



# The Green Connection



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## MUSC's Urban Farm Work & Learns

Wednesdays

11 am - Noon

4 - 5 pm

Saturdays

9 - 11 am

Bee Street



## Green Committee

After 4 and ½ years of monthly meetings with topics from commuter rail to a green jobs fair to stewardship from the faith community's perspective, several standing room only meetings and progressively and collaboratively developing the Charleston Green Plan with significant public involvement, the Green Committee is taking a much deserved break.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. along with Tim Keane, the City's Director of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability are designing new and vital ways to work with an advisory group of citizens who can help the City and this community take action on prioritized sustainability initiatives. Stay tuned for the next steps and ways to stay involved. Suggestions are welcome at [charlestongreen@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:charlestongreen@charleston-sc.gov).

Finally, the City offers it's sincere thanks to each Green Committee member, subcommittee member and attendee for all of the insight and vision that each of you have shared. The City looks forward to new collaborations with you in the coming months.



The Medical University of South Carolina has created an urban garden, where it will grow vegetables and other plants, said Susan Johnson, employee wellness coordinator.

"The idea was to create a demonstration garden, a living classroom," she said.

Instead it will be used to demonstrate the importance of having access to healthy, organic food, she said.



## City of Charleston Terracycling

First, Terracycling is not in honor of Bike Month. So what is Terracycling? And more importantly what is the City Terracycling?

TerraCycle is a company that upcycles and recycles traditionally non-recyclable waste (including drink pouches, chip bags, tooth brushes and many more) into a large variety of consumer products. These products keep waste out of our landfills and contribute to a cleaner world. TerraCycle products are available at a wide range of retailers from our local DwellSmart to WalMart as well as online.

### In the SC Legislature

**H.3083/Conservation Bank Reauthorization Act Passes General Assembly!**

**S.1357/Bike Access Bill Passes Senate**

**S. 1220/Water Withdrawal Permitting Sunset Bill Passes Senate**

**Thanks to the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League for this update.**



## Sustainability Jobs in Charleston

Sustainability Institute:

Green Cities Program  
Manager

QA, Technical Training  
and Assistance  
Coordinator

For more information click  
here: [Sustainability  
Institute](#)

Charleston County:

Recycling Programs  
Coordinator

For more information click  
here: [Charleston County](#)

### Green Tips:

**End Junk Mail and  
Reduce Your  
Business's User  
Disposal Fee**

End junk mail that wastes  
resources:  
landfill,  
transportation,

The City of Charleston has joined the digital camera brigade. The City collects unusable digital cameras in the lunch room on the 3rd floor of 75 Callhoun Street.

TerraCycle will ship the cameras to their headquarters and they will be recycled into refurbished cameras, trash cans and benches. AND the City offices will get an innovation point in the Green Business Challenge! To learn more about how your business or office can participate, [click here](#).

## AROUND CHARLESTON

**Kid's Shark Study**

**City of Charleston Environmental Education  
May 12**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Demetre Park (Wampler Drive on James  
Island)**

**Free**

The program is open for kids between the ages of 5-12 and all kids must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will learn interesting facts about sharks, discover the wide array of sizes that sharks come in, play Sharks and Minnows tag game, and search for shark's teeth on the beach. Pre-registration is required. Call 843-965-4002 to register.

**Green Forum: The Midlands (SC) Green  
Congregation Initiative and the Genesis  
Program at Bible Way Church of Atlas Road  
Sunday May 13,**

**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Unitarian Church in Charleston, 4 Archdale  
Street, Charleston, SC 29401**

Fifty seven congregations are part of the  
Midlands Initiative: some more involved (green)

paper production  
and trees.

Stop unwanted catalogs  
[CatalogChoice.org](http://CatalogChoice.org)

End credit card offers  
1-888-5-OPTOUT

Eliminate other junk mail  
[DMAchoice.org](http://DMAchoice.org)

You can even hire  
someone to do this for you  
(and buy a carbon offset in  
the process) at  
[41pounds.org](http://41pounds.org).

Credit: 2012 Ecumenical  
Carbon Fast

**Green Business  
Challenge  
Update:**

than others. The overall program and specifics about the ongoing activities at Bible Way church will be discussed.

Bruce Coull is Carolina Distinguished Professor Emeritus & Dean Emeritus at USC where he did research and taught for 35 years. In retirement he has been working with the SC faith based community educating on how to be better stewards of the Earth. Tamera Warren is the Sustainability Management System Coordinator for the US Army's Ft. Jackson base in Columbia. She is also the leader of the Genesis Project Environmental Ministry at the 12,000 member Bible Way Church of Atlas Road in Columbia.

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PRESENTS

Mother Earth  
SWAP-ALL

Sunday, May 13 from 3-6pm  
\$1 Entry Fee  
Tin Roof - 117 Magnolia Rd.

Item for Item (up to 10)  
men's & women's clothing · books  
accessories · household decor  
records & so much more

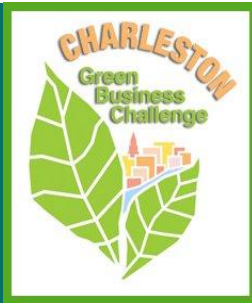
Bring a dog food donation  
and get one free item

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OR CONTACT LINDSEY: 530-0877 • [SALES@GOODFOOTPRINT.COM](mailto:SALES@GOODFOOTPRINT.COM)

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Volunteer Opportunity



## GBC Year 2 Participants

### Summary (still finalizing)

76 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 & Associates, Architects
9. DwellSmart
10. Charleston Water

**Earth Force Youth Environmental Summit!**  
James Island County Park, 871 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC 29412  
Tuesday, May 15th 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

The Summit is an opportunity for Earth Force to showcase both the students and organizations that are striving to make the Lowcountry a better place. At the event, Earth Force youth reflect together on the success of their service-learning projects and participate in interactive activities run by local community partners. We are in need of 20-30 volunteers to assist us with our biggest event of the year. About 300 students will be joining us at Edisto Hall in James Island County Park to display the amazing and creative solutions to local environmental issues that they have worked on with Earth Force throughout this school year. In addition to student presentations, 20 community-based and government agencies will be on hand to show students how they are working to improve our local community! This is a chance for celebration and reflection for all those involved in Earth Force programming this year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Volunteer roles:

- Organizing registration with volunteers, community partners & youth
- Serving as a group leader for student groups as they move through the Summit
- Assisting with event set up and break down
- Lunch set-up, service, resource recovery and clean-up

Questions? Please contact Stacey at [srafalowski@earthforce.org](mailto:srafalowski@earthforce.org).

**BIKE MONTH EVENT:**  
May 16 - Ride of Silence, 6 p.m. Hampton Park

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

- 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.

## BIKE MONTH EVENT:

**May 18**

### **Bike to Work Day,**

With 5 breakfast goodie-stocked help stations around the area, sponsored by Piggly Wiggly, and hosted by Charleston Moves.

## Work-to-Bike Day Celebration

**6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Hippodrome**

Highlighting the work that Charleston Moves and our supporters do to make Charleston more bike/ped friendly.

Live Music by Satellite Rodeo, Beer by New Belgium, Annual Membership renewal drive and Silent Auction

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

**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 the community along

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

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.](#)

### [Learn to Crab with the Charleston Parks Conservancy](#)

[Tuesday, June 5](#)

[8-10 a.m. Wednesday, June 6](#)

[8:30-10 a.m.](#)

[Daniel Island Waterfront Park Pier, 101 River Landing Drive on Daniel Island](#)

[Cost: \\$20 per person](#)

Learn about the South Carolina swimmer, *Callinectes sapidus*. Each participant will receive a drop net to rig and take home after the class. Bait is supplied. Class is catch and release, but if you want, bring a cooler to take home crabs larger than 5 inches. All participants must be registered. Children ages 5 and up are welcome to register but must be accompanied by a paid and registered chaperone age 18 or older. Must pre-register; class size is limited. Register online at [www.charlestonparksconservancy.org](http://www.charlestonparksconservancy.org) For more information, contact Mary Horton

- 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
- 76. Kiawah Island  
Golf Resort Nature  
Center

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.

## Keep Charleston Beautiful's Green & Lean 5K

June 2  
8am  
Brittlebank Park

at 843-724-5003 or [mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org](mailto:mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org)

### The Art of Animal Anatomy with Becca Barnett

Saturday, June 9

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hazel Parker Playground classroom, 70 E. Bay St.,

Cost: \$35

Join the Charleston Parks Conservancy to investigate animal anatomy and function, starting from the inside out. The skeletons of the animals will be the basis for the armatures of the sculptures. Children will learn how animals use their bodies to find food and shelter and defend themselves from predators. Use mostly recycled materials to create creatures based on the way real animals work. Bring a picture of your favorite animal and any recycled materials you may want to use. Ages 7 and up. Register online at [www.charlestonparksconservancy.org](http://www.charlestonparksconservancy.org) For more information, contact Mary Horton at 843-724-5003 or [mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org](mailto:mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org)

### Woodland Fairy Boxes with the Charleston Parks Conservancy

Thursday, June 14

6-7 p.m.

Hazel Parker Playground classroom, 70 E. Bay St.,

Cost: \$15

Let your little ones create their own woodland fairy box. With the Charleston Parks Conservancy, they'll take a nature walk and collect everything they need for the perfect fairy home: leaf boats, moss carpet and seed decor along with dining sets from corks and spools. Dress for a mess.





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;

**Ages 4 and up. Parents may stay and create their own boxes, but only if they register. Register online at [www.charlestonparksconservancy.org](http://www.charlestonparksconservancy.org) For more information, contact Mary Horton at 843-724-5003 or [mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org](mailto:mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org)**

**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!**

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

## 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

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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*South Carolina*

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