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Growing Responsibly



November 2017

Happy Halloween, and don't forget to capture all of the energy vampires in your dorm, home, and office to save some energy! After you have had your fill of candy, ghosts, and ghouls, come celebrate the Greenest Group on Campus with us at this weekend's football game – thanks to all who applied this season! Vanderbilt [Green Fund applications](#) are now open so be sure to let us know your innovative ideas on how to make campus more sustainable or to save energy. I cannot believe it is almost the holiday season! Make sure to check out our [Holiday Greening Guide](#) for tips to make your holidays more sustainable. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Have a spooky and safe Halloween, a sustainable November, and a tasty Thanksgiving!

Andrea George, Director

Engage Green: Sustainability at the Salon – November 1

November's Engage Green event will partner with Pure | Organic Salon + Spa. Pure will explain how their practices keep our environment healthy and happy, as well as teaching ways to practice sustainable self-care at home! The event is at 6pm. More information and registration [here](#).

Sustainability's Second Wave: Stories

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Zeppos Engages Campus Community about FutureVU Core Values

[Chancellor Nicholas S.
Zeppos](#) and [Vice
Chancellor for
Administration Eric
Kopstain](#) led a

discussion featuring
key updates about

[FutureVU](#), Vanderbilt's land use planning initiative, Oct. 17 at the Student Life Center Board of Trust Room. Approximately 125 members of the Vanderbilt community came together for the town hall meeting, which began with remarks from Zeppos tethering Vanderbilt's values to future land use decisions. The FutureVU team, led by Kopstain, has spent the last two years conversing with faculty, students, staff and alumni about the [overall guiding principles](#) and specific needs of the campus population. The team's goal is to hinge all campus planning efforts and construction projects to these values, which include diversity and inclusion, sustainability and a strong connection to Nashville.

Alongside the dozens of groups and offices dedicated to a sustainable campus environment, Vanderbilt is also conducting several comprehensive operational studies to further aid in the development of solutions that may result in a significant reduction in the university's environmental impact. These studies include a large-scale renewable energy study and a "BlueSky Vision" energy strategy study. A goal of FutureVU is to create a framework for sustainability and environmental stewardship throughout the campus. A new section of the FutureVU website has been launched to address this topic. Read more [here](#).



from the Front Lines – November 1

The 2nd Annual Sustainability Leadership Breakfast with Judith Webb reveals impactful stories from the front lines of sustainability's second wave, WELL buildings. This event is hosted by the U.S. Green Building Council, and breakfast will be held at Houston Station from 8-10am. More information [here](#).

Environmental Justice in Tennessee: Challenges, Opportunities, and Planned Actions – November 1

[TDEC](#) representatives will give an overview of the concept of environmental justice, efforts to address environmental justice at TDEC and in Tennessee. The event will take place in Vanderbilt Law School's Hyatt Room from 12-1pm. More information [here](#).

What to Do Now: Protecting Tennessee's Clean Water and Special Places through Citizen Advocacy – November 2



Slay Energy Vampires this Halloween



As little ghosts and ghouls prepare to come out in search of Halloween treats, be sure you don't have any silent menaces lurking around your office or home tricking you into using extra energy!

Energy vampires are electronic devices that slowly suck energy when they are turned off but still plugged in. Each device uses only small amounts of electricity individually, but together, these devices are often responsible for 10% of an average home's energy bill. These phantom loads add up to a significant energy demand when multiplied across the thousands of students, faculty, and staff on Vanderbilt's campus each day.

Slaying these vampires is easy: Unplug whatever you're not using; use an automatic timer to turn off energy consuming lights or electronics when you're away; and plug electronics into a power strip for an easier and quicker way to turn them off all at once. Read more tips [here](#).



Rand Roof Gets Green Update

The Rand Hall roof recently got a green update for the 2017 school year! A green roof was installed this summer through a student-initiated [Vanderbilt Green Fund](#) project. The roof on the third floor of Rand outside the wall of windows and across from the



Anchor has been covered in trays containing sedum, a plant material. See a time-lapse of the green roof installation [here](#). Green roofs provide multiple benefits including: reduced energy use, reduced heat island effect, improved storm water management, increased roof longevity, and

Sally Palmer, Director of Science and Policy at The Nature Conservancy, and Amanda Garcia, Staff Attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center, will explain approaches to effectively advocate for the protection of clean water and special places in our communities. The event will be held at the Cumberland River Compact from 12-1pm. More information [here](#).

Annual NCDC Luncheon – November 2

Save the date for Nashville Civic Design Center's annual fundraiser, featuring a revolutionary speaker, responsible for the creation & implementation of numerous green-infrastructure projects, policies, and job training & placement systems. General Admission tickets are \$150. This event will be held at the Music City Center from 11am – 1pm. More information [here](#).

Taking Care of Your Neighborhood Water – November 9

improved. A tray system was used which are made out of 100% recycled plastic and their modular design allows flexibility if maintenance is needed to the roof. Read more [here](#).



Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center Fieldhouse earns LEED Silver Certification



The newest addition to the Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center (VRWC), the Fieldhouse, has received a LEED Silver

certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. [LEED](#)—Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design—is a certification program that sets the standard for environmentally responsible construction.

The use of natural light through the north and south facing window walls lessen the need for interior lighting in the fieldhouse. To supplement the natural light in the space, energy-efficient LEDs are installed in the space, including the high bay fieldhouse lighting. Particular attention was paid to indoor environmental quality during construction and low-emitting materials were chosen when installing finishes such as paints, flooring, and adhesives. VRWC brings Vanderbilt's total number of LEED-certified projects to 17. Read more [here](#).



“Let’s Move Nashville” Transportation Open Houses Begin This Week

You can help take care of the Cumberland River and its tributaries right from your home. Learn from Compact staff about how you can make a difference in your neighborhood. The event is at the Cumberland River Compact from 6-7pm. More information [here](#).

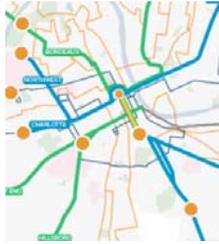
Active Neighborhood Planning Workshop – November 9

Join Walk Bike Nashville Ambassadors, advocates, and Peter Bird to learn about traffic calming, how the Nashville Metro Planning Department's program works, how streets can be designed to lower speeds and improve walking and biking, and what you can do. More information and registration [here](#).

Let’s Move Nashville Open House – November 9

Drop by an upcoming transportation solution open house to learn about Let’s Move Nashville, and how it can increase connectivity in your neighborhood. The Charlotte Ave Corridor open house occurs

Last week, Mayor Barry announced [Let's Move Nashville: Metro's Transportation Solution](#), a \$5.2 billion infrastructure investment in our city's future. In the coming weeks, the Mayor's office, Metro Public Works, and Nashville MTA have [six open house meetings](#) scheduled with more to come. If you are interested in learning more about the plan, please stop by one of the meetings. Feel free to drop in to whatever open house works best for your schedule, even if it is not in the corridor closest to you.



If you can't make it to a meeting but want to know more, visit LetsMoveNashville.com, review the [press release](#) and [fact sheet](#), or [watch the announcement](#).



November 9 from 6-8pm. More open houses will be held this month. More information [here](#).

2nd Annual Handmade Nashville Holiday Market– November 25

For Small Business Saturday, the market will include 50+ handmade artists and crafters from Nashville and Middle TN. Buy Local! There will also be plenty of food trucks at this event! The market will be held at Red Caboose Park in Bellevue from 10am-5pm. More information [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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