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## Farm to Families Volunteer Day – August 1

Help combat adult and childhood hunger with [Team Green Adventures](#) and [Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee](#) by volunteering at their Farm to Families event on August 1. Volunteers will help care for and harvest a variety of locally-grown crops at [FarmOne](#) to help close the farm-to-table loop in an effort to create a more food-secure environment for all! Learn more and sign up [here](#).

## National Farmers' Market Week – August 2-8

The [Nashville Farmers' Market](#) is holding events all week in honor of National Farmers' Market week, including free reusable bag and recipe giveaways at the Vanderbilt Farmer's

With move-in right around the corner, we can't wait to meet the class of 2019! We will be working alongside many upperclass students welcoming first years on campus as part of the Move-In Cardboard Recycling Crew and would also love to meet anyone that stops by the University Resources and Services Fair in the Wyatt Center on August 22 from 1-3pm. If you are a student, make sure to check out our [earth-friendly move in tips](#). We are also excited to be a sponsor of the [Urban Runoff 5K](#) on August 29 . Registration is now open for anyone interested! The beginning of the fall semester also brings us to football season. The Commodores have their first home game on September 3, so be sure to anchor down and recycle at all home games! Go 'Dores! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Stay cool and have a sustainable August. Welcome back students!

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Market on August 6th. Celebrate local produce and goods by visiting your nearby farmers market and exploring what each has to offer! Learn more about specific events [here](#).

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### **Engage Green: Sustainable Brewing – August 5**

Learn the basics of brewing and the environmental impact of beer making with [Team Green](#) and [Urban Green Lab](#) at the [Little Harpeth Brewery](#). These brewers have a passion for brewing sustainably, and will show attendees “just what it takes to get that brew to you.” Learn more [here](#) and RSVP [here](#).

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### **Vanderbilt Farmers’ Market – August 6, 13, 20, 27**

The Vanderbilt Farmers’ Market will be held every Thursday from 3:00-6:00pm through October 29. The market is relocating for this summer to 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. More details [here](#).

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### **NES Energy Savers Workshop – August 15**

A smaller electric bill is only one workshop away! Join Nashville Electric Service ([NES](#)) for a free workshop at the Sumner county YMCA and learn easy, energy efficient improvements that anyone



### **Vanderbilt hosts campus sustainability tour for NACUBO members**

[SEMO](#), [Campus Planning](#)

[and Construction](#), and [Plant Operations](#) hosted about 100 members of the National Association of College and University Business Officers ([NACUBO](#)) on July 20 for an afternoon tour focused on the green and sustainable features of Vanderbilt’s campus. NACUBO members toured The Commons Center and Hank Ingram House at The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, the Vanderbilt Power Plant, Sarratt Student Center, Alumni Hall and Warren and Moore Colleges to learn about the structures’ green features as well as overall sustainability efforts on campus. NACUBO represents more than 2,500 colleges, universities and higher education service providers across the country and worldwide and held their annual conference here in Nashville the week of July 20. Read more [here](#).

### **Welcome back students! Don’t forget these earth friendly move-in tips**

Whether you’re a first-year Commodore or are returning for your senior year, consider making it an [earth friendly move-in](#)! Try packing your belongings in reusable



totes to minimize waste during move-in. If you have cardboard boxes, remember to break them down and toss them into [cardboard recycling](#) dumpsters located near your dorm. The VU Cardboard Crew will assist first-year students with recycling their cardboard boxes at the Commons. For more information about recycling at Vanderbilt, visit the [SustainVU website](#). Welcome back to Vandy!

### **Vanderbilt now a sponsor of a B-cycle station near campus**

Vanderbilt University is now a sponsor of the [Nashville B-Cycle](#) station located near the intersection of 21st Avenue South and

can do at home. You'll receive a free energy-saving tool kit to help you get started. Learn more [here](#).

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## Live on the Green – August 20, 27

Live on the Green returns with yet another great line-up this year! This free, family-friendly festival spans from mid-August to mid-September and features performers all over the country. Consider taking alternative transportation—[Walk/Bike Nashville](#) is providing free, secure valet bicycle parking, and [B-cycle](#) is providing bike rentals for only \$5.00 for the day. As always, the [MTA bus](#) is also a great option to get downtown. However you get there, Live on the Green is a great, unique way to enjoy local arts and food downtown.

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## Earth Friendly Move-In – August 22

Whether you're a first-year or returning Commodore, we are excited to have you back on campus! While moving in, 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. For more information, visit the [SustainVU website](#). SustainVU will also host a booth at the University Resources & Service Fair in Wyatt Center Atrium from 1pm-3pm. Welcome back to Vandy!

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## Radnor Lake Volunteer Day – August 22



Wedgewood and Blakemore avenues in Hillsboro Village, adjacent to campus.

Nashville B-cycle is a bike share program

that allows riders to rent bicycles using an automated kiosk at one station and return them at another. Read more [here](#).

## TN-SCORE program boosts state's energy research capacity

During its annual conference on July 18th and 19th, the [TN-SCORE](#) (Tennessee



Solar Conversion and Storage using Outreach, Research, and Education) project showcased its accomplishments since its inception in 2010, including 239 new research publications, an additional 19.7 million in new research funding, and two new start-up companies. This program has helped strengthen the research capacity at Vanderbilt through more collaboration between researchers and additional high-tech equipment and resources. To learn more about the five-year, \$20 million dollar program and its positive impact on our campus, click [here](#).

## Urban Green Lab's Mobile Sustainability Lab

[Urban Green Lab](#) has launched a crowdfunding campaign to bring sustainability education to Nashville's schools. They plan to bring environmental education to local middle and high schools through an interactive, sustainability mobile lab. The lab will reach almost 2,000 students in its first year alone, with a mission to inspire the next generation of sustainability leaders. Help the Urban Green Lab by checking out their campaign video, contributing, or helping spread the word about their innovative project [here](#).

## Community input needed for future Nashville MTA plan

Volunteer with [Hands on Nashville](#) at the [Radnor Lake State Natural Area](#) on August 22. Help rebuild the area by mulching trails, removing invasive plants, and cleaning the park/stream—tiring but very rewarding work. They will provide water, gloves, and bug spray, so come out to the lake, rain or shine. More details [here](#).

## National Honey Bee Day – August 22

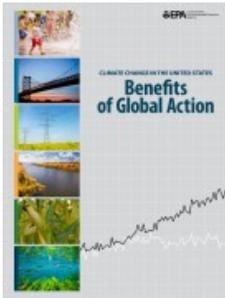
This year's National Honey Bee Day slogan is "Ban Ignorance, not Honey Bees" and focuses on the importance of awareness and education regarding the role of bees in our ecosystems. Stop by the [Shelby Bottoms Nature Center](#) on August 22 from 1pm-3pm to see their beehives and sample local honey. Learn more about the event [here](#) and more about National Honey Bee Day [here](#).

## Sustainable Tennessee Policy and Practice Meeting – August 26

Join the [Tennessee Environmental Council](#) for their annual policy and practice meeting on August 26 at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center and connect with local sustainability leaders in shaping the Sustainable Tennessee agenda. More details [here](#).

## Nashville Urban Runoff 5K – August 29

Join [Nashville Metro Water Services](#), the [Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation](#), [Tennessee Stormwater](#)



[Nashville MTA](#) has launched its first phase of [nMotion](#), a year-long strategic

planning process. So far, more than 2,000 people from about 100 zip codes throughout Middle Tennessee have given feedback through the first nMotion Survey. The results show convenience, dependability, frequency, and safety as the top for values needed for a transit system. A second phase survey has been created and all Nashville residents are encouraged to take it. Read more [here](#).

## New EPA report estimates physical and monetary effects of climate change

A new Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)) report, *Climate Change in the United States: Benefits of Global Action*, estimates the physical and monetary benefits to the U.S. of reducing global greenhouse gas emissions. The report shows that global action on climate change will significantly benefit Americans by saving lives and avoiding costly damages across the U.S. economy. Read the report and see key findings [here](#).

## Metro Water Services 2015 Consumer Confidence Report available

If you are one of 190,700 water accounts of the Metro Nashville Water Services Department ([MWS](#)), you can rest assured that your water met or exceeded all of the EPA, national, and statewide health standards for 2014. The [2015 Consumer Confidence](#)



[Report](#) on water quality is now available for Nashville citizens interested in where our water comes from, what is in it, and how safe it is. For the full report, click [here](#).

## Follow us on our new social media accounts!

We have added more accounts to our social media arsenal! Here are more ways you can connect with us online:

Association and SustainVU, for “A green gallop through downtown Nashville.” The run begins at Centennial Park and takes the runner around many cool and innovative green stormwater management practices around town. The Urban Runoff 5K will lead into a post-race festival that celebrates clean water and green infrastructure. More details [here](#).

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