



The Green Connection



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**Sustainability Week
College of Charleston**

**April 2nd- 5th
Every event is FREE!**

Green Committee Meetings

**8 am
April 10th
James Island Recreation
Center
1088 Quail Drive
All are welcome!**

Share a ride to the
Charleston Green Committee
Meetings.

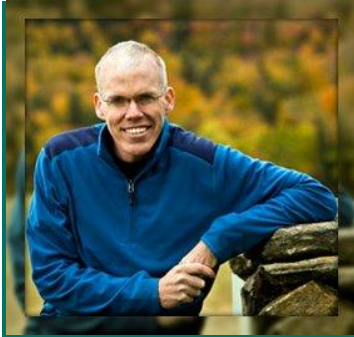
[Click here to find your carpool match!](#)



Green Program Spotlight:

**TerraCycle's Mission to
Outsmart Waste**

What do you do with all that trash that doesn't easily fit into recyclable categories?



The week will culminate with a talk by renowned environmentalist and author Bill McKibben. In addition, sustainability expert and author Dr. James Gustave Speth will offer his views, as will Colonel Mark Mykleby, senior advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (and the co-author of a paper on the vital role of sustainability in national security). Also, environmental philosopher Dr. J. Baird Callicott, and environmental justice and sustainability expert Dr. P. Brian Fisher will be on hand for a lively panel discussion.

Monday, April 2nd
12 - 3 p.m.
Alternative
Transportation Expo

What if you could turn those hard to recycle items into a wide variety of useful products? What if you could donate some of the proceeds to charity on top of that? Well, TerraCycle is making this dream a reality with their mission to outsmart waste! Individuals, organizations, and businesses can sign up to collect used items of their choice and mail it in to be transformed into a useful product... Free sign up, free shipping, and even the generation of a portion of the proceeds! Click [here](#) to check out the program and see if any of the everyday items inspire you to start your own collection program.

To get an idea of what TerraCycle upcycles, click [here](#) for our very own local and GBC participant, Dwell Smart's, website.

If you decide to start a collection, please email us the time frame, location, and item for your collection and we will highlight your plan in the Green Connection to stimulate even more participation!

Are you more interested in designing than collection? There is also an Eco-Product Design Contest seeking intriguing ideas from people like you. Click [here](#) to read about the contest.



The Water Conservation Challenge is Getting Closer... Are You Ready?

The Mayor's Challenge is a friendly competition between cities across the nation to see who can be the most "water wise." Through a series of online pledges and grassroots outreach campaigns, residents in cities are encouraged to save energy and natural resources! The Water Conservation

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Library

Tuesday, April 3rd

**Student Non
Governmental
Organization Fair**
Cistern Yard
12 - 3 p.m.

**Documentary
showing of**
*Between the
Harvest*
**New Science
Building Auditorium**
5 p.m.

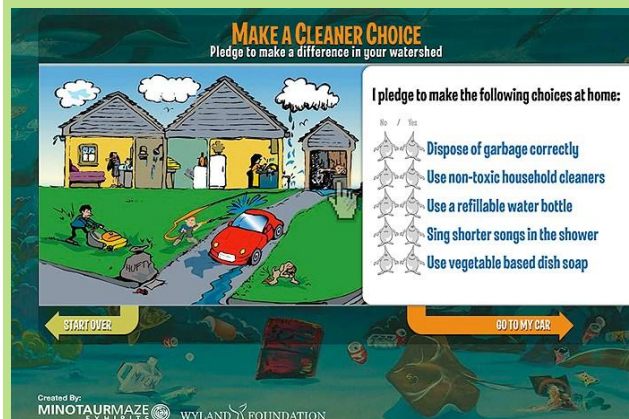
**Wednesday April
4th**

Local Farms Fair
George Street
12 - 2 p.m.

"Building the Future

Challenge is easy, fun, and interactive so the whole family can participate. The challenge will take place during the month of April.

Most of the pledges participants can make sound simple but they can make a huge impact because their simplicity encourages wide-spread participation. There also more challenging pledges for the bold participants! While some of the pledge ideas are common tips you might have heard before, the majority of them offer new, creative solutions! For instance, did you know it is better to water your lawn before 8 a.m? Keep checking back for more helpful tips! The Water Challenge goes beyond inspiring sustainable lifestyles and teaches residents about local water issues... You won't want to miss this enriching program!



[Click here to preview the challenge and register for a reminder.](#)

Around Charleston Events

Volunteers Needed to Support the Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange
Saturday, March 24th
Mt. Pleasant Waterfront Park

One Community at a Time"

Dr. James Gustave Speth

Stern Center Ballroom

4 - 5:30 pm

Campus Trash Audit

Cougar Mall Conducted by

Alliance for Planet Earth

6 am - 6 pm

Thursday, April 5th

Greenbag Lunch Panel

Dr. James Gustave Speth, Colonel

Mark , Mykleby,

Dr. J Baird Callicott, and Dr. P. Brian

Fisher

Stern Center Ballroom

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

10th Annual

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

Come on over to Mount Pleasant for the 2012 Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange event on March 24th. Residents of Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties are encouraged to bring in their old gas-powered mowers to Mount Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There, old gas mowers and gas-power yard tools can be traded in for vouchers on new cordless or corded electric mowers and air friendly yard tools available at discounted, event-only prices. All used mowers will be broken down and the parts and oil recycled.

"Participation in the Lawn Mower Exchange helps prevent air and water pollution in our community by reducing emissions and recycling used gasoline and motor oil," says Hillary Repik, Stormwater Manager for the Town of Mount Pleasant.

Did you know that, according to the EPA, by switching to an electric mower you can help to remove almost the same amount of air pollution as produced, per hour, by 11 cars? Likewise, electric mowers do not rely on gasoline to run, reducing the risk and likelihood of gasoline spills that can be picked up and carried with runoff into our local rivers and marshes. "By taking steps to keep our air and water clean," says Repik, "we are helping to protect the health of our families and future generations".

Volunteer needs

2 shifts of ~20 people each shift

8:30am-11:30am

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

**Conrad Festa
Community Lecture
Bill McKibben
Sottile Theatre
6:00 p.m.**

For additional information on the events as well as finding out how you can get involved, log on to the Office of Sustainability sustainability.cofc.edu

Sustainability Week is a partnership of the College of Charleston's Office of Sustainability, the Master of Environmental Studies Program, the School of Science and Mathematics, and The Citadel, along with support from several College of Charleston student groups, including Green CofC, Alliance for Planet Earth, the Masters of Environmental Science Students Association, the Marine Biology Graduate Student Association, and Peace Corps Master's International.

Green Film Series

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

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 contact

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

Sustainable Ways to Community Prosperity

March 27th
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.](#)

5th Green Bag Lunch Series: Local Food Systems as Part of a Sustainable Community

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.)



Forks Over Knives Trailer

Green Business Challenge Update:



GBC Year 2 Participants

1. Auto Sound Specialist / Alternative Energy

March 28th, 2012

12 p.m.

Stern Center Ballroom

This month's Green Bag Lunch Series will focus on the significant of supporting local foods in order to build a sustainable community.

Volunteers Needed for Sustainability Symposium

March 30th

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

North Charleston City Hall

Charleston County School district is hosting an exciting event that will allow students, faculty, and community members to engage about the topic of sustainability. There will be local community speakers, a student question and answer forum, learning sessions, and presentations from the "What is Sustainability" student media competition. Volunteers are needed for this inspiring event from 7:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. so please email if you are interested!

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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

1. 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
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

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!

South Carolina's Alligators: A Unique Resource
April 11th, 2012
6:30- 7:30 p.m.
Charleston County Main Library
Come for a free lecture by Dr.



Thomas Rainwater about the importance of the American Alligator to South Carolina's coastal wetlands. There will be refreshments at 6 p.m. if are able to show up early! Click [here](#) for more information.

Eat Local Month Event: All You SHOULD Eat Breakfast

April 7th, 2012
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The Butcher and the Bee

There will be a special breakfast at The Butcher and the Bee served in celebration of Eat Local Month that will be serving delicious local and seasonal dishes! You'll probably be willing to get out of bed for these yummy eggs, blueberries, and sausage. Also, they will be topping off the breakfast with Bloody Marys! Click [here](#) to order your ticket.

Join MUSC's Earth Day Celebration

April 12th
11 am to 2 pm
Horseshoe Park, 171

Ashley Avenue
To register as a participant or get more information click [here](#). Or contact Caroline at recycle@musc.edu.

Celebrate



EARTH DAY

Thurs April 12, 2012
11 am to 2 pm - MUSC Horseshoe

 Bike to Work - 6 am to 9 am - Clyburn Plaza 
<http://www.musc.edu/gogreen>; call us 843-792-4066 or email recycle@musc.edu

