

Come to [Turnip Green Creative Reuse](#) to create meaningful, sustainable gifts for your mom and other meaningful women in your life from reused materials! Read more [here](#).

### Jane's Walk: New Development in SoBro – May 5

Jane's Walk is a movement of free, citizen-led walking tours inspired by Jane Jacobs. This 3 mile walk, which starts at the Downtown Hilton at noon, gets people to tell stories about their communities, explore their cities, and connect with neighbors. Read more [here](#).

### Nutritious & Delicious: Eat Your Greens – May 17

This time of year is the season for greens in Tennessee, but do you know about all the ways you can cook with them? Learn about the many ways to utilize all the greens in your garden at the Nashville Farmers' market from 6-7pm. Read more and RSVP [here](#).

More than 800 students, staff, faculty and others stopped by the Wond'ry April 19 to learn about [FutureVU](#), Vanderbilt's campus land use planning initiative, and how the university's built environment might change over the next 20-30 years. The FutureVU Expo featured interactive exhibits including posters, diagrams, historic and current photographs, maps and models, including sustainability and transportation initiatives at Vanderbilt. Read more [here](#).



## Janette Sadik-Khan discusses 'Streetfight' on 'The Zeppos Report'



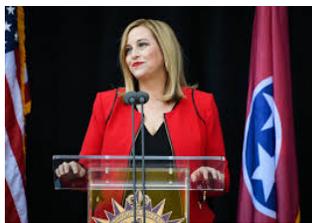
[Vanderbilt University Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos](#) interviewed [Janette Sadik-Khan](#), one of the world's leading voices on urban transportation policy, on his podcast, [The Zeppos Report](#).

Zeppos and Sadik-Khan discussed the evolution of her career, the keys to her work in transforming New York City streets, and her vision for taking these lessons to the streets of Nashville and cities around the world. Listen [here](#).



## Nashville kicks off public vote for funding transit

Gov. Bill Haslam has signed [his wide-ranging proposal that increases Tennessee's gas tax](#) to fund roadwork and cuts other taxes. The bill allows cities like Nashville to hold referendums for transit funding. Mayor Megan Barry used her second annual State of Metro address, to say she intends to take the necessary



## Tour de Nash – May 20

Nashville's largest urban bike ride is organized by [Walk Bike Nashville](#) to encourage people to explore Nashville's best bikeways and greenways by bicycle. The 2017 Tour will feature 3 routes: a 8-Mile Family Ride, a 25-Mile Ride, and a 45-Mile Ride. Read more [here](#).

## Bike to Work Day – May 26

The Vanderbilt Walk Bike Coalition is teaming up with [Walk Bike Nashville](#), a city-wide advocacy group, to host a series of guided biking routes to allow new and regular commuters alike to meet up at several locations around town and ride with each other on their way to work. Read more [here](#).

## Urban Green Lab's Emerald Evening – June 1

Urban Green Lab invites you to An Emerald Evening on June 1st at Green Door Gourmet for their largest and most important fundraiser of the year! Urban Green

steps to hold a Davidson County public referendum in 2018 on dedicated funding for transit.

“Mayor Barry has once again demonstrated her unwavering commitment to public transportation by focusing on transit projects aimed to improve the quality of life for those living and working in Nashville and throughout Davidson County,” Nashville MTA Board Chair Gail Carr Williams said. Read more [here](#).

Lab is Nashville’s sustainability nonprofit teaching the community the basics of sustainable living through workshops, partnerships, and their “Mobile Lab” – a sustainability classroom on wheels. Read more [here](#).

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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