

## The Green Connection

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th

8 am

John Wesley United Methodist Church

626 Savannah Highway

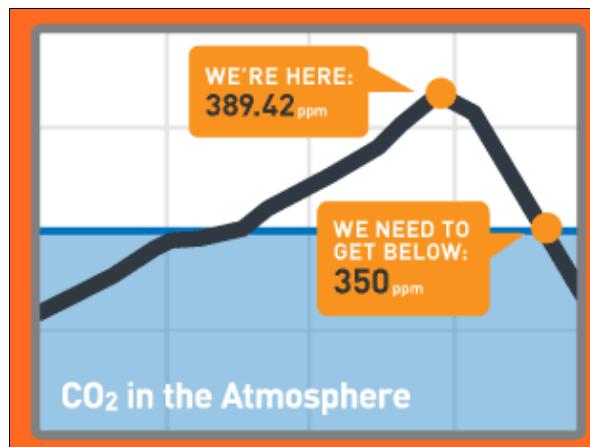
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### 350 Non-petroleum Modes of Transportation, Charleston

The safe level for atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> according to Jim Hansen, a well known climate scientist who works for NASA, is 350 ppm. However, we are currently at 389ppm and rising. Hence, 350 is the target number. So a national and international organization named 350.org is staging a world wide event to happen on

Oct.24, 2009. They are holding theirs in Washington, DC with a target of 350 frisbees thrown at their event. The whole objective is to bring attention to the Number 350, and to create an awareness about Climate Change or 'Global Heating' before the world summit in Copenhagen this November/December. A grass roots movement will tell our leaders that we're all serious and we're all in it together. Charleston's own 350 project

is to have 350 Non-Petroleum powered modes of transportation; ie. kayaks, sail boats, canoes, kite boards, bicycles, walking, skate boarding, roller blading, etc. be present at the rally on Oct. 24th. This gathering of like minded individuals may be members of non-profits, renewable energy providers, energy auditors, the Charleston Green Committee, cycling, kayaking, sailing, running, clubs and equipment providers, climate consultants, whoever may be interested. Check out Charleston's 350 project [here!](#) Stay tuned for more details.



### ICLEI's Green Office Challenge

Join ICLEI on Thursday, August 20, from 1-2 p.m. Eastern, to learn how to set up a "Green Office Challenge" program to engage the private sector to reduce energy, waste, water, and emissions. Click [here](#) to sign up.



ICLEI's Southeast Regional Office has just announced a new series of monthly webinars specifically for members in this region. This series will keep members informed of new resources available from ICLEI, and allow for discussion of unique challenges and opportunities facing members in the Southeast.

ICLEI is kicking off this series with a free presentation on creating a Green Office Challenge in your community. ICLEI has been working closely with the City of Chicago in the development and implementation of the [Chicago Green Office Challenge](#), a major initiative that engages commercial property managers and office tenants in improving the environmental performance of commercial buildings. The Challenge, launched in early 2009, is already a success: nearly 200 companies have enthusiastically participated in the first round, and more are eager to sign up.

The program has garnered a great deal of interest from communities throughout the country as an exciting way to engage the private sector in local climate initiatives and meet their community greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Join ICLEI for this webinar, in which they will provide an overview of the program and identify program resources and necessary ingredients to starting a successful Green Office Challenge in your community.



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## ***Ocean Conservation Presentation***

South Carolina Wildlife Federation and the SC Coastal Conservation League invite you to an evening of fish, friends and food. Leda Dunmire, of the Pew Environment Group, will give a presentation on ocean conservation at **6 PM on Wednesday, August 19 at the Charleston County Library at 68 Calhoun St.** There will be a reception at 6 with snacks and drinks, followed at 6:30 by slideshow and open discussion of how sustainable fisheries impact our community. Learn how healthy fish populations benefit our environment and our economy, why recent government actions put science at the heart of fisheries management and ways you can help ensure sustainable fish populations for future generations. This event is free and open to the public!



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## ***Green is Good for Business Conference***

Tuesday, September 1  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia, SC  
8:30 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. (Conference Sessions)  
5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. (Business After Hours)

This workshop brings everything you need to green your workplace under one roof. You can learn from industry experts, visit with vendors who provide green products and services, and network with other green businesses. In addition, you can get information on water efficiency, green transportation, energy conservation, green landscaping, recycling and waste reduction, green cleaning, environmental management systems and more. The workshop is \$50, with discounts available if you arrive with three or more attendees. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### *ICLEI's 2 For One Deal*

Special offer: The next 15 ICLEI member liaisons who sign up for our Southeast Regional Workshop can register a colleague for free! (attendees must be from the same jurisdiction)

They've also just confirmed several exciting Workshop speakers. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency officials will address the latest on the Recovery Act, federal policy, and other key issues that affect local governments.



The Workshop will also bring together national- and state-level experts to lead in-depth breakout sessions on key topics including:

- ICLEI's exclusive Energy Office Initiative training on how to take your energy efficiency work to the next level and save more money
- Innovative climate adaptation resources and tools
- Green jobs and economic development

Click [here](#) to view the full agenda and learn more about what their Workshop has to offer.