



The Green Connection



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Sustainability Week at the College of Charleston

April 2nd- 5th
Every event is FREE!

Thursday, April 5th

GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be NO April 10th Green Committee meeting. Many associated with the Green Committee will be taking a Spring Break. Check back here for announcements about the next Green Committee meetings.



TONIGHT: Connect the Dots Lecture Presented by Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben's Lecture
April 5th
6 p.m.
Sottile Theatre
44 George Street

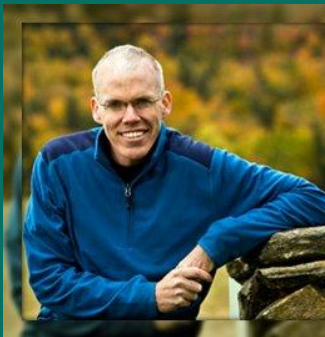
350.org is planning one of the most moving events the environmental movement has seen yet. Connect the Dots will shake climate change awareness into action through a worldwide project to make climate change more recognizable to all. On May 5th, residents from communities across the globe that have been effected by climate change will submit images reflecting their

Greenbag Lunch Panel

Dr. James Gustave Speth
Colonel Mark Mykleby
Dr. J Baird Callicott
Dr. P. Brian Fisher

Stern Center Ballroom
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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.



10th Annual Conrad Festa Community Lecture by **Bill McKibben**

personal fight with climate change that will collectively allow citizens and politicians to "Connect the Dots" of how all of these related tragedies are related to climate change.

"And at each of those rallies, from Kenya to Canada, from Vietnam to Vermont, someone will be holding a...dot. A huge black dot on a white banner, a "dot" of people holding hands, encircling a field where crops have dried up, a dot made of fabric and the picture taken from above -- you get the idea. We'll share the images from around the world and give climate change a human face -- we'll hold up a mirror to the planet and force people to come face to face with the ravages of climate change." --Bill McKibben

Come hear **Bill McKibben** explain the project and advocate for the urgent need to recognize climate change when he visits the College of Charleston. Click [here](#) if you would like to read more about the event.

"These will be beautiful events, we're sure. But they will also have an edge. It's right that we get a little angry at those forces causing this problem." -- Bill McKibben



The Water Conservation Challenge is Finally Here!

Charleston has officially started the Water Challenge! Make sure to register if you haven't

Soffle Theatre

6:00 p.m.

The week will culminate with a talk by renowned environmentalist and author Bill McKibben.

More information is on the article in the right hand column... Bottom line is that you will not want to miss his lecture!

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



Check out this FREE online series of events focused on

already because we need your participation to compete with nearby communities to see who can be the most water efficient... Whether you decide to sing a shorter song in the shower or water your lawn at a more productive time of day, it will ALL help. If you join this challenge you will not only help us win this competition but, more importantly, you will develop more sustainable practices... Some of the tough ones are difficult to turn into solid habits but this challenge can help! Most of the pledges participants can make sound simple, but they can make a huge impact because their simplicity encourages wide-spread participation. There are 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! 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.](#)

sustainability!

This series can inspire you to live a greener, healthier, more spacious life and transform any frustration you may feel about the state of our planet.

It features more than 100 pioneers of sustainability - Jane Goodall, Ed Begley Jr., Bill McKibben, Van Jones, Vandana Shiva, John Robbins, Hazel Henderson, to name a few - who will share the most cutting-edge insights and tools for creating a sustainable and thriving world.


This 3-month series of virtual and live events started on March 26th. Each weekday, you'll have the chance to listen in and learn from an inspiring sustainability leader via your phone line or computer, or access the replays at a time more convenient for you.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Green Tips:

According to the EPA, leaving your car at home twice a week can end up cutting greenhouses gases by 1,600 pounds per year... Try and think of strategic ways to consolidate and reduce your errands this week.

JOIN THE WATER CHALLENGE! It is a great opportunity to pledge to practice a few new sustainable habits.



WYLAND FOUNDATION
National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation
Thank you for your participation

Top 10 List

1. Charlottesville, VA
2. Frederick, MD
3. Charleston, SC
4. College Station, TX
5. Boynton Beach, FL
6. Newport News, VA
7. Port Saint Lucie, FL
8. Chesapeake, VA
9. Lake Charles, LA
10. Pensacola, FL

Your city is ranked #4.
[Click here](#) for a list of the top cities in the whole country.

Total Water Saved: **106,000** Gallons

Additional Information: [Click here](#)



CofC Proposes New Bicycle Operation Policy

The College of Charleston is working towards promoting a safer bicycle and pedestrian environment for students, faculty, and visitors by creating an official Bicycle Operation and Parking Policy. One of their efforts to create a more friendly, pedestrian, and environmentally healthy



Ask your favorite local restaurant what they are doing to be environmentally responsible... It helps to let them know you care about the issue.

Attend one of CofC's Sustainability Week events... Education is power!

Get out and stay involved with local decisions. For example, if you want to know more or have an opinion about the proposed dredging in the Charleston Harbor, attend the meeting this Thursday night, learn the issues and voice your opinion. There will be important people there who want to hear it!

Source: EPA and the Green Connection Team

Green Business Challenge Update:



GBC Year 2

community is their new rule requiring mandatory bicycle registration for all students with bicycles. The registration will now be completely free for all students. Registration helps prevent bike theft and return stolen bikes to their owners. The policy also specifies mandatory equipment for riding when it is dark out such as a white headlight, red rear reflector, and a white or yellow reflector on each pedal to try and keep bicyclists safer. There is even a speed limit for bicyclists (5 MPH on campus) to further prevent any accidents.



TODAY: HUD & DOE Stakeholder Webinar on Home Energy

Curious just how energy efficient your home is? Well, wonder no longer! Home Energy Score is an innovative national assessment tool to provide homeowners and renters easy to understand information

about the energy performance of their homes and the webbing is FREE for everyone to attend! Register [here](#). It will be hosted on April 5th at 1:30 p.m.... It is the perfect timing for an educational lunch break!



Around Charleston Events

TODAY: Sierra Club Meeting: "Looking Ahead at Charleston's Port Deepening: Lessons Learned from Savannah"

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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 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

7 p.m.
MUSC's Baruch Auditorium
245 Calhoun Street

Come out for an engaging panel discussion about the planned deepening of Charleston's port and what Savannah's experience has to teach us. Bring questions! The CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, the executive director of the Coastal Conservation League, and the vice chair of the Sierra Club will also be on the panel. If you have any questions you can email Starr Hazard [here](#) or call him at 881-8902.



Garden Design Class for Beginners

April 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:

The first class has already passed but 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!



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.



