



Tuesday, November 24th 2009  
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## The Green Connection

### Education Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday December 2

8:30 am

Planning Library, 3rd Floor, 75 Calhoun Street

([CARTA Route 201](#) or [210](#))

### Congratulations

The [Charleston Green Plan](#) was adopted by the Charleston Green Committee with minor revisions. Next stop - City Council on December 15th at 5pm at City Hall.

Stay tuned for ways that you can show your support of the plan to City Council.

The [Charleston Green Plan](#) is on line. [Click here.](#)



### Charleston's Long Range Transportation Plan Survey

The Berkeley—Charleston—Dorchester—Council of Governments are preparing to update their Long Range Transportation Plan. The Long Range Transportation Plan is a prioritized list of transportation projects within these three counties. The plan assists in the ranking of projects as well as the allocation of funding for highways, roads, bridges, transit facilities, bicycle and pedestrian routes and enhancements located in our region.



A survey is offered as your opportunity to make a difference in transportation plans for our region. [Click Here](#) to take the survey and let your voice be heard. Help ensure that our tax dollars are spent on transportation projects that improve quality of life rather than increase automobile dependence. Investments in road networks, mass transit, bicycle and pedestrian options and safety are sustainable uses of our transportation dollars. Let your local governments know!

### Support Repower America and The Clean Energy and Securities Act!

The American Clean Energy and Securities Act (ACES) seeks to repower America with clean and domestic energy sources. U.S. emissions would be reduced by 17% from 2005 levels by 2020. This would be achieved by a "cap and trade" method.

from 2009 levels by 2020. This would be achieved by a "cap and trade" method, which creates monetary incentives for clean energy. Businesses who exceed an emissions cap will be taxed. However, businesses who cut emissions below the required level can sell their excess permits. This method of "cap and trade" would help transition the U.S. to affordable, clean energy. In doing so, we could create millions of green jobs, and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. [Click Here](#) to learn more about this promising bill.

Senator Lindsey Graham has agreed to contribute his bipartisan support for this bill. Letters from students, residents, and local businesses would help him support his decision to stick by this bill in the face of opposition.

Repower America strongly backs this bill, and is an organization dedicated to promoting clean, domestic energy. They have four simple goals:

- Jumpstart our economy and create millions of jobs;
- Help end our dependence on foreign oil;
- Reward innovation and job creation, not polluters; and
- Help solve the climate crisis.

Repower America has recently launched their student challenge for a national campaign to promote support for this bill. Stay on the alert for events to help support this challenge. In addition, you can show your support by joining Repower America, and even posting your own testimonial video for South Carolina on their wall. [Click here](#) to access their website!

If you would like testimonial forms, letter templates, or Repower America posters to hang in your local business, please contact:

Ben Gordon at [cool42141421@mac.com](mailto:cool42141421@mac.com)



## Charleston's First "Alternative Giving Fair"

Instead of buying more socks, or a tie or soap this holiday season, attend Charleston's First "Alternative Giving Fair" and make a charitable donation in a person's name. The charity will give you a card to give to the person instead of those socks. This way the money you would have spent on a gift is helping those in need and you still have something to give the person on the special day. This event is co-sponsored by LowCountry Local First, The Social Action committee of Unitarian Universalist Church, and Money with a Mission.

[Click Here](#) for more information about the Alternative Giving Fair. Click the "Contact Us" Link and let them know if you want to volunteer. They need people to serve Hot Cocoa, direct folks inside the hall, and help with check out.

Event to be held:

Saturday, December 5th, 11 p.m.—4 p.m.

Gage Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4 Archdale St..

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## Charleston's Buy Local Week

Buy Local Week is a national awareness campaign that emphasizes the importance of our local independent businesses on our local economy! Events sponsored by Lowcountry Local First are happening all week. [Click here for more information.](#)



November 30th - December 6th

### Independent Movie and After Party at the Hippodrome

**December 1, 2009**

LLF will be showing the documentary film *Paperback Dreams: The Life and Times of the Independent Bookstore*. The film starts at 7:00 and will be followed by a panel discussion and after party at the Hippodrome Lounge! Sponsored by American Automated Payroll and the Hippodrome

### Eat Local Night

**December 2, 2009**

Lowcountry Local First invites you to participate in the 2nd "Eat Local Night." The goal - to spotlight the wide diversity of locally owned and operated restaurants, local food, and to encourage the public to support our local economy. Participating restaurants will donate 5% of the evenings sales to LLF! [Click here](#) for a complete list of participating restaurants.

### PURE Theater's "It's a Wonderful Life: 1940's Radio Show"

**December 3, 2009**

This American classic comes to life on stage as a 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Presented by PURE Theater who is generously donating 20% of the evening's proceeds to LLF. 7:30pm

### Holiday Stroll

**December 5, 2009**

Join LLF business in downtown Charleston, Mt. Pleasant and Avondale for a wonderful time making that big shift to local in your holiday shopping! Many shops will be offering refreshments, special promotions and entertainment! [See local business promotions!](#)

### Alternative Giving Fair

**December 5, 2009**

See above for more details.

### The Buy Local, Be Local Bash

**December 6, 2009**

7-10 p.m. at The Landing at Shem Creek

