



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

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“How the Crash will Reshape America”

This [Atlantic Monthly article](#) says it's not so much about our fall... as about the rest of the world's rise.

Our most abandoned cities

Forbes.com says Las Vegas and Detroit [are the worst](#). Detroit's empty buildings seem [particularly sinister](#).

Racing with hybrid technology

The Formula 1 circuit features highly sophisticated and insanely expensive cars competing in exotic locations. This year, F1 rules require [greener engineering](#) with possible real-world applications.

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