



The Green Connection



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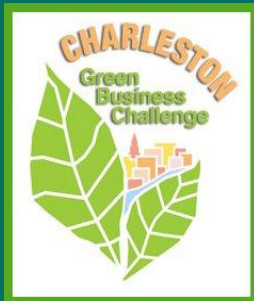
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Green Business Challenge Update:



Green Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 13th

8 am

James Island Recreation Complex
1088 Quail Drive

*Better Buildings from the Ground Up:
Year One of Better Buildings
Neighborhoods and CharlestonWISE*



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.

Share a ride to the

GBC Year 2 Participants

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 - Maintenance
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

Charleston Green Committee Meetings.

[Click here to find your carpool match!](#)



Plan Your CARTA Trip Online!

Some people refrain from using public transportation because they run into difficulty navigating the various routes and schedules to plan out their trip and our regional bus system hopes to combat this barrier to participation in public transportation. **There is a new tool to simplify the CARTA riding experience! Now riders can let [Google Transit](#) plan their trip from where they are standing to their destination!** Google Transit can be accessed from any computer or phone with internet access. All they must do is type in their present and final destination and Google Transit will layout the route from their, incorporating CARTA bus routes. **It includes walking directions to the nearest bus stop and clear directions for any bus changes your path might require.** This handy tool also allows riders to choose from a variety of routes, some of which they may have not even realized exist. The tool will help make riding the CARTA an easy, convenient, and helpful option for the Charleston community!



2012 4th Annual Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange Saturday, March 24th,

- School of Math and Science
26. **Circular Congregational Church**
 27. **DHEC OCRM**
 28. **Burke Services Inc.**
 29. **Stantec**
 30. **Waste Services LLC**
 31. **Stubbs Muldrow Herin architects**
 32. **Notso Hostel**
 33. **City of Charleston Parks and Recreation Departments**
 34. **Total Life Care**
 35. **Art Spaces Design & Marketing**
 36. **Latto & Associates, Inc.**
 37. **Charleston County School District Bridgeview**
 38. **The Vision Center at Seaside Farms**
 39. **BCD Council of Governments**
 40. **American College of Building Arts**
 41. **Preservation Society of Charleston**
 42. **Mt. Pleasant Academy**
 43. **Durlach Associates**
 44. **Wild Dunes Resort**
 45. **Wonder Works**
 46. **Blue Acorn**
 47. **Carolina Green Fair/Two Fish Enterprises**
 48. **Boeing**
 49. **Crop Up**
 50. **Verde**
 51. **Charleston County Parks Commission Headquarters**
 52. **SPARC**
 53. **Charleston County Housing Authority**
 54. **Charleston County Aviation Authority**
 55. **The Art Institute of Charleston**

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park

It's RAIN or SHINE!

Volunteer needs

2 shifts of ~20 people each shift

8:30am-11:30

11:00am-2:00pm

There is some flexibility on times.

Types of Volunteering

Assist with parking, survey collection, unloading used lawn mowers or power yard tools from vehicles, removing oil/gas from used lawn mowers, loading new lawn mowers into vehicles, or various other assistance needed at the event.

Please come prepared to get a bit dirty!

What you get

A t-shirt, food, and the opportunity to help protect air quality in the Lowcountry! We are offering one \$20 voucher to each of the first 5 volunteers who sign up and choose the voucher instead of a t-shirt. This voucher can be used towards the purchase of a lawn mower or power yard tool as available from vendors at this event. Vouchers will be distributed the day of the event.

To volunteer

Richelle Tolton

Regional Community Liaison, DHEC

toltonrd@dhec.sc.gov or (843)953-0150

Event details

<http://www.scdhec.gov/lawnmowerexchange>



56. GrowFood Carolina
57. McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
58. MUSC Dental School
59. Johnson Controls
60. Crescent Homes SC, LLC
61. City of Charleston City Hall
62. Honest-1 Auto Care
63. Frances Marion Hotel
64. KICA Recreation
65. KICA Security
66. IFA-ROTORION
67. KICA Administration
68. Grubb & Ellis/WRS
69. Alcoa Mt. Holly
70. Watson Tate Savory Liollo Architecture
71. Colleen Condon LawFirm LLC
72. Charleston County School District 75 Calhoun

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 Film Series



Five Reasons to Eat Local:

First, they are fresher. Most local foods are sold within a day of being harvested.

Second, they have a substantially lower environmental impact -less distance to travel!

Third, it is easier to stay in touch with the seasons when buying local because it keeps the shoppers aware of when foods are at their peak taste, most abundant, and at the best price.

Fourth, it helps stimulate our local economy! Support your neighbors!

Fifth, local food tends to be safer for you and your family. There is a decreased risk of contamination when the distance between the farm and the plate is closer.

By the way, Eat Local Month is next month so keep an eye out for events, volunteer opportunities and more in up-coming Green Connections!

Want To Give Your Feedback About The Lowcountry Open Land Trust's Vision?

Click [here](#) to complete a quick survey. They are seeking your input!

This is the last week to do so.

County Library
68 Calhoun Street
2:00 p.m. Doors
Open
2:30 p.m. Film Starts
FREE

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.)



Bag It Trailer

Sunday, March 18th

"Tap Out"

Directed and produced by Charleston's own Virginia Friedman, "Tap Out" explores the "challenges to water quantity and quality in America and



Around Charleston Events

Partnership 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 in the 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!

Seeking Volunteers for the Wine + Food Festival

March 2-4th, 2012

2nd: 11:30- 5 p.m.

3rd: 11- 6 p.m.

4th: 1- 4 p.m.

Marion Square

What a tasteful way to volunteer and support the local economy! The Incubator Farm Project was the charity selected for the Wine + Food Festival's Emerging Charity

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.)



Tap Out Trailer

Sunday, March 25th

AND again on April 16th at the Terrace Theatre at 11 a.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"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.)



Forks Over Knives

of the year. They would really appreciate your help promoting and informing people at the festival about the project so if you are able and willing to volunteer any of the three shifts listed above, just click [here](#) to register and you will receive more info.

Linking Land Use and Transportation in Your Region

March 2nd, 2012

10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

BCD Council of Governments Conference Room
1362 McMilan Suite 100 North Charleston

Want to learn more about transportation planning and land use issues? Come to this FREE workshop where Deborah Westbrooke, Executive Director 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!

Marine Touch Tank Program

Saturday March 3rd, 2012

10- 11 a.m.

Tiedemann Park
Nature Center

Kids will learn about the different

parts of a salt marsh, identify various shells and other items that may wash up on the beach, and touch live marine animals including hermit crabs and snails. If you would like to come to this event please RSVP by emailing Matt Olsen. (843) 965-4002 OlsonM@charleston-sc.gov



Trailer

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

Green Tips:

Use the new Google Transit tool that incorporates CARTA bus routes to replace single passenger car trips with public transportation instead! Google Transit helps expose new route ideas that make public transportation an even more viable, environmentally conscious travel option!

Use the microwave instead of the oven for small meals and save 50-70% of the energy! Also, keeping a lip on pans while they're on

Special Guest at the Wine + Food Festival:
Wholesome Wave
Saturday March 3rd, 2012

11 a.m.
Marion Square

Wholesome Wave is an organization that has worked tirelessly to create more opportunities for individuals in under-served communities to have access to fresh, local produce. There will be representative from this great organization along with others such as Green Heart Project, Lowcountry Local First and Crop Up to discuss their goals.

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.

the stove can keep in the heat, saving the energy needed for the cooking.



Try to ensure a full load each time you do laundry to get the most efficient use out of your water bill! Also, don't underestimate the cleaning power of cold water! Most washers use 90% of their energy to simply heat water so it makes a substantial impact if you switch your laundry to cold water setting. Last laundry reminder... run it at maximum speed for the best energy efficiency and fastest drying times.

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Source: Ecumincipal Lenton Carbon Fest

Charleston County Main Library
68 Calhoun Street

March's Audubon 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.

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](#).

2012 Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange

Saturday March 24th, 2012

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Mount

Pleasant Waterfront Park

1. TRADE- your old mower or power yard tool for a new cordless or corded electric mower at a special EVENT-ONLY price!
2. ADDITIONAL \$20 vouchers are available for the first 125 trade-ins! (1 voucher for each power yard tool & 2 vouchers for each mower - limit 3 vouchers per person)
3. Different brands and many more models of air friendly lawn mowers, and power yard tools will be on-site for demo and purchase!
4. Learn how you can help improve air and water quality with

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:



educators. Vendors will be on site with green landscaping tips, equipment, supplies !

5. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Sustainable Ways to Community Prosperity

March 27th, 2012

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Center for Economic Development

Trident Technical

College

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.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



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!

Eat Local Month Event: All You SHOULD Eat Breakfast

April 14th, 2012
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Want to see some of our local farms up close? There will be a tour of a handful of local farms on John Island and Wadmalaw and visitors can choose which ones they want to see either by car or bike. Visitors get to meet the farmers, tour their farms, learn more about each farm's unique farming process, and enjoy some tasty Food Truck fare and local eateries along the way. There will also be fresh produce for sale... could it get any fresher? [Click here for ticket info.](#)

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 at (843) 720-7311.



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