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# SustainVU

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January 2019

Happy New Year from the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office! We hope everyone had a sustainable holiday season. Applications for the [Vanderbilt Green Fund](#) are due this month, and we can't wait to hear what ideas you have to make Vanderbilt more sustainable! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. We hope you have a green start to the New Year!

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## **Sustainable Tennessee Policy & Practice Forum – January 16**

The Tennessee Environmental Council's first Policy and Practice Forum of 2019 will offer expert insights and time for collaborative work. If you are interested in shaping a more environmentally sustainable future for Tennessee, you are invited! Forum will take place at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center from 10:30am-3:30pm.

## Vanderbilt Green Fund Applications due January 21

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# Green Fund



The Vanderbilt Green Fund application for 2019 projects is now open until January 21st. The Vanderbilt Green Fund, established in 2011 by members of

SPEAR and VSG, is a fund set aside for sustainability projects proposed by students or faculty. This student-run process awards \$150,000 to innovative and educational ideas that make Vanderbilt more environmentally friendly. The Green Fund enables students, faculty, and administration to directly engage in the process of transitioning to a clean and sustainable energy future. Any student, faculty, or group associated with Vanderbilt University can propose a project for consideration.

The Green Fund application is available on the Anchorlink [page](#) for Vanderbilt Student Government under forms. More information about proposal requirements is available [here](#).



## Cumberland Region Tomorrow features Vanderbilt in Newsletter

Vanderbilt was featured in Cumberland Region



Tomorrow's recent newsletter. See some of the sustainable efforts they highlighted below:

- FutureVU: [The plan](#) aims to preserve the historic campus and its unique and distinctive park setting while reinforcing and enhancing its walkability and sustainability.
- MoveVU: the university's comprehensive mobility strategy is an investment to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on-campus, a

Registration and more information [here](#).

## VU National Climate Assessment Lecture – January 17-18

Dave Reidmiller, the Director for the 4th National Climate Assessment for the USGS, and Joe Casola, Deputy Director of the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, will provide lectures and discussions on the National Climate Assessment. This event is co-sponsored by the VU Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies. More information [here](#).

## MLK Day Recycling Cart Scan Event – January 21

Help the Tennessee Environmental Council conduct a Recycling Cart Scan which will consist of volunteers spot-checking the surface contents of recycling and trash carts/bins of residences who are willing to participate. Registration and more information [here](#).

## Organic Gardening Workshop – January 25

commitment to identify new ways to travel to and around Vanderbilt.

- **Connectivity:** Weaving a web of connectivity between the campus neighborhoods and the fabric of Nashville is central to the FutureVU vision.
- **Residential Colleges:** “Residential colleges have been a mainstay at some universities, like Oxford and Cambridge, for centuries,” Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos said. “In a time when long-distance learning and online courses make getting a degree quicker and easier, Vanderbilt is choosing to invest deeply and broadly in an intensive, in-person experience.”
- **Top Green College:** Named 21<sup>st</sup> on the “Top 50 Green Colleges” by the Princeton Review in 2018, Vanderbilt and the other schools on list share “superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education, and a healthy quality of life for students on campus.”



## Metro Nashville Holiday Tree-cycling Available Again this Year



No matter where you live in Davidson County, recycling your holiday tree is easy. Last year, Nashvillians dropped off over 17,000 trees for recycling through Metro Nashville’s Holiday Tree Recycling Drop-off Program! This year, Metro Public Works has teamed up with Metro Parks and

Recreation as well as Metro contractor, Living Earth, to offer Davidson County residents an environmentally friendly and convenient way to dispose of their Holiday Trees again this year.

The Holiday Tree Recycling Drop-off program will run from December 26, 2018 to February 16, 2019 at the following locations:

- Cane Ridge Park

It’s time to order seeds and start planning your spring and summer garden. Learn the basics of planning your own garden, beginning with compost and soil, seed selection and propagation and much more. Workshop will be held at the Warner Park Nature Center from 10-11am. More information [here](#).

### **International Environmental Law and the World’s Oceans – January 30**

Sponsored by the Energy and Environmental Law Society, International Law Society, and VU Energy, Environment, and Land Use Program, this event will feature Xiao Recio-Blanco, Director of the Ocean Program at the Environmental Law Institute. Lunch and lecture will be in the VU Law School Renaissance Room at 12pm. More information [here](#).

### **Making Nashville Living Building Ready: Materials and Community – January 31**

Making Nashville Living Building Ready is a

- Una Recreation Center
- Whitfield Park
- Cedar Hill Park
- Two Rivers Park
- Joelton Community Center
- Sevier Park, Richland Park
- Elmington Park
- Edwin Warner Park
- Frederick Douglas Park
- Both of Living Earth's locations at 1511 Elm Hill Pike and 6401 Centennial Blvd.

Public Works will take the trees to Living Earth to be chipped and composted into mulch. Recycling trees into mulch, rather than putting them in the trash, keeps them out of landfills and helps save Metro the cost of disposal fees. Read more [here](#).



multipart discussion series here at VU examining the Living Building Challenge. This session of the series will focus on the Materials petal and community impacts. The discussion will be held in the Jacobs Believed in Me Auditorium in Featheringill Hall from 5:30-7pm. More information [here](#).

**Transit Citizen Leadership Academy – February**

The Transit Citizen Leadership Academy is designed to equip private- and public-sector leaders across the 10 counties of Middle Tennessee with tools to lead conversations about the value of multimodal transit across the region and about the emerging mass transit options that can address our mobility needs. The next class of the Academy begins in February. Application and more information [here](#).

For more information on any of these stories, events and more, visit the SustainVU website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu) or contact the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office at [sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu) or (615) 322-2057.

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