

The Green Connection

Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 8th
8 am
John Wesley United Methodist Church
626 Savannah Highway
([CARTA Route 30](#))

The Charleston Green Fair!

Sunday, September 27th,

12p.m. to 6 p.m.

Marion Square.

The 2nd Annual Charleston Green Fair will feature over 100 Exhibitors and Non-Profit Organizations showcasing green products and services.

Charleston Green Fare will be provided from a variety of local food vendors offering delicious selections using fresh local ingredients.

*Vegetarian foods offered as well. Also provided is an expanded beer and wine garden featuring local beer and organic wine options. While you're there, check out the sustainable seafood cooking contest. You can be the judge as you sample the signature dishes of Charleston's most famous Chefs who are challenged to create their dish using the same sustainable seafood ingredient.

Music will be heard from headliner, *Jesse Colin Young*.

There will be a speaker tent with experts on a variety of topics in the areas of home efficiency, new technologies, and health and wellness, as well as an expanded non-profit education tent highlighting the wonderful organizations who help improve and conserve our beautiful community!

Also, don't miss the recycling education tent, where you'll learn what you can do to reduce the amount of waste that goes into our landfills. Find out about composting, items that CAN be recycled, and what the future holds for Charleston in the area of waste management. Bring your hazardous waste to the green fair to be disposed of safely!

Finally, don't forget to bring your kids to the Green Fair KidZone, brought to you by Lowcountry Earth Force, providing fun interactive games and activities that will inspire your kids to become Stewards of our Community!

As you can see,
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LEEDing the Way in Hospitality

You've probably been wondering about the new building in Mt. Pleasant next to the Ravenel Bridge. Well, it's no ordinary building! It's a hotel that's designed to be very GREEN! In fact, it will be the first LEED-certified hotel in South Carolina! Here's how the green building plans stack up:



1. Existing trees and planned installations throughout the parking areas will offer a fair amount of shade to meet LEED heat island reduction requirements.
2. A storm water runoff management system, in which concrete collection basins collect rainwater from the parking areas and then slowly release it back into the ground, will help to retain water at the site and prevent flooding.
3. As to the four-story frame, there has been a strong effort to purchase materials (steel, aluminum and concrete) with the highest percentage of recycled content available.
4. Although a rooftop garden is not structurally possible, the material used to seal the roof will be light in color with a high Solar Reflectance Index.
5. Also from the roof, rainwater will be collected to provide irrigation for the native plants and trees used in the landscaping.

This is a great step towards Charleston's green future! Thanks are due to a KVH Hospitality which is made up of Charlestonians Jay Keenan, Steve Varn and Batson Hewitt, for investing in this "earth friendly" development.

Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed

If you're looking for an interesting read, Jared Daimond's book Collapse is sure to grab your attention. In writing this novel, Diamond intends that his readers learn from history's mistakes by showing "societal collapses involving an environmental component, and in some cases also contributions of climate change, hostile neighbors, and trade partners, plus questions of societal responses". His book covers the success and failures of several past societies. How might we learn from their failures, and in what way are we dangerously making the same mistakes? Find out with a copy of this progressive new novel!



