



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

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Let the machine handle it

Back in the days of Powerglide, three on the tree, and 25-cent gas, cars with automatic transmissions almost always got worse mileage than those with manuals.

Now, that situation's been [pretty much reversed](#) - and new technology is increasing automatics' efficiency even further.

"Agropolis" in the city

Yet another [new model for urban farming](#) - and urban grocery stores.

How our cars insulate us from our lives

A [short essay](#) on how being part of a car-based culture affects our relationship with both people and places.

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