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November 2018

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 the November 17th football game vs. Ole Miss – 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. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Have a spooky and safe Halloween, a sustainable November, and a tasty Thanksgiving!

Andrea George, Director

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Green Fair – November 1

Celebrate the fifth annual Commons Unplugged environmental awareness with the Green Fair. The fair will feature sustainable organizations around Vanderbilt and Nashville and is open to the entire Vanderbilt community. The event will be held in the Commons Center Atrium from 11am-1pm. Learn more [here](#).



Vanderbilt ranked 21st among top 'green' colleges and universities



Vanderbilt University has been named one of the most environmentally responsible colleges by The Princeton Review.

Vanderbilt is No. 21 among the "[Top 50 Green Colleges](#)" for 2018. Schools on the list share "superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education, and a healthy quality of life for students on campus," according to The Princeton Review. "Through [FutureVU](#), Vanderbilt is designing and preparing its campus at every level to support students, faculty and staff and to uphold the university's mission and values," Vice Chancellor for Administration Eric Kopstain said. "This ranking is a testament to these efforts and to Vanderbilt's steadfast commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship."

The Princeton Review awarded Vanderbilt a 98/99 Green Rating based on institutional data gathered from university administrators. Learn more about the [Green Rating methodology](#). Read more [here](#).



Vanderbilt wins PARK(ing) Day awards from Nashville Civic Design Center

Vanderbilt University was recognized by the Nashville Civic Design Center for its participation in PARK(ing) Day 2018.



The university won the "Best Use of Space" award

Getting Around Nashville – November 1

VSG and SPEAR present Getting Around Nashville to discuss how public transportation combats limited parking and saves money. Get more information on how to utilize Metro Transit Authority (MTA) resources around campus. The event will be in Commons Center 335 from 4:30-5:30pm. Learn more [here](#).

Fall Transit Mixer – November 5

Are you done bemoaning Nashville's failed transit referendum? Then join Transit Now Nashville (TNN) at Nashville Urban Winery in East Nashville for the Fall Transit Mixer and discuss the next steps for the future of Nashville's vibrant transit system. The event will be held at Nashville Urban Winery from 5:30 -7:30pm. Learn more [here](#).

FutureVU Mobility Expo – November 6

Come out to FutureVU's Mobility Expo to learn more about Vanderbilt University's mobility and

and “Golden Phone” award for the most text-in votes by visitors.

“I am so proud of this team,” said [Eric Kopstain](#), vice chancellor for administration. “Their creativity and hard work paid off and really showcased what Vanderbilt is capable of. I can’t wait to see what they come up with next year.” Hosted by the [Division of Administration](#) and supported by the Nashville Civic Design Center, Vanderbilt’s contribution to PARK(ing) Day featured 18 parking spaces located at the corner of Broadway and 20th Avenue that were transformed into a temporary park highlighting sustainable features and materials for the community to enjoy. Read more [here](#).



Hafkenschiel to lead new university transportation office



Erin Hafkenschiel has been appointed executive director of mobility in the [Division of Administration](#) effective Oct. 1.

Reporting to [Vice Chancellor for Administration Eric Kopstain](#),

Hafkenschiel will lead and oversee FutureVU mobility and transportation efforts at Vanderbilt.

In her new position, Hafkenschiel will provide strategic leadership in mobility planning and policy development while developing a comprehensive transportation demand management plan for the university. Read more [here](#).



Learn about mobility strategy, give input at FutureVU Mobility Expo Nov. 6

transportation progress and plans. There will be food, prizes and giveaways! The event will be hosted from 2-5:30pm at the Wond’ry. Learn more in the stories section.

Middle Tennessee: The Future of Mobility in a Changing Region – November 6

Michael Skipper, executive director of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, will deliver a lecture sponsored by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering titled “Middle Tennessee: The Future of Mobility in a Changing Region.” The talk will take place in Featheringill Hall room 134 from 3:10-4pm. Learn more [here](#).

Life Phase Series: Greening Your Home and Personal Life – November 8

Chelsea Hamilton, Sustainability Outreach Coordinator for the Vanderbilt Sustainability and Environmental Management Office, will be presenting about making your life more sustainable. Come out to hear about simple lifestyle and food switches you can make

Students, faculty, staff, and members of the Vanderbilt community will have an opportunity to explore

Vanderbilt's mobility and transportation progress and plans at the [FutureVU](#) Mobility Expo on Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Wond'ry.



All in the Vanderbilt community are invited to attend and learn more about MoveVU, the university's new mobility strategy in development, as well as provide input on concepts for future improvements.

Vanderbilt Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos and Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer will kick off the expo with remarks scheduled for 2 p.m.

Other things to do at the FutureVU Mobility Expo include:

- Check out one of the new Nashville WeGo buses
- Attend a bike and scooter safe-riding course sponsored by Vanderbilt University Public Safety
- Learn more about FutureVU and current building projects on campus
- Learn about sustainability and how it relates to mobility
- View displays about transportation research being conducted by Vanderbilt faculty
- Enjoy free food, prizes and giveaways

The Mobility Expo is hosted by the Division of Administration. To learn more about Vanderbilt's land use planning initiative, visit [FutureVU](#). Read more [here](#).



Slay Energy Vampires this Halloween

to green your life! The presentation will take place in Medical Center North C-2209 from 12-1pm. Learn more [here](#).

Nashville Civic Design Center Annual Luncheon – November 8

Nashville Civic Design Center will be hosting its 15th Annual Luncheon featuring Mike Lydon as the keynote speaker. Learn about livable cities and have a chance to network with hundreds of design professionals, business leaders, department heads and more. The event will be at Music City Center, Karl F. Dean Grand Ballroom, from 11am-1pm. Learn more [here](#).

Bicycle Maintenance Open House – November 15

Come out to Walk Bike Nashville's Bicycle Maintenance Open House to learn basics in bicycle maintenance from knowledgeable instructors. Topics will include fixing flat tires, chain maintenance, adjusting breaks, adjusting derailleur and more. The event will take place at 943 Woodland St from 5-7pm. Learn more [here](#).

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 more energy!



Energy vampires are electronic devices that slowly suck energy when they are turned off but still plugged in. They provide no useful function in this state but still waste energy and money. Individually, each device uses only small amounts of electricity, but added together, these devices are often responsible for 10% of an average home's energy bill. These small 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. Read more [here](#).



Green Poetry Reading – November 30

Vanderbilt Creative Writing and the Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies invites all to a Green Poetry reading. Vanderbilt students will read original poems thematically related to the environment, eco-consciousness, sustainability, and the role of humans in the natural setting. The event will be held in Buttrick 101 from 6:30-8:30pm. Learn more [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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