



A weekly selection of issues and activities relevant to local planning in Nashville and Davidson County

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“Omni-use” could help reclaim city centers

“It is no longer good enough,” says architect and planner Keith Ray, “to plopp housing on top of a retail strip, call it ‘mixed-use,’ and expect to intelligently improve the urban setting, or build real value.” He suggests that [“omni-use,”](#) a fusion of many applications, is the key to revitalizing urban cores.

The new ruins of Detroit, part 2: making a difference

[Adaptive-reuse](#) advocates are renovating and repurposing some of Detroit’s huge stock of abandoned and obsolete buildings.

“At \$5 a gallon, we’ll start telling stories again.”

Writer and radio host Garrison Keillor says we’ll start rediscovering our sense of [community](#)... as high fuel costs limit our fossil-fuel-powered travel.

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