



The Green Connection



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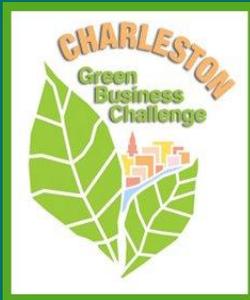
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Green Business Challenge Update:



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

Only 14 days left to 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.

Green Committee Meeting

March 13th, 8 am

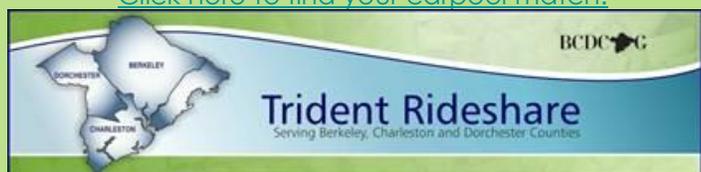


Hear the Latest

CharlestonWISE™ provides expert assistance to take the guesswork out of making your home or small business more energy efficient. With CharlestonWISE you will get: customized and unbiased energy-saving recommendations; expert help in selecting a trained and certified contractor; and knowledgeable assistance with rebates, tax credits and financing.

James Island Recreation Complex
1088 Quail Drive

Share a ride to the
Charleston Green Committee Meetings.
[Click here to find your carpool match!](#)



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 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
30. Waste Services LLC



Skip the Sorting!

All-In-One Residential Recycling Program Expands in Charleston County

Charleston County Environmental Management has decided that their pilot All-In-One recycling program launched last year was successful and now plan to incrementally expand the program during 2012. The All-In-One program allowed residents to put all of their recyclables in a 95 gallon roll cart rather than using two 22 gallon bins. This program caused participating to boost to 70% in some areas and produced an average of 21 pounds of recycling per home compared to the 10 pounds per home prior to the program. Charleston County is advancing their equipment to be able to handle the increased recycling as they strive toward the County Council's 40% recycling goal. So *keep it up Charleston!!* Visit the Charleston County Environmental Management [website](#) to learn more about when the program will reach your neighborhood.



Green Cleaning Expert at B. I. G. and Local Expo

At the Best in Green and Local Expo there was a workshop on environmentally friendly cleaning practices where Randy Cusick from Hillyard: The Cleaning Resource spoke. He explained the high expectations of the Green Seal Certification which not only guarantees a product has been tested for a low environmental impact, but also for exceptional cleaning performance! The Green Seal is trusted by professionals for



31. Stubbs Muldrow Herin architects
32. Notsso Hostel
33. City of Charleston Parks and Recreation Departments

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.

Supporting Our GBC Participants

The Carolina Green Fair is helping the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition go green in Marion Square this weekend.

Volunteers wanted Friday through Saturday,

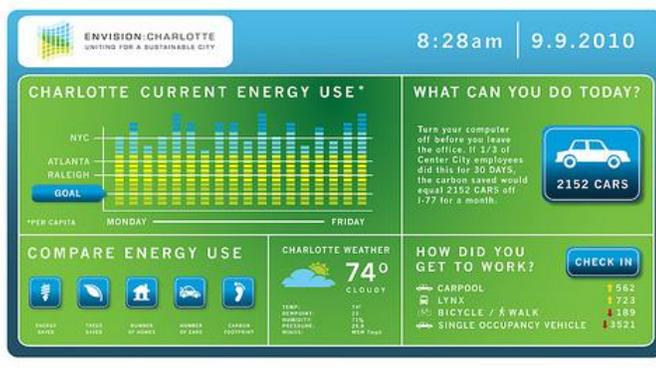
February 17 - 19.

Charleston Green Fair and Sonoco Recycling are sponsoring the Resource and Recovery efforts at Marion Square and Brittlebank Park. SEWE is even more committed to reducing their impact to the landfill by eliminating styrofoam from their event and adding composting to this year's efforts. The Carolina Green Fair is looking for volunteers to help manage our activities this year! Shifts are available from 9:30am -

their cleaning needs so you can rest assured you are making a sound investment when you see the Green Seal on cleaning products. Thank you to Hillyard and to locally owned Cleaning Solutions & Supply for bringing Randy to the B.I.G. and Local Expo.



Community Wide Energy Efficiency: From Envision Charlotte to Hartley Bay



Charles Pfeiler, Senior Strategic Management Consultant at Intelligent Buildings and former Envision Charlotte program manager of Duke Energy will be joining **Bruce Herzer**, Pulse Energy Project Manager for Envision Charlotte for an educational discussion about **community-level energy efficiency initiatives**. They will also highlight some of the success Envision Charlotte has had as they've worked toward being more environmentally sustainable.

February 22 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Enabling widespread energy efficiency will always require the commitment of a community. Whether that community is a small town, large city, or diverse portfolio of buildings, reducing energy consumption depends on the engagement of the entire energy-using population.

[For more information click here.](#)

Around Charleston Events

Charleston Audubon Lecture

February 16th, 2012

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Charleston County Library, 2nd Floor Auditorium

68 Calhoun Street

2:00pm and 2:00pm - 6:30pm
on Friday and Saturday and
9:30am - 1:00pm and 1:00pm -
5:30 on Sunday. Volunteers will
receive a free general
admission ticket! Please send
your phone number, email
address and desired shift to
Suzie at
scgreenfair@gmail.com

to sign up.

Green Film Series

**At the Charleston County
Library,
68 Calhoun Street**

**2:00 pm Doors Open
2:30 pm Films Start**

**Free and open to the
Public**

Sunday, March 4th

"Bag It - Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

An award-winning film that
investigates the effect of
plastics on waterways,
oceans, their inhabitants and
also the veritable human
body. (78min.)

Sunday, March 18th

"Tap Out"

Directed and produced by
Charleston's own Virginia
Friedman, "Tap Out" explores

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
disucss movement
patterns and habitat use
of Bahamian seabirds. Learn More about
the event [here](#).



South Carolina Wildlife Federation's 47th Annual
Conservation Banquet

February 24th, 2012

6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Clarion Hotel Downtown

1615 Gervais Downtown

Columbia

The SCWF invites you to
join them as they take a
night to recognize
individuals and groups
who have enhanced the
environment and quality

of life in South Carolina through conservation
efforts. They will honor exceptional efforts in areas
such as land, water, air, outdoor ethics, and
habitat and wildlife. Click [here](#) if you would like to
order your ticket!



Partership for Prosperity Open House: See the
Masterplan for the Neck Area

March 1st, 2012

5:30- 8 p.m.

Military Magnet Academy Cafeteria

2950 Carner Ave, North Charleston

Are you interested inthe condition of the
Charleston Neck Area and interested in
seeing what plans are going to be set forth to try
and improve the area? If so, this meeting is the
perfect outlet for you to voice your input and
concerns, along with feedback on the proposed
plans for the area. They want to hear what you
think!

the "challenges to water quantity and quality in America and particularly the water rich areas of the Carolinas:" After the film you will have the opportunity to stay for a discussion led by Virginia Friedman.
(54 min.)

Sunday, March 25th

"Forks over Knives"

A film that examines food as medicine and how a whole food, plant-based diet may prevent many of the degenerative disease plaguing humans today. "A film that will save your life."
Roger Ebert (96 min.)

This film series is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary and Sustainability Committees from
The Unitarian Church of Charleston
and
Circular Congregational Church.

Green Tips:

Eating Seasonal Produce

Eat green this winter! You delicious dish doesn't have to travel across the globe to get to you tonight. Try [these](#) creative dishes that sustainably incorporate in-season vegetables.

Linking Land Use and Transportation in Your Region

March 2nd, 2012

10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

BCD Council of Governments Conference Room

1362 McMillan Suite 100 North Charleston

Want to learn more about transportation planning and land use issues? Come to this FREE workshop where Deborah Westbrooke, Executive Direction of Sustainable Growth Alliance in Washington, D.C. will discuss efficient transportation planning that can help protect resources and enhance people's lives. Lunch will be served and the event is free but this opportunity is limited to 50 seats so [email](#) Andrea Kozloski as soon as you know you can attend to reserve your spot!

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.

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop

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](#)!

South Carolina's Changing Energy Landscape

March 14th

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Charleston County Main Library

68 Calhoun Street

March's Audobon lecture will focus on South Carolina's energy use and the potential impact the energy market can have on job creation and economic development. Come hear Hamilton Davis, Energy and Climate Director at the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League.

Here are some of the foods that are out of season during the winter and should be avoided when possible to maintain a sustainable diet: blueberries, grapes, peaches, and asparagus.

Granted, no one wants to pass up all these tasty foods when they are out of season but even just **occasionally choosing more seasonal alternatives** can make a difference!

Source: The Daily Green

Stay In Touch!

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:



Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy
March 16th
9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Francis Marion Hotel
387 King Street

Innovators in the private and public sector will be speaking at BICEP to discuss energy management opportunities and the risks of the electric sector. You can purchase tickets to the event by clicking [here](#).

Renewable Energy Community Exchange Seminar
March 27th, 2012
7000 Rivers Ave

The American Council on Renewable Energy will be partnering with the German Embassy and the Royal Danish Embassy to host a seminar about clean energy sources at Trident Technical



Community College's main campus on March 27th. The event will be a forum for discussion regarding progress toward clean energy and self-sufficiency. Government representatives from Germany and Denmark will contribute their success implementing cleaner energy, their goals for the future, and advice to other nations trying to rely less on fossil fuels and more on sustainable energy. Keep checking here for more information.

Garden Design Class for Beginners
April 3rd, 10th, and 17th, 2012
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A three-part garden design class will be offered in April. The Step-by-Step Garden Design: Basics for Beginners class is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3. Additional sessions are on April 10 and April 17. Learn about good garden design, the basic language of garden design, necessary tools and reference information. This class includes hands-on work, presentation and visits to local gardens. Cost: \$70. Click [here](#) to view more information or purchase tickets!

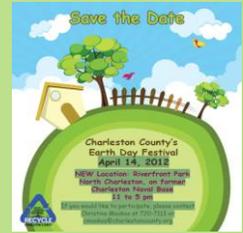
Charleston County Earth Day

April 14th, 2012

11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Riverfront Park

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



Forks Over Knives

Monday April 16th, 2012

11 a.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Terrace Theater

Trip Page Education Initiative is holding three FREE showings of the documentary *Forks Over Knives*. The documentary follows a nutrition biochemist and a former top surgeon as they research the health consequences of a meat-based diet. Omnivores and herbivores are all encouraged to attend this insightful and groundbreaking film! Call Christi Page at (843) 469-2835 for any questions.

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