

The Green Connection

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Education Subcommittee

Green Committee

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 am

Planning Library

3rd Floor

75 Calhoun Street

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

Lawn Mower Exchange and More

When: Saturday, March 13th

Time: 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM or 11:30 AM- 2:30 PM

Location: Ladson Exchange Park



See flier for more information

3 Cheers for Recycling

Two hospitality businesses in Charleston County were honored with the State Department of Health and Environmental Control's and the S. C. Smart Business Recycling Program's first Green Hospitality Program awards. Awards went to Charleston restaurant [High Cotton](#) and the Kiawah Island golf mecca, [Kiawah Island Golf Resort](#), Kiawah Island. Both were recognized for **incorporating environmental stewardship and sustainability within their daily practices**, including making recycling available to guests and staff members throughout their facilities. The S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program is a partnership between DHEC and the S.C. Department of Commerce. The program offers free, confidential, non-regulatory services, including site visits, technical assistance, market research and workshops.

Which Car is Greener

A San Francisco garage offered a \$10 per night benefit to hybrid drivers who park in their garages overnight. **But is a hybrid always the most efficient vehicle?** Click here for Treehugger's report on this question. <http://www.treehugger.com/files/2010/03/the-perverse-hybrid-incentive.php?>



[campaign=daily_nl](#) The article asks the question who deserves an incentive: hybrid vehicles, vehicles with high miles per gallon, or the person who carools, uses mass transit, walks or bikes?

\$48.00 OVERNIGHT
HOTEL GUESTS
(Plus 14% Tax)
\$38.00 OVERNIGHT
HYBRID WHEELS
(Plus 14% Tax)

Economic impact of Wind Turbines Continues

The first company to locate in the Charleston area to support Clemson University's wind turbine test facility, announced that it will bring 190 jobs to Dorchester County and \$47 million in investment. German-based alternative energy company, IMO Group, is locating its first U.S. facility in an empty building in McQueen Industrial Park. July is its announced opening month. The company manufactures slewing rings and slew drives for some of the top wind turbine manufacturers around the world. ..**"Charleston's strong port coupled with its strengthening profile in alternative energy gave us complete confidence in our decision to come here,"** said Rüdiger Unverzagt, CEO of IMO USA Corporation. IMO will ship their parts to existing wind turbine manufacturers that are now scattered across the country, but they're betting that those companies will eventually open operations in North Charleston to be near the research facility. To learn more click here: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/mar/10/german-firm-to-open-area-factory/> and <http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/33240-wind-turbine-parts-manufacturer-to->



Lulan Sustainability Lecture Series

What: Innovative Sustainable Business Models

When: Monday March 15, 2010 6:00pm

Where: Charleston Visitor's Center Theater, 375 Meeting Street ([map](#)),

Adam Bernholz of GreenWizard, Ernest Andrade of Charleston Digital Corridor and Eve Blossom of Lulan Artisans will discuss their innovative sustainable business models and how the current business climate is playing a role in these new types of businesses. Entrances to the building for this event are via the Meeting Street and Bus Shed sides of the building. Parking is available in the bus shed-see the Lulan Artisans website for more information. <http://www.lulan.com/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=2&cntnt01origid=85&cntnt01detailtemplate=general&cntnt01returnid=97>



Learning from Others

What: Promoting Solar

When: Thursday, March 18, 2010 2:00 pm

Where: Your computer and your phone

Knoxville, TN and Orlando, FL have participated in the Department of Energy Solar America Cities program. Erin Burns of Knoxville and Jon Ippel of Orlando will share what the cities are doing to promote solar energy. Specific strategies to be discussed include public education and engagement, preparing building inspections and zoning to support solar, and web-based information tools. Click here to register and for more information. https://icleiusaevents.webex.com/mw0306l/mywebex/default.do?jsessionid=W8YgLYKH2JOF1xfRxJftWDbfGdQ7sL6TwyBhp1pQ6Jh3LRL2pDQ!-1241953236?nomenu=true&siteurl=icleiusaevents&service=6&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Ficleiusaevents.webex.com%2Fec0605l%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D390215238%26siteurl%3Dicleiusaevents%26%26%26



D.C. planners to study land around planned streetcar routes D.C. is preparing to conduct a master land use plan for 37 miles of proposed streetcar routes to determine how the system could best maximize transit connections and economic development. Planning Director Harriet Tregoning told a D.C. Council committee at a February 24 hearing that she planned a two-year, \$2 million study of the three blocks on either side of the 37 miles of proposed tracks in order to consider what land uses, ownership patterns and transit options would line the tracks on either side of the proposed routes. <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/stories/2010/02/22/daily51.html>

Green Building at Technical Colleges

What:: 2006 IECC Training by the SC Energy Office

When:: March 23, 8:30 AM– 2:30 PM

Location: Midlands Technical College, Northeast Campus.

The course is intended for building code enforcement officials, contractors, architects, and anyone else interested in learning about the newly adopted energy code for South Carolina. The residential code will be discussed in the morning and the commercial code will be discussed in the afternoon. For details see <http://www.energy.sc.gov/calendar.aspx?id=556>

Other Courses of Interest:

Midlands Technical College <http://mtconline.midlandstech.edu/CeClassCatalog/scheduleopen?v=SCEWEZ>

Trident Technical College <http://www.tridenttech.edu/19393.htm>

Eat Smart Move More

What: Charleston Tri-County Area Working Together to Reduce Obesity Through Active Living and Healthy Eating

When: March 23, 10 AM

Location: Moultrie Room North Charleston City Hall



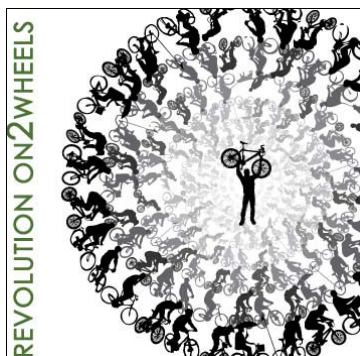
State and county agencies, community leaders, health care organizations, schools districts, academia, non-profits, and business and industry partners are coming together to form **Charleston Tri-County Eat Smart Move More**, a new local chapter of the state **Eat Smart Move More South Carolina Coalition** (<http://www.eatsmartmovemore.org>). Eat Smart Move More SC coordinates obesity prevention efforts across the state and is responsible for implementing South Carolina's State Obesity Prevention Plan. The group will be working on promotion, programs, policies, and physical projects.

Across America, a cycling revolution is underway. Bicycles are changing the way people get around, and therefore how they see and understand the city—not to mention *how we plan it*. **Bikes aren't just for fun; more and more, they're a primary means of transportation!** This Spring we will examine this amazing phenomenon and consider its consequences for the metro-Charleston area.

March 25th

BY ALL RIGHTS: bike activism in perspective
Preston Tyree, Director of Education
League of American Bicyclists

April 8th



April 8th

LOOK SHARP: how bikes are changing American cities

Chris Kluth

San Diego Association of Governments

April 15th

The FEAR AND ROMANCE of Cycling in Charleston

Donald Sparks, Ph.D.

Professor of International Economics, The Citadel University

PLUS

Panel of metro-Charleston planners

all events are free and open to the public

ALL Lectures will be held from 7:00pm - 9:00pm on the 3rd floor of Southend Brewery & Smokehouse, 161 East Bay, Charleston SC. 20401

Green Tip of the Week



Going, Going Gone! If you need to raise money for a good cause, why not auction people's skills or some special experience rather than physical items that may never be used. What do I hear for tennis lessons, or a romantic serenade, or a delivered homemade meal?