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The Green Connection



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AROUND CHARLESTON



Want to save money, go green and publicize your business?

Only **42 days** left to submit your baseline.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the GBC.

Join the GBC by Leap Day- February 29th- by submitting your baseline.

Just sign up to get your scorecard.

[Click here to sign up](#)

-Save the Date-

Green Committee Meeting

Developing the Green Plan's Progress Report

February 14th, 8am

John Wesley United Methodist Church Gymnasium
626 Savannah Highway (CARTA Route 30)

All are welcome!
Always at 8am

Share a ride to the
Charleston Green Committee Meetings.



The Charleston Green Committee Meetings are now in the Tridentrideshare.com events calendar.

Advertise Your Local Business For FREE Through the CARTA Contest!

There is a great new opportunity for local businesses to win free advertising on the CARTA bus system while also supporting the environmental benefits of the increased use of





Scorecard help is only a phone call away. Call Carolee at 724 3776 to set up a time that works for you.

Join these businesses
- in learning how to go green
- and saving money.
As of press time, the following are in the GBC for Year Two, having submitted their baseline scorecard.

1. **Auto Sound Specialist / Alternative Energy Systems**
2. **Sustainability Institute - 113 Calhoun**
3. **Hawthorn Suites**
4. **Sustainability Institute - GreenHouse**
5. **Southern Atlantic Solar**
6. **Meadors**
7. **Morris Financial Concepts Inc.**
8. **McKellar & Associates, Architects**
9. **DwellSmart**
10. **Charleston Water System**
11. **Blackbaud, Inc**
12. **A.C. Corcoran Elementary**
13. **Daniel Island Academy**
14. **Charles Ramberg Furnituremaker**
15. **City of Charleston 75 Calhoun**
16. **SCDHEC - EQC Region 7**
17. **Money with a Mission**
18. **Kiawah Island Community Association**
19. **Sustainable Energy Solutions**
20. **Natural Designs**

public transportation in our community! Until February 29th, CARTA will be having a "Get On the Bus" challenge encouraging employees of local businesses to use public transportation for their commutes. The business that purchases the most bus passes and maintains the highest percent of employee participation and use of the CARTA bus system until February 29 will win free advertising on the CARTA buses. Take advantage of this business stimulating and environmentally friendly initiative!

"Climate Change and Public Health-Risks, Preparedness and Transformations"

1:15- 2:45 p.m. EDT
January 26, 2012
Register for the Free Webinar [Here!](#)

Tune in for an informative Webinar about the effects of climate change on public health on January 26th. It is always beneficial to be prepared and aware of any risks climate change might pose on people and their families. This Webinar will be led by many scientists and leaders in academia from across the globe. Click [here](#) for more information on the presenters and content of the Webinar.



AROUND CHARLESTON

Home Energy Efficiency Workshops

The Sustainability Institute
Thursday, January 19th, 6pm - The Charleston JCC
Tuesday, February 7th, 6pm - St. Julian Devine Community Center
Thursday, March 8th, 6pm - Historic Charleston Foundation

Learn low and no cost ways to reduce energy use and save \$\$ on your utility bills. We will also discuss incentives and



- Woodturning, LLC
21. Duvall
 22. Whitesides Elementary School
 23. Chastain Construction
 24. Holiday Inn Express and Suites
 25. Charleston Charter School of Math and Science
 26. Circular Congregational Church
 27. DHEC OCRM

Does your business provide a service that a Green Business Challenge would be interested in?

[Click here to see this year's resource list.](#)

Email greenintern@charleston-sc.gov to add your business to the resource list.

Green Tips

Don't underestimate your old coffee grounds.

Surprisingly, they can serve many purposes beyond a nice boost in your morning coffee! Keep them handy in the kitchen and you can use them later in the day to help scrub stubborn oil off pans or use them to deodorize your fridge. Then, if you want to give them a third life, toss them in the compost to create powerful fertilizer!



Repair before you replace when possible. This simple rule of thumb helps reduce waste, especially with electronics. When you do need to purchase a new electronic, keep an

rebates that are available to help you complete your energy efficiency improvements. Reserve your spot and qualify for a FREE ENERGY KIT while supplies last. [Click here](#) or 843-529-3421 to register to attend an upcoming workshop and to enter to win a free Energy Kit.

Charleston Farmers Market Applications

Applications are available on line at www.charlestonarts.org. Deadline for the receipt of application for artisans and food vendors is January 20 by 1 PM and January 25 at 5 PM for farmers/growers



CHARLESTON FARMERS MARKET

Produced and directed by the City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs

The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs is accepting applications from farmers/growers, artisans and food vendors for the 2012 Charleston Farmers Market which runs Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. from April 7 to Nov. 24 in Marion Square. The Holiday Farmers Market runs Saturdays and Sundays from Dec. 1 to 16. A separate application for the Holiday Farmers Market will be released at a later date.

SEWEE's 7th Annual Music and Oysters for Wildlife

2-6 p.m.

January 21, 2012

4853 Hwy. 17N in Awendaw

Contact: Karen Beshears (843) 884-7539

[Purchase Ticket Here!](#)

The Southeastern Wildlife and Environmental Education Association is selling tickets to their fun and tasty Oyster



eye out for refurbished or Energy Saver ones.



Try and avoid bleached paper products. If you still need to buy bleached paper products, keep an eye out for ones free of chlorine because they produce safer

byproducts.

Remember to enjoy some fresh air. Give yourself some time each day

to go outside and experience the benefits of fresh air for your health.



Source: Earthshare.org

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Follow Sustainable Charleston:



Roast event in order to raise funds for environmental education projects with the National Wildlife Refuges and National Forest. You won't want to miss this afternoon of live music, silent auctions, and delicious oysters for a comendable cause! Adult tickets are \$35 each in advance and \$12 for youth tickets.

Occupy Earth: Lessons from the Occupy Movement for Individual Environmentalism

College of Charleston
Office of Sustainability
Wednesday, January 25th at Noon
Stern Ballroom

This third Green Bag Lunch Series will look at the issues surrounding individualism and individual action in environmentalism and the sustainability movement. Do individual actions make a difference? Is a collectivist mindset necessary for structural, global change? How do we make a substantive impact? These and other questions that affect all social movements are being tested on the ground right now by the various Occupy groups around the world. What can we learn from their experiences and how can we apply them to other social movements, like environmentalism and sustainability?

On the panel will be:

Dr. George Hopkins, Emeritus Professor of History
Dr. Timothy Callahan, Director of the Masters in Environmental Sciences Program
Dr. P. Brian Fisher, Director of the Office of Sustainability
Nick Rubin, Occupy Charleston Representative

[Click here to learn more and RSVP.](#)
Email any questions to Sustainability@cofc.edu

Don't Miss This Month's Green Drinks Event at Kudu!

6-9 p.m.
January 26, 2012
Kudu Coffee and Craft Beer

4 Vanderhorst St. Charleston

Come on out to meet other environmentally interested individuals for discussions, drinks, and a relaxing get-together. There will be a presentation on sustainable brewing by Jared from New Belgium Brewing along with the first tasting of "Jared's Ale." Green Drink events are designed to be a fun and informal way for people in the community to meet and discuss environmental topics. If you haven't been before, this event is a great way to get involved. Also, there will be coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks available so this event is open to all!



Seabird Research in the Southeastern US & Bahamas

Charleston Audubon Lecture

Thursday, February 16, 2012

6:00 pm refreshments

6:30 - 8:00 pm lecture

Charleston County Main Library, 68 Calhoun St. 2nd Floor Auditorium

Free

Dr. Patrick Jodice, Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Clemson University will be the speaker at the February meeting. Pat will describe seabird ecology in the region, discuss data gaps and recent research findings in SC and also review results from recent studies on large-scale movement patterns and habitat use of Bahamian seabirds.

SC Walk to School Day

March 7, 2012

Please join all of the schools in SC as students walk and roll to



school on this day! [Click here to register your event and to learn more!](#)

Charleston County's Earth Day

April 14, 2012

Riverfront Park

North Charleston, on former
Charleston Naval Base

11 to 5 pm

If you would like to participate,
please contact

Christina Moskos at 720-7113 or
cmoskos@charlestoncounty.org



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