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It's hard to believe that the academic year is already coming to a close! Even though students will be leaving campus, there are still many things to celebrate including Bike to Vanderbilt Day and Vanderbilt Commencement. ***Don't forget to cast your vote on the transit referendum May 1 if you live in Davidson County!*** Earth Friendly Move Out is well underway, and donation and recycling locations have been expanded across campus. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Congratulations to everyone graduating this month, and good luck to all of our faculty and students on their summer plans!



Let's Move Nashville Transit Plan Referendum – May 1

Make sure to cast your vote on Nashville's Transit Plan Referendum vote on May 1. Find your polling place [here](#) and read more about the transit plan [here](#). Let's Move, Nashville!

Bike to Vanderbilt Day – May 2

[Bike Too VU](#) is a Vanderbilt group working to establish a bike commuting mentoring program

Five VU faculty weigh in: This is why Nashville's transit plan, as proposed, is the only option

Vanderbilt researchers, Abhishek Dubey, Jonathan Gilligan, Craig Philip, Daniel Work and Michael Vandenberg, weighed in on the Nashville Transit Plan in the Tennessean.



We are confident that the plan can reduce congestion and, what's more, provide multiple convenient, affordable transportation options for everyone who needs them. Expanding the system's total capacity with light rail corridors will improve the quality of life for current and future residents who desire development that's also pedestrian-oriented, not auto-centric. It is simply unfeasible to expand existing roads, and it is unrealistic to assume that autonomous vehicles will alleviate congestion any time soon. In fact, many researchers suggest just the opposite. Read the full story [here](#) and find your polling place [here](#).



Writer Amitav Ghosh discusses conflict and climate change on 'The Zeppos Report'



[Amitav Ghosh](#), a best-selling author whose work puts Asia at the center of global history, culture and environmental challenges, lectured on campus April 4 as part of [Vanderbilt Asian Studies'](#) 50th anniversary. Before his talk, Ghosh joined [Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos](#) on [The Zeppos Report](#).

In the podcast, Ghosh discussed why people are less interested today in issues surrounding climate change than 20 years ago. "For many years now we've taught young people that the economy will only get bigger," he said. "The world will produce more and more things. You'll have a bigger cellphone and

among faculty, staff, employees and students on campus, including Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The group is piloting a small program this spring, which would involve a [Bike to Vanderbilt Day on May 2](#). Complete your contact information in order to receive details about the Bike to Vanderbilt Day [here](#).

Oak Ridge National Laboratory: 75 Years of Science – May 3

Dr. Michelle Buchanan, Deputy for Science and Technology at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will present on the Lab's history and modern mission in MRB3 room 1220 at 9am. Dr. Buchanan oversees one of the nation's most extensive portfolios of research and development, spanning physical and materials sciences, to energy and engineering sciences, and to global security for the U.S. Department of Energy and other sponsors. More information [here](#).

Mayfest Nature Day – May 5

Visit the Shelby Bottoms Nature Center to explore the outdoors through an

car, for example. This other stuff (about climate change) doesn't fit into that framework." The podcast is available on [SoundCloud](#), [Stitcher](#), [Google Play](#), [iTunes](#), [YouTube](#) and [The Zeppos Report](#) website. Read more [here](#).



Earth Friendly Move Out

Just in time for student move-out and spring cleaning your office, donation and recycling locations on campus will be expanded until May 12. [Earth Friendly Move Out](#) donation and recycling locations will be available until May 5 on the Ingram Commons campus until May 12 on main campus.



The Office of Housing and Residential Education ([OHARE](#)) will have multiple [donation locations](#) across campus that benefit a variety of non-profit charities. Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the Highland Quad donation location.

Vanderbilt Facilities has expanded the locations for collecting recyclable items:

- Personally-owned unusable or broken electronics, computers, and appliances can be dropped off [here](#). Any VU-owned electronics, computers, or appliances must be follow the recycling directions [here](#).
- Recycling for batteries, ink/toner cartridges, CFL bulbs, and pens/mechanical pencils can be found [here](#).
- Plastic, paper, cardboard, and aluminum recycling locations can be found [here](#). If you have a large amount of paper to recycle from an office cleanout, please contact 343-2784 to request rolling totes which can be delivered to you for temporary use.
- See a map of glass recycling locations [here](#).



action-packed day of nature-related fun! Hourly activities include: Survival Skills, Wildlife Encounters, Nature Detectives hikes, Produce Taste Tests, Bird Banding, and plenty more hands-on fun at the nature center. Naturalists of all ages are welcome! This event will occur rain or shine and will be held from 10-2pm. More information [here](#).

Walk Bike Nashville: Tour De Nash – May 19

The Tour de Nash is Nashville's largest urban bike ride. The route showcases some of Nashville's best neighborhood bike routes which include: greenways, bike lanes, and city streets. This year's Tour de Nash market will feature nearly a dozen musical artists, multiple food trucks and over 50 vendors! Bring the family and enjoy some of Nashville's finest by bike or by booth! More information [here](#).

Grow an Organic Garden – May 19

Warm weather is here, and the Warner Park Nature Center is hosting a discussion of how to garden organically. The

BlueSky visioning session lays foundation for carbon footprint reduction



[FutureVU](#) launched the [BlueSky Vision Energy Study](#) in January to identify effective strategies for reducing carbon emissions on campus. Components of the study include, but are not limited to, local and off-site energy generation, utility distribution, energy consumption and conservation, water use, and operations. The study will culminate in a comprehensive “BlueSky Vision” for campus energy in 2018.

A visioning session was held March 26-27 which involved 50 faculty, staff and students and also featured an open house where members of the Vanderbilt community conversed with lead members of the project team about next steps for the study. Further community engagement is planned in the coming weeks to solicit additional involvement and ideas. Another visioning session is set for the start of the fall semester, and details will be released later this summer. Read more [here](#).



walking tour of the garden and discussion will be 10-11:30am at Edwin Warner Park. More information [here](#).

Emerging Professionals Summer Social – May 30

Meet fellow emerging professionals in the sustainability and design fields at a night of fun, networking, corn hole, food, raffles prize, and more. Participating organizations include [USGBC](#), [ASCE](#), [TSITE](#), [Nashville Young Professionals in Transportation](#), and [SEA](#). The Social will take place at Little Harpeth Brewing from 5:30-8pm. 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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