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## Green Committee Meeting

Tuesday  
May 8  
8 am

John Wesley United Methodist Church  
Gymnasium  
626 Savannah Highway  
(CARTA Route 30)

You voted, We listened - What's next?

Come share some coffee and donuts and your thoughts as James Meadors and others discuss the next steps for the work of the Green Plan and the Green Committee

BYOM - Bring your own mug!

## 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 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:**



## Emergency Ride Home

**Free Emergency Ride Home Now Available for Carpoolers, Bus Riders, Walkers and Bicyclists in the Tri-County**

What keeps you from carpooling or biking or taking the bus? For many, its being prepared for an emergency and being able to get to those in need or being prepared to stay late to meet a deadline. And for many its the cost for the emergency trip.

With the national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline already at \$3.90 and summer just around the corner, Charleston area employers are looking for ways to encourage employees to use the bus, bicycle or carpool to work. But Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments' Mobility Manager Vonie Gilreath notes that "one of the biggest obstacles to getting students and employees to use the bus or carpool is the cost of getting home in case of an emergency".

**Solution:** The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of GOVERNMENT's onlin Trident Rideshare program now offers Emergency Ride Home reimbursement to employees and students who use alternative modes of carpooling, bus, vanpooling, bicycling or walking in the BCD counties at least once a week and are registered with Trident Rideshare. Whether you face a family illness or are asked to work unscheduled overtime, the program ensures that you will get reimbursed if you have to go home via taxi or bus with minimal extra expense to you and your employer.

\$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](http://www.GreenandLean5K.com)

## Eat Local Tips

The end of April is here and with it the end of Eat Local Month 2012. But that doesn't mean we should stop eating local.

Remember what you've learned this month, the new experiences you encountered, and the new foods you tried.

**Keep the spirit of the month alive by**



Funded by the Federal Transit Administration, the [tridentrideshare.com](http://tridentrideshare.com) is a free and convenient webbased service that connects commuters looking to share cars, bicycles, taxi, van, and bus or walking trips in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. Sharing a ride is not only fun, but it helps preserve air quality, decreases traffic congestion, conserves fuel, promotes better health and saves you money simultaneously. Complete details for registering for Tridentrideshare and for the Emergency Ride Home can be found at [tridentrideshare.com](http://tridentrideshare.com).

For more information contact:  
Mobility Manager Vonie Gilreath at [vonieg@bcdcoq.com](mailto:vonieg@bcdcoq.com) or by phone at 529-0400.

## AROUND CHARLESTON

### 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.](#)

signing up for a  
Spring/Summer CSA,

visiting a local farmers  
market,

dining at restaurants that  
source local food,

or growing food in your own  
backyard.

Preserve foods while they  
are in season and

see how much of your  
grocery bill you can  
localize.

[Click here to see what is  
next from Lowcountry Local  
First.](#)

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## Green Tips:

### Tips for energy efficiency as the weather warms

Turn off fans when you're  
not in the room. They  
make people feel cool,  
rather than cool rooms.

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Trees are nature's air  
conditioners. Plant them

**Sierra Club: Bobcats of Kiawah Island**

**May 3**

**7:00pm**

**Baruch Auditorium**

**284 Calhoun Street**

**Charleston Underwater: Connect the Dots**

**May 5th**

**10 am**

**Marion Square**

[Click here to learn more.](#)

**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.](#)

**Circular Congregational Church**

**May 6th**

**11 am**

**150 Meeting Street**

[Click here to learn more.](#)

**BIKE MONTH EVENT: Annual Bicycle Month**

**Proclamation**

**May 8th**

**5 p.m.**

**City Council**

**This will mark the beginning of an exciting month**

for shade on the sunny side of your home.

A spring breeze can be enough to keep you cool. Instead of turning the air conditioner on, open doors and windows on opposite sides of the house for cross ventilation.

A portable box fan uses 100 watts on the highspeed setting, but a ceiling fan with more room air distribution only uses 15-95 watts.

Credit: SCE&G's My Energy Update  
[Click here to learn more about SCE&G's EnergyWISE program.](#)

**Green Business Challenge Update:**

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.

**May 15th**

### **Renewable Water Resources Greenville, SC Wildlife and Industry Together (WAIT)**

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:**

**Cabot Community Tour**

**May 26 - 27**

Cabot Community Tour (riding, walking, biking 2,300 miles along the East Coast Greenway with events in



## 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.
8. McKellar &

the community along the way) will have several booths at the Piccolo Spoleto Children's Festival on the Square, 10am-3pm. This Children's Festival will event includes cheese making, bike safety education by the Holy City Bike Coop and the City of Charleston Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, live entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts, music, food, a petting zoo, and more.

[Click here for more info.](#)

### Blessing of the Bikes

June 3rd (note moved from 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.

- 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

## 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.

- 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**
  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 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.

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