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SustainVU

Growing Responsibly

August 2018

Can you believe summer break is almost over? We can't wait to meet the class of 2022! Make sure to lookout for the Cardboard Recycling Crew during move-in and check out our earth friendly move-in tips below if you are joining us back on campus for the fall semester! SEMO will be hiring student interns for the Fall, so please let us know if you are interested. We would also love to meet anyone that stops by the University Resources and Services Fair in the Commons Center on August 18 from 5:30-7:30pm. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Stay cool and have a sustainable August. Welcome back everyone!

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Splash the Trash – August 4

Enjoy the Little Harpeth river while volunteering to spruce up the surrounding aquatic habitat and recreational amenities. This event runs from 10am-1pm. More information [here](#).

Live on the Green – August 9, 16, 23

Live on the Green is committed to being Nashville's most environmentally-friendly music festival. The festival has many sustainable features



SCUP Tour Showcases FutureVU Plans and Progress



The Division of Administration hosted over 50 architects, designers, and higher-education leaders from the Society for College and University Planning

(SCUP) on July 16th to showcase Vanderbilt’s FutureVU vision and progress across campus.

“Inviting these industry leaders on campus to see, touch and learn about the innovative work being done at Vanderbilt is an honor,” said [Mike Perez](#), associate vice chancellor and chief facilities officer. “Our holistic approach to campus planning is unique and we are constantly learning from our own community but also from our peers in the industry.”

The transformative projects seen on the tour are the implementation and results of the FutureVU visions and [guiding principles](#) for campus planning, driven by the [Academic Strategic Plan](#) and [mission](#) of the university. Read more [here](#).



Earth Friendly Move-In

Whether you’re a first-year or returning Commodore, we are excited to have you back on campus soon! While moving into your room or your office, please try to minimize waste and recycle.



The [VU Cardboard Crew](#) will assist first-year students at the Commons with recycling their cardboard, Styrofoam, and plastic film wrapping. SustainVU will also host a booth at the University Resources & Service Fair in the Commons Center from 5:30pm-7:30pm, so please come and say hi!

including the use of ENERGY-STAR compliant sound equipment, recyclable beverage containers than can be recycled at any of the various receptacles throughout the park, and provide a free bike valet for cyclists. More information [here](#).

PARK(ing) Day Workshop – August 14

Join the Nashville Civic Design Center at Concept Technology Inc. to start the design process for PARK(ing) Day. The workshop will have stations for brainstorming, sketching, and talking about ideas for your parklet. The event will be from 5:30-7:30pm. More information [here](#).

University Resources & Services Fair – August 18

Join SEMO and many other campus groups at the University Resources & Services fair during Commons move-in day from 5:30-7:30pm in the Commons Center multipurpose room. More information [here](#).

World Honey Bee Day Open House at

For areas outside the Commons, please use the existing recycling containers nearest you and either place boxes in cardboard recycling containers or flatten and place between recycling container and a wall.

We recycle on campus ([Map](#)):

- Plastic & Aluminum: All clean plastic containers, beverage and food cans, and aluminum foil. NO PLASTIC BAGS, please!
- Mixed Paper: Phone books, magazines, fliers, newspapers, paper board, cereal boxes, junk mail, old papers.
- Cardboard: Remove all packaging and flatten.
- Glass: All glass bottles and jars. Glass recycling is located at the Commons Center, Crawford House, Lewis House, Carmichael Towers East & West, McTyeire, Warren & Moore College Halls.

Consider posting our Sustainability Move-In flyer in your area, available [here](#). Read more [here](#).



Urban Green Lab, VU, & Partners Launch Statewide Curriculum to Inspire Sustainable Living, Prevent Waste in Cities



Urban Green Lab, in partnership with Vanderbilt, Metro Nashville Public Schools, and the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation,

trained 30 Metro teachers as a part of a first-ever statewide curriculum aimed at training teachers how to integrate sustainable living education into their classrooms.

The curriculum, entitled “Sustainable Classrooms,” prepares instructors of 6th grade science and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, & Mathematics) how to teach students what they can do in their own homes and future workplaces to prevent waste and protect the Earth. Each of

Harpeth Hills Golf Course – August 18

August 18th is World Honey Bee Day! Celebrate bees at Harpeth Hills Club House by observing them in their hive and learning about the roles they play in our environment. The open house will be from 9:30-11am. More information [here](#).

Urban Runoff 5K – August 18

Nashville Metro Water Services, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, and the Tennessee Stormwater Association are hosting this year’s Urban Runoff 5k run in Shelby Park from 7:30-10:30am. The race tours the innovative green stormwater management practices in Nashville. Registration and more information [here](#).

WASTECON Solid Waste Conference – August 20-23

WASTECON 2018 will provide opportunities to see what’s new in collection, processing, marketing and management of compost, recyclables, and solid waste. Join

Sustainable Classroom's seven lessons links to a take-home waste investigation where students calculate the use and waste of resources in their own households. Investigations engage family members in the learning process too and list local services families can connect with to live more sustainably. Read more [here](#).



Vanderbilt engineers' smart grid platform joins new Linux Foundation energy project

Vanderbilt University is the first academic partner to join a new effort by [The Linux Foundation](#) to advance open source innovation in the energy and electricity sectors, contributing both deep expertise and a platform for smart grid applications.



The initiative, announced earlier this month, is focused on open-source software, and on collaboration to accelerate the transition to connected power system devices to modernize the grid. "This initiative will allow us to share our research results with the open source community and facilitate technology transition to industry," said Gabor Karsai said, associate director of the [Vanderbilt Institute for Software Integrated Systems](#). It also will showcase Vanderbilt's leadership in cyber-physical systems and the Internet of Things on an international level, getting the School of Engineering and its researchers in on the ground floor of building a new global community of energy stakeholders. Read more [here](#).



Want to work for SustainVU?

A student intern position in the VU Sustainability and Environmental Management Office will be available during the Fall semester. The sustainability intern will assist SEMO in coordinating and promoting sustainability across campus. The sustainability intern will assist primarily with projects such as:

thousands of industry professionals from around the world for technical sessions, facility tours, exhibits and networking. The conference will be held at Gaylord Opryland. More information [here](#).

Energy and Sustainability Perspectives Summit – August 23-24

This two-day event brings together experts who excel in the energy and sustainability fields and breaks down barriers to provide deeper value on how you can develop your strategies to attain savings. Learn best practices from peers, tips from specialists, and insights on industry trends from leading analysts. More information [here](#).

Jason McLennan Lecture: The Power of Transformative goals – August 27

As a part of the FutureVU BlueSky Energy Vision Study, the Division of Administration is hosting guest speaker Jason McLennan, the creator of the Living Building Challenge and CEO of McLennan Design.

- designing outreach tools for VU's sustainability education
- providing research for special projects
- updating the online, public annual sustainability reporting dashboard
- assisting with special events

Interested students should email resume and a cover letter to sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu.



part of the consulting team for the BlueSky Energy Visions Study. The lecture will be held in Blair School of Music – Ingram Hall at 6:30pm. 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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