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Eat Local Month

Here in the Lowcountry, we are blessed with an abundance of delicious local food. Take Lowcountry Local First's (LLF) Eat Local Challenge for the month of April and invest in our local food system.

When you sign up for the challenge, you get to choose your Eat Local goal(s) for the month of April. You could aim to buy 10% more local food than you usually do, learn to can or put up seasonal produce, or dine out at restaurants that source locally produced food. Check out their [Farm Fresh Food Guide](#) for a list of farmer's markets and



Daniel Island Academy Makes Bugs Out of Recycled Materials

Here is one of the most unique Earth Day celebrations we have heard about so far! Daniel Island Academy, a Green Business Challenge participant, covered their courtyard with homemade bug crafts from recycled items! Students and parents worked together to use their own recycled items to create all kinds of insects. Below are some pictures of the bugs they made! We are sure that all got one of the messages of this cute project: to think twice before throwing reusable or recyclable materials in the trash! Like they say below, "Fear the bug! Recycle."



CSAs in our area

[Print out this scorecard](#)

Be sure to register and LLF will help you meet your goals, sending you recipes, Local Plate Specials from local restaurants, tips and tricks for eating local, and more.

As you meet your goals, submit pictures, stories, or data to LLF . They will include all submissions in a drawing for a subscription to The Local Palate. They will also post submitted pictures on the LLF Facebook page and may publish your story!

Green Tips:

Bring your old medicines to the Drug Take Back event and help keep our local water supply clean!

Plan a summer vacation that is close to home... We live at the beach!!!

Take a week off from soda and drink water, milk and juice instead. It is an easy way to help your body and the environment.

Open your windows. It is not too hot to rely on the breeze for natural air condition! Take advantage of these last few cooler days to



LEED GA Prep Course

Are you interested in taking an LEED Green Associate course that will help you prepare to take the LEED GA exam? Study for the LEED Green Associate Exam from the comfort of your own computer. LEED Green Associates will present a pre-recorded study session put together by Joel McKellar, formerly of LS3P and a Green Committee volunteer, now with

naturally air out your car or home.

Keep Charleston Beautiful's Green & Lean 5K

June 2
8am
Brittlebank Park



Keep Charleston Beautiful would like to invite everyone to run, walk, or volunteer for the 7th Annual Green & Lean 5K, including Clara's Tot-Trot. This event helps raise funds for the City's award winning litter prevention programs and campaigns!



Race Course:

This USA TF certified 5K begins at Brittlebank Park, passes by The Citadel

Green Building Services at Harvard University. The 4 hour session will be divided into one hour sessions and presented over two weeks - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. The course will review all major aspects of the LEED rating system that test takers will be required to know in order to pass the exam. Here is when the online webinar course will be offered:

- Tuesday May 1st, noon - 1 pm
- Thursday May 3rd, noon - 1 pm
- Tuesday May 8th, noon - 1 pm
- Thursday May 10th, noon - 1 pm

You can click [here](#) to register.

Need inspiration? Here are some highlights from Durlach Associates, another Green Business Challenge participant, about a building in Charleston that is offers a new first in LEED designation in downtown Charleston:

"Durlach Associates and Holder Properties are pleased to announce 25 Calhoun is the first LEED® Core & Shell certified building in Charleston. '25 Calhoun achieving LEED certification is an honor because LEED buildings perform better for tenants, investors, and the environment,' said Durlach Associates President & CEO Marcus R. Durlach, IV. 'The building is already 93% leased and the brisk pace of leasing is a testament to the value of LEED as well as the premier location and central, uncongested neighborhood, which is ideal for businesses with abundant parking and numerous area amenities.'"

"25 Calhoun achieved LEED certification by incorporating sustainability into the design and construction process:

- Almost 90% of on-site construction waste was diverted from landfill
- Nearly 40% of building material by cost is recycled content
- Low flow plumbing fixtures are designed to reduce potable water by 32% from a baseline standard

campus, circles around beautiful Hampton Park and concludes back at Brittlebank Park.

Clara's Tot-Trot is a 50 yard dash in Brittlebank Park for children ages 2-5yrs.

Registration:

Received on or before May 30, 2012: Individuals- \$20; Students grades 12 and under- \$10; Team registration (5 or more) - \$15/person; Clara's Tot-Trot- \$10
All registrations received after May 30 are \$25.

Awards:

\$100 will be given to the top overall M/F winners. Awards will be given to the overall 2nd & 3rd M/F winners. Age group medals will be given to the top three M/F winners. Prizes will be given to 1st dog and 1st stroller to finish.

Silent Auction:

Before and after the race, you will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of goods and services from local vendors.

For more information visit:
www.GreenandLean5K.com

-Native and adaptive plants will reduce irrigation by 72%

-Energy efficient features include an improved thermal envelope, cool roof, reduced interior lighting power density, and high efficiency packaged roof top air handling units, which are designed to reduce energy costs by over 10%"



Drug Take Back... Cleaning Our Water Supply!

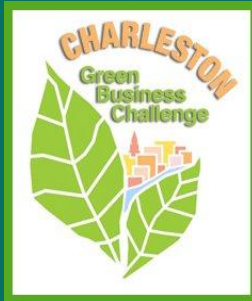
The Charleston Police Department is offering its semiannual Drug Take Back event on April 28th from 10- 2 p.m. They will be collecting any pill or powder form medicines that citizens have no more use for and then they will safely dispose of them. This event focuses on encouraging the public to safely dispose old medicines rather than flushing them into our water system where it is more difficult to purify.

Charleston Police will have THREE sites where people can turn in these medicines:

- 1 - Charleston Police Headquarters (out front of the Court/DMV building)
- 2 - Mall Park (Columbus/Aiken St) at the Healthy Families event and
- 3 - Citadel Mall parking lot on the Orleans Rd. side.



Green Business Challenge Update:



GBC Year 2 Participants

Summary (still finalizing)

75 participants
6.7+ million sq. feet
180 sq. feet to
3.5 million sq. feet
5700 average sq. feet
39 - Baseline Average
8 to 85 Baseline Range
65 - Goal Average

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.

Water Conservation Challenge...

5 more days to sign up for the pledge and represent Charleston

Check out this simple way to be reminded of ways to conserve water. There are potential prizes to be won AND you'll be recognizing Charleston, SC which is currently #5 in this challenge.

[Take a simple pledge by clicking here.](#)

[Click here to learn more about how to set up Connect the Dots event.](#) Around Charleston Events



1st Annual Carolina Dirt Fair Event:

Kick-Off Cook-Off

April 27th, 2012
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Grow Food Carolina
\$20 per person, \$15 for students

The Dirt Fair weekend will kick off with a cook-off competition between students from Trident Tech and the Art Institute! Click [here](#) for more information and click purchasing!

1st Annual Dirt Fair Event:

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

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. Laffo & Associates,

Saturday April 28th, 2012
7 p.m.
James Island County Park

Who doesn't love a movie in the park? Come out for a film lineup presented by numerous nonprofits and businesses such as Half-Moon Outfitters, Earth Force, and the South Carolina Aquarium. The films will cover a variety of topics concerned with the future of sustainability. There will be food and music also! Click [here](#) for a full line up of the films and events for the evening along with ticket information.

1st Annual Carolina Dirt Fair Event:

The Dirt Fair!
Sunday April 29th, 2012
12 - 5 p.m.
Mullet Hall on John's Island
\$10 per person, kids are free

This will be the largest celebration of local foods in South Carolina on the last day of the fair! There will be events for the whole family from workshops on gardening, backyard chickens, joining a community-supported agriculture program, composting, canning, preserving, food storage, and water conservation. Everyone can learn something from this event!

Some of the additional activities at the Dirt Fair include:

- Local Farmers & CSA (community supported agriculture) Sign Up - Lowcountry Local First
- Numerous Gardening Demos
- Canning & Cooking Demos
- 8 Cooking Demos - Schedule will be announced this week.
- Competitive Obstacle Course for all ages provided by On Purpose Adventures & Charleston County Parks Recreation Commission
- KidsZone with Rock Wall and other amusements.

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

-- An awesome Bluegrass line-up from Awendaw Green

Click [here](#) for information about being an exhibitor, click [here](#) for tickets, and click [here](#) for more information about event schedules.

BIKE MONTH EVENT: "Life on the Vertical"

May 3rd

7 p.m.

Charleston Hippodrome

Come hear Mark Synnott speak about his mountain climbing adventures for a night of human and breathtaking images! Afterwards, there will be light refreshments at the post-show VIP reception benefiting Charleston Moves. Click [here](#) to learn more and buy tickets to the VIP reception.

Note for all Bike Month events click here to learn the latest.

McClellanville Connects the Dots

May 5th

11:30 AM

McClellanville Shrimp Festival at Town Hall Park
The Kitchen Table Climate Study Group of McClellanville along with other sponsors will provide information about climate change against a background of photos and a continuous slide show of prior destruction from hurricane Hugo (1989). Our booth will be at the 36th Annual McClellanville Shrimp Festival & Blessing of the Fleet.

Click here to learn more about how to set up Connect the Dots event.

BIKE MONTH EVENT: Annual Bicycle Month

Proclamation

May 8th

5 p.m.

- Liollo Architecture
- 72. Colleen Condon LawFirm LLC
- 73. Charleston County School District 75 Calhoun
- 74. Dennis Corporation
- 75. Nelson Mullins

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.

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:



City Council

This will mark the beginning of an exciting month of bike-themed events. We'd love to have you there!

[Note for all Bike Month events click here to learn the latest.](#)

Audubon Lecture: Birding in Cuba

May 9

6:30 - 7:30 pm program

6 pm refreshments

Charleston County Main Library, 68 Calhoun St.
2nd Floor Auditorium Free

Ms. Cornelia Carrier, longtime board member and past President of the Charleston Natural History Society, will present a program on her birding trip to Cuba in 2011. The largest island in the Caribbean, Cuba has a wide variety of habitats, and around 370 species of birds have been reported there (with 28 endemic species). The highlights of the talk will be the birds she observed, of course, but Cornelia will also describe her experiences with transportation and life in Cuba.

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Wildlife and Industry Together (WAIT)

May 15th

Renewable Water Resources Greenville, SC
As South Carolina becomes increasingly developed, there is less land available for wildlife. Corporate landowners can offset habitat loss by devoting their under-utilized lands to wildlife. This is achieved by matching site employees who are interested in wildlife with community partners to develop habitat plans. The WAIT program assists corporations, employees, facility neighbors and other groups who desire to develop environmental projects in partnership with each other. Click [here](#) to read more!

BIKE MONTH EVENT: Ride of Silence

May 16th

6 p.m.

Hampton Park Meet in Hampton Park to take a slow ride around the Peninsula with police officers in honor of cyclists who have been killed while riding. There will be a reception afterwards.

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BIKE MONTH EVENT: Bike to Work Day

May 18th

7:30 -9 a.m.

Various sponsored rest stops will be stationed around town to support cyclists choosing their bike over their car for their commute to work!

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BIKE MONTH EVENT: Work-to-Bike Celebration

May 18th

Location to be determined

Come party and celebrate Charleston Moves' efforts to make Charleston more bicycle and pedestrian friendly! There will be live music by Satellite Rodeo and beer by Palmetto Brewery! It will also be the first annual Membership Drive Party.

[Note for all Bike Month events click here to learn the latest.](#)

BIKE MONTH EVENT: Blessing of the Bikes

May 20th

11 a.m.

Circular Congregational Church

If you are interested in worshipping with Circular Congregational Church on May 20th, they will be offering a worship service where they will bless the bikes!

[Note for all Bike Month events click here to learn the latest.](#)

SC Wildlife Federation is Hosting Palmetto Pro Birders 2012: Congaree National Park
June 23-24th, 2012
\$150 per module

Have you ever wanted to become a Certified Pro Birder? If so, now is your chance. SC Wildlife Federation is offering multiple modules during 2012 and if you enroll in four, you can be certified. Students will learn how to identify common and rare bird species in South Carolina, how to design bird-friendly landscapes, and develop a deeper understanding of the roles of Citizen Science in protecting bird species. The dates above are for the first module and you can click [here](#) to learn more about up-coming modules.

Attention Teachers:

Free Take Action Today Event!

Take Action Today is coming to North Charleston! Take Action Today is a comprehensive environmental education workshop customized for South Carolina teachers and environmental educators. Attendees will be given a tour a landfill and a recycling facility. They will also receive training on and a copy of "Action for a cleaner tomorrow," a national award-winning kindergarten through 12th grade, activity-based, interdisciplinary, environmental curriculum supplement. "Action" is correlated to the state's science



standards. **The workshop will be held at the North Charleston Elementary School on Tuesday June 26th** and there is only space for 100 teachers to attend so make sure to register soon! Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.

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