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Full Moon Hike – June 2

Get your nature fix by taking a moonlight stroll at Edwin Warner Park on the brightest evening of the month, starting at 7:30pm. The Full Moon Hike is a family friendly hike on a paved path that lasts approximately 2 hours. Don't forget to bring comfortable shoes, water, and friends! More details [here](#).

Engage Green: Summer Home Energy Efficiency Tour – June 3

[Team Green Adventures](#) and [Urban Green Lab](#) want to show you how to keep cool and energy efficient this summer! [Go Green Home Services](#) will lead this month's workshop on June 3 at 6:00pm at 1114 Joseph Avenue, teaching you how to lower

Summer is here and the days are getting much warmer, so keep an eye out for Air Quality Alert days which we let you know how to sign up for below. Summer also means the return of the Vanderbilt Farmers' Market on June 4th and other farmers' markets around the city, so go out and get your veggie fix! The Vanderbilt power plant looks dramatically different these days without the iconic brick exhaust stack since the [demolition](#) was complete in mid-May. We also have cute animal [pictures](#) for you to enjoy from our strawberry donation to the Nashville Zoo and Walden's Puddle! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Have a sustainable June and wonderful start to your summer!

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Commencement Strawberries donated to Nashville Zoo and Walden's Puddle

your energy bill this summer and highlighting the benefits of doing so for your health, your wallet, and the planet. RSVP and more details [here](#).

World Environment Day – June 5

World Environment Day ([WED](#)), observed Saturday, June 5, is the United Nations’ principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. It serves as the ‘people’s day’ for doing something positive for the environment. Individual actions are transformed into a collective power that generates an exponential positive impact on the planet. This year’s World Environment Day slogan is “Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care,” and focuses on sustainable consumption and production. People around the world are celebrating WED by actively doing something positive for the environment. What can you do? Get inspired [here](#).

National Trails Day – June 6

National Trails Day is an opportunity to celebrate all of the great trails across America, and there are many locally hosted events to enjoy this vast National Trails System. There will be free hikes at the [Owl Hill Nature Sanctuary](#), a flora and fauna hike at the [Beaman Park State Natural Area](#), and a trail maintenance event at [Barfield Crescent Park](#). Many of the activities are free and family friendly!

Animals at the [Nashville Zoo](#) and [Walden’s Puddle](#) recently enjoyed a sweet treat, thanks to [Vanderbilt’s](#)



[Office of the Chancellor](#) and [Commencement Office](#).

The university donated strawberries left over from the Strawberries and Champagne celebration at Commencement to the two Nashville organizations again this year. Since fresh produce cannot be re-served or re-packaged, the donation prevented the uneaten food from being sent to a landfill. Staff from Vanderbilt’s [Sustainability and Environmental Management Office](#) organized the donation and delivery after Commencement events concluded on May 8.

More photos of the animals enjoying their strawberries can be seen [here](#). Read the full story [here](#).

Vanderbilt power plant exhaust stack demolition is complete!



The Vanderbilt power plant has a dramatic new look. Demolition of the brick exhaust stack, which once stretched more than 200 feet tall, is now complete.

The plant’s [conversion](#) from using both coal and natural gas to exclusively natural gas has been underway since fall 2013 and included the removal of infrastructure that supported the plant’s prior use of coal. The conversion included demolishing two of the most visible portions of the plant: the brick exhaust stack and the concrete coal silo.

Demolition of the stack began April 10 and was completed the second week of May, taking just over a month. To view a video of the demolition process, click [here](#).

Check out the many trail-related events near Nashville [here](#).

World Oceans Day – June 8

This year's World Oceans Day theme is "Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet" and encourages participants to focus on protecting the ocean, especially in relation to the health of communities and places nearby. The [Tennessee Aquarium](#) in Chattanooga is holding a [Fishackathon](#), an annual event that brings together coders to create technology to help fishers work smarter and safer in sustainable fishing.

City Cycling Class – June 11

[Walk/Bike Nashville](#) is offering a free class June 11 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Cleveland Community Center for adults who want to learn how to navigate Nashville's roads on a bike with confidence. The class will cover scanning and signaling, crash avoidance, and bike maneuvering skills. Registration is required, and participants must bring their own equipment. More details [here](#).

What is a Food Co-op – June 14

Do you want to learn more about Food Co-ops? [Nashville Food Co-op's](#) Ellery Richardson and Chris Babcock will speak about their ongoing process of bringing a food co-op to Nashville as part of the Jackalope Brewery's [Live Sustainably Series](#). Join the meeting at Jackalope Brewing



Vanderbilt Farmers' Market returning to campus June 4

The Vanderbilt Farmers' Market returns to campus Thursday, June 4, and will be held every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. through Oct. 29. The Vanderbilt Farmers' Market is relocating for this summer due to ongoing restoration work on the Medical Center Plaza.

The Farmers' Market will be held on the curved section of Medical Center Drive adjacent to Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, between Children's Way and Blakemore Avenue, steps away from the intersection of Blakemore Avenue and 21st Avenue South.

Read more [here](#).

Waste Management, Inc. wins TDEC Sustainable Transportation Award

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ([TDEC](#)), in conjunction with Clean Air Month, recognized the



outstanding efforts made by Tennessee governments, businesses, industries, public and private institutions of higher learning, and utilities to reduce transportation-related energy and emissions at their inaugural Sustainable Transportation Awards in May. Waste Management Inc. of Tennessee in Nashville was the recipient of one of the awards! [Waste Management, Inc.](#) is Vanderbilt's contracted partner for waste and recycling services.

In October 2013, Waste Management, Inc. began incorporating compressed natural gas collection vehicles to create a Green Fleet. The greenhouse gas savings from the 44 compressed natural gas collection vehicles in their fleet equated to removing

Company from 5:00-6:00pm for some casual conversation about what's to come in our local food system. More details [here](#).

Summer Solstice Adventure Mixer– June 19

It's the official beginning of summer! Walk, Bike, Drive or Paddle to Team Green's Summer Solstice Adventure Mixer at Nashville Shores! Enjoy the Summer Solstice with a private party near the Summer Night's Eve festival including a huge party on the beach, live music from Burning Las Vegas, food and drinks, paddle boat cruises, bonfires on Percy Priest Lake, and giveaways. More details [here](#).

Net Zero Building and Pervious Paving – June 22

Join the [Urban Green Lab](#) as representatives from [LightWave Solar](#), the [US Green Building Council](#), and the [Tennessee Concrete Association](#) present the innovation behind their net zero building and the various eco-friendly uses for concrete. The meeting will be held at the TN Concrete Association office from 5:30-7:00pm. RSVP and more details [here](#).

Urban Agriculture Series: Trevecca Urban Farm Tour – June 24

Take a tour of the [Trevecca Urban Farm](#)'s greenhouse, orchard, and gardens with Environmental Projects Coordinator and University Professor Jason Adkins on June 24 at 5:30pm. Jason and his students and interns have transformed the campus



170 passenger vehicles from the road. By the end of 2015, Waste Management's goal is to have 85 percent of its

collection vehicles powered by compressed natural gas, further reducing the fleet's carbon footprint and helping Vanderbilt transport its recycling with fewer emissions!

Read more about Waste Management, Inc.'s efforts and the other winners [here](#).

TDEC announces rebates for buyers, lessees of Electric Vehicles

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's ([TDEC](#)) Office of Energy Programs today announced it will offer a two-tiered rebate on qualifying electric vehicles that are purchased or leased and registered in the State of Tennessee.

Electric vehicle dealerships will be responsible for providing the rebate to consumers after such funds are received from the State. The State will rebate \$2,500 on zero-emission battery electric vehicles and \$1,500 on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles sold or leased (with a three-year minimum lease term) by a Tennessee dealership to Tennessee residents, after a claim is filed by the dealership.

The rebate program will go into effect for vehicle purchases or leases made after June 15, 2015.

Vanderbilt offers charging options for plug-in EVs in many locations across campus. See more information about Vanderbilt's charging stations and their locations [here](#).

For more information and to see which vehicles qualify, click [here](#).

Sign up for Air Quality Alerts

landscape into a dynamic, diverse urban farm. More details [here](#).

Great American Backyard Campout – All of June

The [National Wildlife Federation's Great American Campout](#) is a summer-long celebration of camping as a way to connect with nature and wildlife. This year, National Wildlife Federation supporters have agreed to donate \$1 for every person who participates in the Great American Campout! [Take the pledge](#) to camp out this summer and find out more details [here](#).



Summer is right around the corner and that means it is air alert season! The best way to stay informed is to [sign up](#) for air alerts.



An air alert, or “[Air Quality Action Day](#),” is issued when the Air Quality Index (AQI) gets into the unhealthy range. When the AQI is forecast to be Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, or Code Orange, groups that are sensitive to the pollutant should reduce exposure by reducing prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors. For ozone this includes: children and adults who are active outside, people with lung diseases such as asthma, and elderly. On air quality alert days, think about steps like carpooling, taking the bus, combining errands, and avoiding yard work that uses gas-powered tools to lessen your impact!

Read more about air quality alerts and how you can made a difference [here](#).

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