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Summer has arrived, and it is blazing hot out there! Declare your independence from high energy use this 4th of July by using some easy energy saving tips included below. Don't forget to power down your office or home before you leave for a vacation to use less energy. Join us for a sustainability themed VandyWalks on July 17th as we tour campus buildings and outdoor spaces! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Happy Independence Day!



Power Down for July 4th holiday

Nashville's 4th of July – July 4

The Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) operates its special Music City Star train each year on July 4th. The train departs from the Lebanon Station, stops in Martha, Mt. Juliet, Hermitage, Donelson and arrives at Nashville's Riverfront Station. The return train leaves after the conclusion of the Nashville fireworks. This is a wonderfully sustainable way to go to the celebration and also

Please remember to power down before you leave the office or your home for an extended period over the holidays. Your reductions in energy use can



have a large impact when aggregated across the entire university. Here are some things you can do to help conserve energy while you are away:

Set thermostat settings to 76-78 degrees F.

Remember to also adjust thermostats in classrooms and other unoccupied areas.

Close windows shades or blinds when you leave for the holiday to keep heat out and cool air in.

Turn off lights in your workspace when you leave.

Turn off lights to common areas such as kitchens, bathrooms, break rooms, classrooms, and conference rooms when you leave for the holiday.

Turn off office or lab equipment. If allowed in your area, computers, printers, copiers, scanners, and some lab equipment can be turned off when you leave for the holiday. Otherwise, activate sleep modes and energy-saving settings.



Second 'Making Nashville Living Building Ready' event June 21



The second in a local series of focused discussions about the Living Building Challenge was

held on June 21 in Featheringill Hall. The discussion was a case study of the Kendeda Building at Georgia Tech, presented by Lord Aeck Sargent of Atlanta, the architects designing the project. The event focused on the water petal and site design, as well as the

not have to worry about parking! Tickets are available [here](#). More information [here](#).

July Urban Design Forum: Youth Voice – Nolensville Pike – July 6

Youth from the Salahadeen Center and Conexión Américas are working to design and build their own solutions for the Nolensville Pike to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility to transit, and public space. The forum will be from 5:30-7pm at the Salahadeen Center. More information [here](#).

Cumberland River Compact Waterfest – July 8

Waterfest is a free, one-day festival with the goal of raising awareness about the importance of water quality in our watershed through environmental-based activities. The festival will be from 1-4pm at Cumberland Park. More information [here](#).

Zero Waste Meetup for Local Businesses – July 9

Join the Zero Waste Meetup to discuss challenges to reaching zero waste and tapping into collective resources

regulatory and operational challenges of the triple zero/net positive building.

The event was co-organized and presented by [FutureVU](#), the Vanderbilt student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Wond'ry, the U.S. Green Building Council-Tennessee AIA Middle Tennessee Committee on the Environment, Lord Aeck Sargent, and the Nashville Living Future Collaborative. The third discussion of the series will be held in the fall semester and details will be announced at a later date. Read more [here](#).



Vanderbilt alumni pour their energy into solar power

After more than three decades in Tennessee state politics, Matt Kisber, BA'82, was ready for a change. In 2010 he and his colleague Reagan Farr kicked



around a number of ideas for an entrepreneurial venture. They eventually settled on a surprising contender: solar power.

Their thinking went that companies and utilities wanted solar but did not want the hassle of constructing and operating it themselves. If Kisber and Farr could handle those tasks, they thought they could tap into a market poised to explode.

Eight years later Silicon Ranch Corp., which employs several Vanderbilt alumni, develops, owns and operates solar energy plants across the U.S. It has built more than 2 million photovoltaic panels, producing 450 megawatts in 14 states—with another gigawatt of power in the pipeline. Read more [here](#).



Farm to Table: Peabody's Knapp Farm was an early experiment in sustainability

to eliminate these barriers. The event will be from 2-3pm at the Turnip Green Creative Reuse. More information [here](#).

Tour the Recycling Center – July 11

Have you ever wondered what happens to Vanderbilt's recycled materials once they go in the bin? Brought to you by Metro Nashville Public Works and Turnip Green Creative Reuse, the free tour is from 1-2pm at Waste Management – River Hills Recycling Center. More information [here](#).

Super Cool Fun Fest – July 14

Super Cool Fun Fest is a festival that will feature live music, games, food, and dancing. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit Greenways for Nashville. The event will take place at Cumberland Park from 4-10pm. More information [here](#).

Facilities VandyWalks Tour – July 17

This VandyWalks tour hosted by Chelsea Hamilton and Paul Marshall in Facilities will feature some of the University's sustainable buildings and outdoor



When George Peabody College for Teachers first moved to its current location in 1914, across from Vanderbilt, no one talked about

sustainability. Yet the idea became a centerpiece of the school's missions to educate farmers, as well as to train the teachers who would educate the children of farmers. As a result, Peabody became the only teachers college in the United States to open a demonstration farm.

Today, perhaps what is old is new again. Two vegetable gardens are on-campus, located near Dudley Avenue. One is maintained as an ethnobotanical garden by the Center for Latin America Studies, and the other is run by Vanderbilt Food Justice, a student group that advocates for ethical food systems and sustainable growing methods. Maybe someday we'll even see fruit trees near the Wyatt Center once more. Read more [here](#).



features. Participants will tour spaces including the Rand Hall green roof, LEED-certified Warren/Moore Colleges and Alumni Hall. The tour group will meet at Rand terrace and the tour will be from 12-12:45pm. More information [here](#).

Walk Bike Nashville 20th Anniversary Party – July 20

Walk Bike Nashville is celebrating 20 years of success in seeking active transportation for Nashvillians. The party will have music, drinks, and snacks. The event will take place at the 222 2nd Avenue South Building from 7-10pm. 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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