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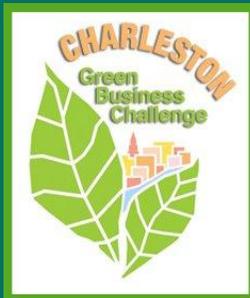
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## Green Business Challenge Update and Trainings



GBC Year 2 Participants

76 participants



## Charleston Strives For Less Event Waste!

### Resource and Recovery: Inspiring Change in the Charleston Event World

This blog entry points out how recycling and composting have evolved in Charleston in the past couple of years. The 2008 Charleston Green Fair paved the way for a wide variety of Charleston events to be more conscientious with their waste. Suzie Webster, Executive Director of the Charleston Green Fair blogs, "To recall Wayne's truck full of banana peels and apple cores from the Cooper River Bridge Run, the over 100 bags of food waste and crawfish shells at Cajun Festival and the 70% of waste we diverted at SEWE this year, made me



7+ million sq. feet  
180 sq. feet to  
3.5 million sq. feet  
6,000 average sq. feet  
38 - Baseline Average  
8 to 85 Baseline Range  
65 - Goal Average

## Energy Efficient Lighting: saving money on lights and your energy bills

Thursday, June 21st  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
DwellSmart  
804 Meeting Street

With the SCE&G EnergyWise program, now is a great time for businesses to upgrade to more efficient lighting. DwellSmart will demonstrate the latest advances in LED lighting and will show you ways to upgrade your current light bulbs and/or fixtures and take advantage of a super rebate program. DwellSmart, a fellow GBCer, will also treat you to coffee and breakfast goodies and highlight some favorite products for green

realize how much we have been able to accomplish."

[Learn More](#)



## Special Events Lend-A-Bin Recycling Program

Keep Charleston Beautiful is excited to offer collapsible wire frame ClearStream recycling bins to groups hosting events in Charleston. These collapsible ClearStream bins are possible thanks to a Keep America Beautiful and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation grant.

How it works: Keep Charleston Beautiful lends out bins to interested groups with the understanding that the group is responsible for removing the recyclable materials and taking them to a County drop-site. A group can borrow up to 50 bins at a time. Bins are reserved on a first come basis. Bins are to be returned 2-3 days after an event along with a simple report form listing the number of bags used and the materials collected. [Check It Out](#)



**Charleston County Environmental**

building and remodeling and energy conservation.

Light breakfast provided.

Please RSVP at [gbctrainingsvp@gmail.com](mailto:gbctrainingsvp@gmail.com)

Sponsored by GBC participant



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## Investing Green and Local

Thursday, July 12th  
8:30 - 9:30 am  
Jericho Advisors  
207A St. Philip Street

Never has it been more important for us to make conscience decisions regarding our investments. At this GBC training find out how you can make smart investment decisions based on your values and your community. Gain a clear understanding of

- where your investment dollars

## Management Waste Assessments

Charleston County Environmental Management is able to provide Waste Assessments to qualifying businesses. Waste Assessments by telephone for small businesses or on-site for medium to large



businesses can provide valuable information about a business' waste stream, existing recycling efforts and potential to divert more waste for recycling. Waste minimization (waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting) plays a very specific role in diverting waste from disposal for commercial businesses. They help businesses further understand the following:

### **Right Sizing Garbage Dumpsters:**

A visual inspection of the container is made to see if it is sized accordingly to the waste generated.

### **User Fee Impacts:**

Review of disposal costs will be conducted, starting with the Charleston County User Fee.

### **Waste minimization:**

Maximizing reduction and recycling plans can lead to economic benefits. This provides an opportunity to discuss your business' function and identify opportunities to enhance the program and education efforts.

[Learn More!](#)

- are going;
- the values of that company;
- or making the choice to invest in businesses right here in our community.

The discussion will focus around a new Slow Money chapter being formed in South Carolina which will provide new and alternative avenues to make a local impact with your investment. Learn how you too have an opportunity to vote with our dollars for a greener more localized economy.

Light breakfast provided.

Please RSVP at [gbctrainingsvp@gmail.com](mailto:gbctrainingsvp@gmail.com)

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Money with a Miss



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# AROUND CHARLESTON

## Blessing of the Bikes

June 3rd

10 am

Circular Congregational Church



art courtesy of Tate Nation

# BLESSING OF THE BIKES

circular congregational church

sunday, june 3

10 a.m.

**ALL WELCOME**

A short service of blessing for safe journeying, joyful riding, for cyclists of all stripes. "May the Road Rise to Meet You"

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

Learn to Crab with the Charleston Parks Conservancy

June 5 (8-10 am)

June 6 (8:30-10 am)

@ Daniel Island Waterfront Park Pier (101 River Landing Drive on Daniel Island)

Cost: \$20 per person

Learn about the South Carolina swimmer,

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.

## Sustainability Jobs in Charleston

### Sustainability Institute:

- QA, Technical Training and Assistance Coordinator

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

### Charleston County:

- Director of Environmental Management

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

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

**June 2 (8am) Brittlebank Park**

*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 at [843- 724-5003](tel:843-724-5003) or

[mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org](mailto:mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org)

### Webinar: Improving Rooftop Solar Permitting

**June 6**

**2-3 pm**

**Free**

ICLEI continues its trailblazing webinar series, "Reducing Barriers to Solar for Local Governments." Join ICLEI and guest speakers to learn about the pros and cons of various local and state strategies to improve the efficiency of permitting processes, then discuss and share your own ideas. [Interested?](#)

### Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time

**June 7, 2012**

**7:00-8:45 pm**

**MUSC Baruch Auditorium (284 Calhoun Street)**

Sierra Club presents this 2001 classic environmental film. Landscape sculptor Andy Goldsworthy is renowned throughout the world for his work in ice, stone, leaves, and wood. The film captures the essential unpredictability of working with rivers and tides, and travels with Goldsworthy to reveal the color and energy flowing through all



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) -

things. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Mittleider Gardening Happy Hour Class  
June 7**

**5:30 pm (wine and cheese)**

**6 pm (lecture by Joan Berry-Warder)**

**@ A private garden on James Island**

**Sold Out: Call 579-9922 to be put on a  
waiting list**

The Mittleider method combines the best features of soil gardening and hydroponic gardening. It is a complete easy-to-follow plan that eliminates guesswork and insures success anywhere. Joan Berry-Warder will show you her backyard, Mittleider garden, and explain clear steps to follow for soil preparation, seeding and planting, feeding and watering, plant care and harvesting.

Interested?

**The Art of Animal Anatomy with Becca  
Barnet**

**June 9**

**10-12:30 pm**

**@ 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)

\$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)

**Green Tips:**



**How to Make a  
Non-Toxic Cleaning Kit**

**Shopping List:**

- Tea tree oil
- 6 clean spray bottles
- 2 glass jars
- Vegetable glycerin (optional)
- Fresh lemon (optional)
- Additional essential oils (optional)

For more information, contact Mary Horton  
at 843-724-  
5003 or [mhorton@charlestonparksconservan  
cy.org](mailto:mhorton@charlestonparksconservancy.org)

**Woodland Fairy Boxes with the  
Charleston Parks Conservancy**

**June 14**

**6-7 pm**

**@ 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.  
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)

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**2012 Charleston Green Fair**

**October 13th & 14th**

**Marion Square Park**

**Save the Date!**

## MOLD KILLERS

### Tea Tree Treasures:

Nothing natural works for mold and mildew as well as this spray. Tea tree oil is expensive, but a little goes a very long way. Note that the smell of tea tree oil is very strong, but it will dissipate in a few days.

2 teaspoons tea tree oil

2 cups water

Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse. Makes two cups.

### Vinegar Spray:

Straight vinegar reportedly kills 82% of mold. Pour some white distilled vinegar straight into a spray bottle, spray on the moldy area, and let set without rinsing if you can put up with the smell. It will dissipate in a few hours.

**Source: [Care2](#) and a Green Connection Reader**

**Send your tips to [charlestongreen@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:charlestongreen@charleston-sc.gov).**

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## Stay In Touch!

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The Green Connection is always eager to hear your feedback and advise. Please **Email** us and let us know what you think!

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The Charleston Green Fair is moving to a new...and cooler date! This year they are expanding to a two day event, in a new month on Saturday and Sunday, October 13th & 14th.

Saturday's theme will be "green is good...and healthy." Jumping on the already successful Charleston Farmers Market, the Green Fair will add to the fun with cooking demos from Chefs using food from the Market. The day will also celebrate the City's "Lighten Up Charleston" Campaign with interactive classes on yoga, zumba, crossfit and more. Experts will share information on all areas of wellness including nutrition, preventative options for a healthy lifestyle, holistic healing and so much more. If you are interested in participating in Saturday's activities, please contact us at [info@carolinagreenfair.com](mailto:info@carolinagreenfair.com)

Sunday will feature all that is good about green living. From traditional favorites like our Earth Force Eco-Carnival (with new games and attractions), Two entertainment stages, Solar Sunday NFL Ticket, New Belgium Beer School, a variety of non-profit education tents, Art Mag's Art Walk, Re-Trends Green Style Market and so much

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:



more!

Also new this year, in honor of the 5 Year Anniversary, the Green Fair will be having a concert on Saturday night in Marion Square Park. The concert will showcase local bands, a variety of food trucks and headliners, "The Pimps of Joytime" !

[Click here to learn more](#) and here to get your [exhibit booth](#).

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*South Carolina*

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