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### **Vanderbilt Farmers' Market – Thursdays through October 28**

Mark your calendars! Pick up some fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat, and cheese on your way home from work at the weekly Vanderbilt Farmers' Market each Thursday from 3-6 pm on the Medical Center Plaza.

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### **Centennial Park Re-Design Public Input Meeting – July 14**

Join the Centennial Park Committee for the final public input meeting regarding the revitalization of Centennial Park from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Wednesday, July 14 at the Centennial Park Events Pavilion. The design team will present their concepts based on the discussions from the first two meetings. This is the

Hopefully the summer heat hasn't gotten you too beat! With warm temperatures expected to continue throughout the summer, please remember to use electricity wisely, at home and at work. Consider increasing your thermostat a few degrees, turning off unnecessary lighting and equipment, and keeping blinds closed during the day. You'll not only save money, but you will also reduce peak energy demands! According to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), summer energy use is usually highest between 2 and 8 pm, during the warmest part of the day and when people arrive home from work. For more ideas about how to conserve electricity, please visit the [ThinkOne energy conservation website](#). As always, additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#). As a reminder, please become a fan of our new [SustainVU Facebook page](#) and get up-to-the-minute sustainability news and join our discussions. Have a sustainable July!

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last meeting prior to the finalization of the master plan. [Read more...](#)

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### **USGBC Middle TN Chapter Membership & Regional Council Mixer – July 16**

Come network with fellow USGBC Middle TN Chapter members, regional representatives, and national leadership at the Nashville Sounds game at 5:30 pm on Friday, July 16. The event costs \$25 for chapter members and \$35 for non-members. Price includes game ticket and picnic. [Read more...](#)

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### **Whole Foods Market Local Vendors Day – July 17**

Stop by the Whole Foods Market in Franklin to check out some great local products. Meet the folks behind Las Paletas, Bongo Java, and many more. Loads of samples will be available throughout the store. [Read more...](#)

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### **Green Building Basics and LEED Workshop – July 22**

Join the USGBC on Thursday, July 22 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm for an introduction to green building principles and the LEED rating system. Topics such as climate change and building impacts, motivators for green buildings, and approaches and benefits to building design, construction and operations. The course costs \$175 for chapter members and \$210 for non-members. [Read more...](#)

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### **Green Ribbon Committee**



## **Toner and battery recycling offered at main campus and Vanderbilt Valet locations**

Vanderbilt Valet, Guy Brown, Vanderbilt Procurement and Disbursement Services and the VU Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) are pleased to announce the availability of recycling for toner cartridges and cell phones at Vanderbilt University. Drop-off locations have been established at the following locations:



Commons Center and Sarratt Student Center main desks;  
Kennedy Center (ride the elevator to the bottom floor);  
Baker Building basement; and  
Vanderbilt Valet locations in VUMC

Guy Brown will donate equal portions of the proceeds from recycling these items to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital and the Susan Gray School. Simply take your copier, fax, laser, and ink jet toner cartridges or bottles and your old cell phones and PDAs, regardless of brand or where they were purchased, to the recycling location nearest you! Vanderbilt-issued smart phones and PDAs should be wiped of all information prior to recycling.

SEMO has also placed small battery recycling containers at several centrally located areas for used batteries generated from work-related activities. Acceptable batteries include normal alkaline batteries, such as AA, AAA, C, D, etc., as well as rechargeable batteries, such as nickel-cadmium, lithium ion, and nickel-metal hydride batteries, from cell phones, PDAs, and portable equipment. When recycling a rechargeable battery, please place tape over the metal contacts to prevent metal-on-metal contact. Locations include:

Commons Center and Sarratt Student Center main desks;  
Heard, Stevenson, and Owen Libraries entrances;  
Outdoor Recreation Center main desk;  
Bryan Building and Peabody Maintenance Building lobbies;  
All student Reeve desk locations (for residential students only); and  
Vanderbilt Valet locations in VUMC

[Read the entire MyVU article.](#)

## **Green vacation accommodations at**

## Update – July 23

Hear the latest news and accomplishments from the Nashville Mayor's Green Ribbon Committee on Friday, July 23 at the Adventure Science Center from 11:30 am – 1 pm. The event costs \$20 for USGBC chapter members and \$30 for non-members. Price includes lunch. [Read more...](#)

## Long Hunter State Park Volunteer Clean-Up Day – July 31

Spend some time cleaning up the Volunteer Trail at Long Hunter State Park on Saturday, July 31 at 9 am. Don't forget to bring water and some snacks to munch on during breaks. Participants should meet at the Volunteer Trail trailhead. [Read more...](#)

## Nashville Eco-Challenge Kick-Off – August 1

Take the Nashville Eco-Challenge on Sunday, August 1 from 1 – 4 pm at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. This free event will feature kid's activities, a farmers' market, household hazardous waste collection, informational booths, and a screening of *Kilowatt Ours*. Participants will pledge to complete a personal checklist of six ways to reduce their ecological footprint and conserve resources. [Read more...](#)



## Tennessee state parks



Several new environmentally-sustainable vacation homes have recently been built at David Crockett and Montgomery Bell State Parks. The completed villas and cabins exhibit sustainable design features,

including geothermal heating and cooling, reduced water landscaping, ENERGY STAR appliances, furniture with recycled-content, and recycling containers. The seven cabins located at David Crockett State Park received LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and the eight villas at Montgomery Bell State Park received Energy Right® certification from TVA. [Read more about these sustainable vacation getaways!](#)

## Community Food Advocates Field of Greens fund to benefit Middle Tennessee's sustainable farms

In partnership with Whole Foods Market, the Field of Greens fund has been established as a permanent program of Community Food Advocates. While initial funding will be used for flood relief and recovery efforts, the fund is intended to serve as a source of financial support for farmers' needs to rebuild, expand, and grow sustainable and organic farms in Middle Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, and Northern Alabama. [Read more about the Field of Greens fund and how you can contribute to their efforts!](#)



## New paper shredding vendor saves green



Vanderbilt Procurement and Disbursement Services recently changed confidential paper collecting and shredding vendors for VU to Cintas,

which has saved money as well as the environment. By condensing their 5-day routes in Nashville to 4-day routes and installing idle shutoff software on trucks, Cintas has simultaneously lowered costs and vehicle emissions. [Read the entire MyVU story.](#)



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