



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

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“I’m not going to ride the bus until gas gets to...”

Six dollars and twelve cents a gallon, if you’re in Memphis - that’s according to a recent survey of 600 registered voters in Shelby County, who also said they wouldn’t start carpooling until gas hits \$4.75.

Even so, ninety percent of them said they support sustainability principles - and the county mayor’s [“Sustainable Shelby” task force](#) is up and running.

\$866 a month

That’s what one blue-collar worker in rural Missouri says he spends on gas - just for his daily commute.

He’s one example of why some economists are predicting that energy prices will cause an [“exodus from small towns.”](#)

A “pennant of eco-chic” in your backyard

Some communities won’t let you hang your laundry outdoors, so a clothesline advocate in Vermont is fighting for the [right to dry](#) - and, he says, to save energy and reduce carbon emissions.

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The Metropolitan Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to the Nashville region. Particular attention is given to sustainable development, smart growth, multi-modal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.