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Growing Responsibly



October 2017

October is everything sustainable. Energy Awareness Month, Campus Sustainability Month, and football sustainability competition month! We are looking forward to celebrating with tons of great events! Calling all campus departments, organizations, groups, and classes...please apply for the Football Sustainability Competition and you can win a fabulous catered tailgate, 20 tickets and an on-field award ceremony. Just let us know the exciting and innovative ways you and your class or group help make Vandy more sustainable! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Have a sustainable October and slay some "[energy vampires](#)" this Halloween! Happy Fall, y'all!

Andrea George, Director

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Field Trip to Ellington Agriculture Center – October 1

The Lipscomb University Institute for Sustainable Practice invites you to participate as a guest in a field assignment with a graduate class examining and talking about sustainable design practices that use earth systems science knowledge to solve human impacts and restore natural functions. Event is from 2-5pm. More information [here](#).



Vanderbilt Celebrates Park(ing) Day the Wow Factor Award



VU faculty, staff, and students participated in PARK(ing) Day—an internationally recognized event that features parking spaces turned into “pocket

parks”—on Sept. 15. Vanderbilt staff and students converted 17 parking spaces on campus into one pop-up park to allow the community to envision the possibilities of adding green space and improving sustainability by transforming a small footprint of parking spaces. The goal was to create a space that was inviting, community driven, functional, sustainability focused, and fun. All materials and plants were reused or planted on Vanderbilt’s campus after the event. Staff built the water feature and anchor hammock stand, and the community art piece will be on display in Kirkland Hall starting next week. The initiative sought to bring more awareness to [FutureVU](#), Vanderbilt’s land use planning initiative.

Vanderbilt won the “Wow Factor” Golden Cone Award and came in second for “People’s Choice” and third for the “Text to Win” category. Awards were presented by the Nashville Civic Design Center on September 27. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to set up and tear down the installation in 24 hours and that came out and enjoyed the space with us! Read more [here](#) and [here](#) and see videos of the park [here](#).



Renewable Power in the Southeast: Local Government and Private Sector Demand

Green Jobs Panel Discussion – October 3

Are you wondering what kinds of jobs you could get in the environmental area after graduation? Meet recent Vanderbilt grads, most of whom were SustainVU interns while at Vandy, and find out about their green jobs and career plans in Buttrick 101 at 6pm. More information [here](#).

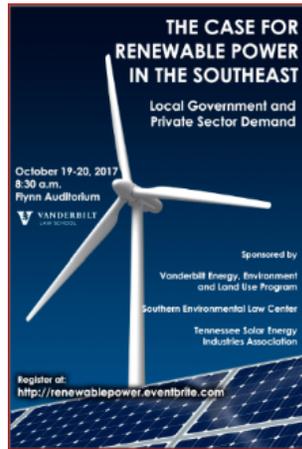
Vanderbilt Farmer’s Market – October 5, 12, 19, 26

Enjoy the last month of the Vanderbilt Farmers’ Market! The Vanderbilt Farmers’ Market will be held every Thursday from 2-5pm through October 26. The market is located on the Medical Center plaza near Eskind Library.

Documentary Film Showing of Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Barry – October 9

Join a screening of the documentary film, Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry followed by a panel discussion. Look and See revolves around the stories of several residents of Henry County, Kentucky who face difficult choices that will dramatically reshape their relationship with the

Please join the Vanderbilt Law School at the Case for Renewable Power in the Southeast conference October 19 and 20. Representatives from local governments, universities, businesses, and other organizations across the Southeast will discussing:



The current and potential future demand for renewable power in the Southeast among cities, corporations, universities and other organizations.

The socioeconomic, governance, and market structures that affect renewable energy in the Southeast.

Emerging opportunities to mobilize new and existing renewable energy initiatives in the Southeast

The conference is FREE and will take place starting at 8:30am on October 19 and 20 at the Vanderbilt Law School. The conference is cosponsored by [Vanderbilt Energy, Environment, and Land Use Program](#); [Southern Environmental Law Center](#); and [Tennessee Solar Energy Industries Association](#). Read more and register [here](#).



Are you the Greenest Group on Campus?



[Waste Management, Inc.](#), the Vanderbilt [Sustainability and Environmental Management Office](#) (SEMO), and [VU Athletics](#), and are looking for the greenest group on campus

during this year's Vanderbilt Football Sustainability competition. Your group could win a catered VIP tailgate event for 20 people, 20 tickets to the game, an autographed item from Vanderbilt athletics, and on-field recognition at the Vanderbilt vs. Western

land and their community. The screening is in Light Hall 208, from 5:00-7:30pm. More information [here](#).

Gardening at Warner Parks – October 14

Have a green thumb? Head out to the Warner Park nature center to help prepare for the 2018 Organic Garden. Wear your dirty clothes to assist with compost, chopping, and seed-collecting in the garden. Register online after September 29. The event is at the Warner Park Nature center, from 1:30-3:00 pm. More information [here](#).

Commons Unplugged: Green Forum – October 18

Save the date for the 2017 Commons Unplugged Green Forum. Commons Unplugged is a week-long sustainability and natural resource conservation event, and the Green Forum will kick off the week's events featuring a lecture from a sustainability-related Vanderbilt professor. Stay tuned for more details!

Commons Unplugged: Green Fair – October 19

Promote your organization at the Commons Unplugged Green Fair! The Green Fair will

Kentucky football game on November 4, 2017! To qualify, just tell us about the sustainable actions your VU department, organization, class, or group regularly do in order to make Vanderbilt a greener campus.

You can fill out the application [online](#) or email the pdf application available [here](#) to sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu. **Applications are due by Friday, October 20!** Good luck and Anchor Down!



2nd Annual Energy Efficiency Day

Energy Efficiency Day, which is celebrated on **October 5**, is a collaborative effort of regional and national organizations to promote energy efficiency. This year, Energy Efficiency Day has amplified its efforts with a [website](#), a [Facebook account](#), official declarations, and a challenge to save energy in homes and businesses. Here are four ways you can spread the word about the benefits of energy efficiency:



Visit the new [Energy Efficiency Day Website and sign up](#)

Take [the Lightbulb Challenge](#) or the [Office Lighting Challenge](#)

Encourage local, state, or federal government leaders to [officially proclaim](#) **October 5** as Energy Efficiency Day

Create and share your own energy efficiency content

Read more [here](#).



provide an opportunity to promote the sustainable activities, business practices, and achievements of various student groups, departments or organizations to the Vanderbilt community. Tabling display space will be provided to participants at no charge. If you or your group is interested in tabling at the Green Fair to be held Thursday, October 19, please email sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu.

Impact Tennessee: Build Green, Be Well – October 20

Join [USGBC TN](#)'s first statewide conference at the Adventure Science Center. The conference is focused on the science behind sustainability and will include a keynote breakfast with Ann Sussman, an Awards luncheon, and multiple educational sessions featuring outstanding guest speakers. More information and registration [here](#).

Commons Unplugged: Green Activity – October 21

Students will be organizing a sustainability-themed event on October 21st, so save the date and stay tuned for more details!

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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