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The Green Connection

Green Committee Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tuesday, January 12th

Dr. John Kelly

Clemson 's Wind Turbine Drivetrain Facility.

8 am

John Wesley United Methodist Church

626 Savannah Highway

([CARTA Route 30](#))

“As the wind energy market emerges along the East Coast and turbines continue to grow in size and weight, South Carolina is strategically positioned to serve as an industrial hub for this evolving industry,” said John Kelly, executive director of the Restoration Institute. “Obviously this is the beginning of what we hope will be the location for manufacturers.”

Read more: <http://greeneconomy.com/clemson-university-sc-wind-turbine-test-facility-6526.htm#ixzzOZtGUEAbB>

Make a Film, Earn some Cash, Support the 3 Rs

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is looking for budding filmmakers. The video contest challenges filmmakers to produce short, creative videos that highlight the “Three Rs” of individual consumption: reduce, reuse, and recycle. The agency is accepting submissions for the contest, called “Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice,” through Feb. 16.

Entries should be either 30 or 60 seconds in length. The video should creatively promote steps individuals and organizations can take to minimize negative environmental impacts within their communities on the following topics:

Reducing and reusing

Recycling

Composting

Consumption and its effect on environmental footprint

The winning submissions will be announced in time for the 40th anniversary of



Cell Phone Recycling Opportunity Brought to You

Is one of your New Year's resolution to recycle more? Did you get a new phone over the holidays? Keep Charleston Beautiful will make recycling your old phone easy.



For the month of January you can drop off any unwanted personal cell phones at any of the participating locations:

City of Charleston: 823 Meeting Street

City of Charleston: 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd floor Lunch Room

Rising High, 480 East Bay Street

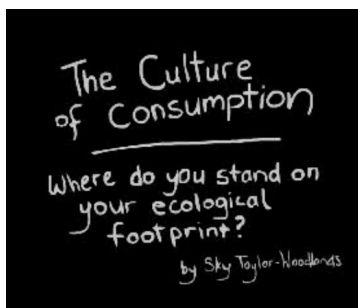
Indigo Books, 472 Fresh Fields Drive

University Books of Charleston, 360 King Street

***Or bring your phone for recycling to the
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What are we really paying for when we buy an object?

Remember everything you were given or gave over the recent holidays. We all know what we paid or about what was paid for the item at the register or online. What are we really paying for when we buy an object? Look for these and other questions about our consumer habits and consciousness in the short film, *The Culture of Consumption - Where do you stand on your ecological footprint?* is found and can be viewed at



http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-2331265978670067341&ei=BdknS_zPAZWcqgLU98ihCw&q=ecological+footprint&view=3#

Around Town

The Sophia Institute Presents **Saving the Ecosystem Through Mushroom Cultivation** by Tradd Cotter of Mushroom Mountain, LLC. On Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, Cotter will be at The Sophia Institute for two programs focusing on how mushrooms can be used to clean up contamination, and how to cultivate, recycle and compost using mushrooms. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.thesophiainstitute.org/RetreatDetails.aspx?rid=121&pid=73&did=178> or call 843.720.8528.

Charleston County is seeking volunteers to serve on its **Greenbelt Board**. They have three vacancies: a property owner in the real estate business, a board member of a historic preservation group and an appraiser of forestland, farmland, and/or conservation easements. For more information. Charleston County Council encourages citizens of Charleston County who are willing to volunteer to serve on this and other important boards to submit an application for appointment. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 15, 2010. To find Charleston County Council's application for appointment, visit <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/Council/AppointApp.htm>

Garbage Dreams which was directed by Mai Iskander and shortlisted for the 2009 Academy Award, Best Feature Documentary will be shown on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 pm at Charleston County Library at 68 Calhoun Street.

Learning from Others

The Chicago Green Office Challenge offers strategies for private and public sector offices to conserve energy and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Chicago's goal is to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020. Buildings are a key targets since buildings contribute about 58% of Charleston's greenhouse gases. But this target cannot be met without the help of property managers and tenants in the central business district, who must raise the environmental performance of their buildings.



“The Chicago Green Office Challenge takes participants through a process of benchmarking building energy use through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and other tools, and helps them pursue a variety of conservation and efficiency opportunities over the course of a one-year program. The program concludes with an evaluation of participant progress towards goals, and successful achievers are publicly recognized by Mayor Richard M. Daley. The City's extensive research about the commercial building sector revealed that this type of recognition is a key ingredient to improving environmental performance in this industry, and as such, the program is built around recognition and friendly competition. The first “round” of the Challenge has engaged nearly 170 companies, including 14 major property management firms, and is expected to result in a 10 to 30 percent energy use reduction in upwards of 50 high-rise commercial buildings in downtown Chicago.” Local governments in the Charleston area are looking into this program for Charleston. For more information click here: [http://www.icleiusa.org/library/documents/Green%20Office%](http://www.icleiusa.org/library/documents/Green%20Office%20Challenge.pdf)

Tailgaters Recycling Initiative Nets 30 Tons

Carolina Panthers are not only looking at what they can do for the environment, but are encouraging their fans to do more. And their fans have been overwhelmingly supportive.

The Carolina Panthers exceeded organizers expectations by recycling 30 tons of cans and bottles throughout the NFL season. Their goal had been to recycle 20



tons of waste. Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, coordinated the effort, while local a corporation, Bojangles', donated recycling bags which were handed out by volunteers.



Teamwork Redefined!