



The Green Connection



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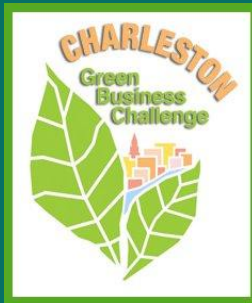
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Green Business Challenge Update:



Want to save money, go green and publicize your business? Click [here](#) to learn more about the GBC.

Only 28 days left to

Green Committee Meeting

Developing the Green Plan's Progress and Priority Report

Help us count the ways the plan has been implemented.

Cast your vote for next year's priorities.

February 14th, 8 - 10 am

John Wesley United Methodist Church
Gymnasium

626 Savannah Highway (CARTA Route 30)

Share a ride to the
Charleston Green Committee Meetings.



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

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

Just sign up to get your scorecard. Click [here](#) to sign up.

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

calendar.



Energy Efficient Appliance Rebates Available For One Week

The state of South Carolina has some stimulus money left over that was intended to encourage the state residents to purchase more energy efficient appliances. The \$325,000 surplus is going to be used in another round of rebate incentives from January 27th until February 5th. It is the ideal time to incorporate environmental goals while helping your pocket! Click [here](#) to learn more about the rebate program.



GBC Participant Spotlight: Daniel Island Academy Kicks Off Tech Drive

One of the Green Business Challenge participants is reaching out to the community in a unique way! Daniel Island Academy just held a successful Tech Drive to supply the North Charleston Goodwill with used technology for their Computer Works store. The Computer Works store can refurbish and repair used technology to

- 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 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
- 28. Burke Services Inc.
- 29. Stantec

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

Email us to add your business to the resource list.

Green Tips:

During the day, setting your computer to automatically go to sleep during short breaks can cut energy use by 70

meet the needs of those in the community seeking affordable computers. The store also continues Goodwill's goal of stimulating employment. The Daniel Island Academy is enriching the community, environment, and economy! If you are interested in helping the Goodwill by supplying technology or other goods, you can contact:



Erin Burneyko, Sr. Marketing

Industries of Lower South Carolina

eburneyko@palmettogoodwill.org

(843) 377-2845



Important Conservation Legislation Moved Through General Assembly

Last week, two very significant bills were voted in favor by the House and Senate: the **International Energy Code Adaption** and the **Savannah River Joint Resolution**. The first will require new homes to be more energy efficient and save home owners hundreds over the years in energy bills while only slightly increasing down payments. The second, the Savannah River Joint Resolution, is important because it declares that only the Savannah River Maritime Commission can control dredging, wastewater, navigation, and sludge disposal in the river rather than the Navy or Georgia Ports Authority. If you want to learn more about South Carolina legislation regarding conservation issues, make sure to visit the

percent.

Most people have very lightly worn clothes that do not need to be thrown out, they just want more variety in their closet. If you shop at consignment stores or host a clothing swap party, you can be resourceful and still switch it up!

Bike to the movies since you have to sit through the film anyways. It'll help you enjoy it more and get exercise!

Make sure your air filters and oil in your car have been changed recently. It will help you burn gas more efficiently.

Source: Sierra Club

Highlights of Last Week's Events:

The **Occupy Earth** event on College of Charleston's campus had a good turn out. The panel and crowd engaged together to keep an intriguing

discussion going about a variety of issues such as overpopulation, public

Coastal Conservation League's [site](#).



USDA Issues New Farm to School Research Grants

There are now additional funding resources to help schools supply their students with farm fresh produce in efforts to encourage youth health and environmental progress. There are also grants specifically for organic agriculture research. Click [here](#) for a full list of new funds set aside for research and education in the program



Around Charleston Events

Lunz-Sierra Club: First Meeting of 2012
February 2th, 2012... TONIGHT!
7 p.m.
245 Calhoun Street

The first meeting of the year will focus on learning more about the Sustainability Institute and their efforts to support

planning, collective environmental activism, and individual environmentalism.

The **Kudu Green Drinks** gathering was enjoyed by quite a crowd! The soothing atmosphere of Kudu's coffee shop alongside their festive outdoor patio was the ideal combination for the Green Drink's casual networking event among fellow environmentally minded residents. Most tasters raved about Jared's Ale!

The **Climate Reality Project** was also a hit. Charlie Sneed led the packed audience through an hour long "reality check" regarding global warming, using images of historically unexpected weather patterns taking place around the globe. He reinforced the correlation between the increased temperature of the Earth and these weather patterns, along with many other informative insights on climate change. The presentation was thought-provoking regardless of a viewer's stand on climate change.

Stay In Touch!

conservation issues in the Lowcountry. Whether you are already a member or interested in becoming one, tonight is the perfect time to check it out! Click [here](#) for more information about the featured topic: the Sustainability Institute.

Lunz-Sierra Club Annual Forest Service Clean Up Day

February 4th, 2012

8 a.m.

Francis Marion Forest Office

2967 Steed Creek

Huger, South Carolina

Want to come out and help the Lunz-Sierra Club honor the Annual Forest Service Clean Up Day by cleaning Francis Marion forest? You might get a little dirty, but all for a worthy cause! All cleaning supplies and lunch will be provided so come on out for a day full of exercise, fresh air and productive service to the community. Click [here](#) for sign up information.

Big and Local Expo

February 8th, 2012

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Founder's Hall at Charlestowne Landing

1500 Old Towne Road

The Best in Green and Local Expo will allow business and customers to network and advertise. There will also be many workshops on crucial business skills such as marketing, finance, e-selling, green teams, and leadership. Customers and businesses alike will benefit

from the experience! GBC participants who have submitted their scorecard have their own special price. Click [here](#) to purchase



The Green Connection is always eager to hear your feedback and advise. Please **Email** us and let us know what you think!

Like what you see and want to keep up to-date with the green community events in Charleston? **Subscribe!**

Also, don't forget to check us out on Facebook:



tickets. Pay close attention to the location because it has recently changed.

Lowcountry Open Land Trust Public Meeting on "A Vision for Conservation"

February 8th, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Charleston County Library
68 Calhoun Street

LOLT invites you to hear progress and voice concerns and suggestions about local conservation efforts. They want your input and ideas! Click [here](#) for more info.



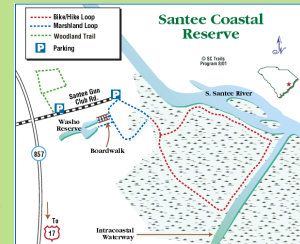
Lunz-Sierra Club Day Hike

February 11th, 2012

Call for the time: (843) 881-8902

Or [Email](#) Starr Hazard

The club will be hiking the Santee Coastal Reserve Trails through a marsh loop and rice dikes. This day hike will be over 9-10 miles so pack and dress accordingly! Click [here](#) if you would like to see a map of the route.



Backyard Chickens Classes

February 11th, 2012

9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

46 Windermere Boulevard

Interested in learning how to raise chickens in your own backyard? Come out and learn about one of the most sustainable ways for you and your family to enjoy farm fresh eggs! Register [here!](#)

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop

February 11th, 2012

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

St. Julian Devine Community Center

1 Cooper Street

AND

March 8th, 2012

6 p.m.- 7p.m.

Historic Charleston Foundation

40 East Bay Street

The Sustainability Institute is offering FREE classes to help the public learn how to save money and reduce energy use. They will discuss various rebates and incentives you could qualify for once you complete your energy efficiency improvements. Also, if you reserve your spot you could win a free energy kit! Register [here!](#)

Charleston Audubon Lecture

February 16th, 2012

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Charleston County Library, 2nd Floor Auditorium

68 Calhoun Street

Dr. Patrick Jodice, Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Clemson University will be speaking about his research of seabird ecology in South Carolina and discuss movement patterns and habitat use of Bahamian seabirds. Learn More about the event [here.](#)



SC Walk to School Day

March 7th, 2012

Join with the rest of South Carolina and walk or roll to school on March 7th! Click [here](#) to register your event and learn more.

Charleston County Earth Day

April 14th, 2012

11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Riverfront Park

If you would like to participate, please contact Christina Moskos. Here phone number is (843) 720-7311 or you can click [here](#) to email her.



