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The Final Charleston Green Plan

The final Green Plan: A Roadmap to Sustainability is available on line at <http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=1949> . An Executive Summary is also found there. They reflect the changes that were made to the plan prior to City Council's February 23, 2010 receipt of the plan. Would you like to pay to have a printed copy of the plan? Clearly there is a savings in a group printing. The cost is estimated to be about \$20 a piece depending on the number printed. Please email charleston-green@ci.charleston.sc.us to let us know how many you would like and for how many you would like to pay.



Learning from Others: Portland 's Green For all Campaign

Clean Energy Works Portland is helping homeowners green their homes in every way including financing options like on-line bill payment. Portland's city council has passed the Community Workforce Agreement. This program puts forth a set of sustainable building and contracting options. Click here to learn more and watch the video: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=50152&a=265065>



Charleston Friendly Yards : Sustainable yards and gardens of Charleston

A Charleston Friendly Yard is a beautiful yard or garden that is cared for and maintained in a sustainable way and that has minimal negative impacts on the environment.

Keep Charleston Beautiful's goal is to encourage the development and maintenance of environmentally sound yards and gardens, and to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences in relation to creating sustainable yards. Charleston Friendly Yards is designed to be an interactive resource for the community. Here individuals can share ideas and experiences regarding sustainable yard development and maintenance. CFY addresses 5 categories of yard care and maintenance: Plants, Water, Soils & Chemicals, Waste & Pollution, and Wildlife. This program aims to acknowledge those in the community who are doing their part to create Charleston Friendly Yards. Eligible yards can be front yards, side yards, back yards, potted gardens, rooftop gardens, or anywhere you



can get plants to grow. Awards are available for yards that meet Keep Charleston Beautiful's CFY requirements.

Requirements:

To be recognized as having a Charleston Friendly Yard you must show that your yard meets at least 1 of the suggested "tips" in each of the 5 noted sections. This is done by filling in the appropriate categories on the CFY Award Application and returning it to Keep Charleston Beautiful. A committee will then review your responses and you will be notified by of the committee's decision.

There are many wonderful resources available for starting your own sustainable yard please visit some of the noted links for more information and further suggestions on how to create your "green" yard or garden.

<http://www.charlestoncity.info/dept/content.aspx?nid=1955&cid=13340>

The First Annual Charleston Water Ball

What: Charleston Waterkeeper's Water Ball

When: March 23, 2010 , 7PM- 11PM

Where: SC Aquarium

Charleston Waterkeeper's First Annual Water Ball is right around the corner. Join for an evening dedicated to clean water. All funds raised at the Water Ball will help to protect your right to clean water by defending Charleston's waterways from pollution.

Click here for more information: http://thewaterball.org/?page_id=17



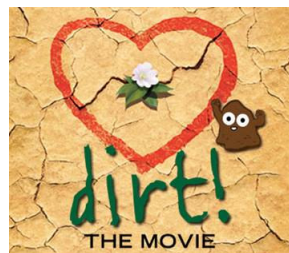
Dirt! THE MOVIE

What: dirt! THE MOVIE

When: March 25 6:30 PM

Location: Charleston County Public Library; 68 Calhoun Street

Just one teaspoon of dirt contains an amazing billion organisms, all working in remarkable balance to maintain and sustain a series of complex, thriving communities that impact our daily lives. Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth* and narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis, this Independent Lens move, *Dirt! THE MOVIE* deftly combines science and humor as it digs into the history and current state of the living organic matter beneath our feet.



Armchair Learning from Your Computer!

What: Energy Prices and Our Energy Future: Economics of New Nuclear and Renewables

When: March 26, 12:00 PM

Location: Your Computer!

Click here to register: www.cleanenergy.org

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy is continuing its monthly webinar series. This webinar offers the opportunity to interact with SACE staff on renewable energy questions. This webinar will also share the most updated technological advances in the renewable energy field. Join the panel of experts in the discussion.

Countdown to Earth Hour 2010

What: Earth hour 2010

When: March 27, 2010, 8:30 PM LOCAL TIME

Where: Your House!



On Earth Hour hundreds of millions of people around the world will come together to call for action on climate change by doing something quite simple—turning off their lights for one hour. The movement symbolizes that by working together, each of us can make a positive impact in this fight, protecting our future and that of future generations. Learn more about Earth Hour here: <https://www.myearthhour.org/about>



Don't Forget about These Upcoming Events

2006 IECC Training

March 23, 9:30– 2:30 To register: <http://www.energy.sc.gov/calendar.aspx?id=556>

Eat Smart Move More

March 23, 10:00 AM To register: <http://eatsmartmovemoresc.org/>

By All Rights Revolution on 2 Wheels

March 25, 7PM– 9PM, 3rd floor South End Brewery

Green Tip of the Week



Unplug your charger! When not in use, unplug your charger, you will save energy and money. Did you know that when you unplug your cell phone from its charger, the charger is still drawing power? The same goes for your laptop computer, your iPod, and many more of our digital devices that have rechargeable batteries. It may be a small amount of energy for each device, but over time this bad habit can slowly add up to a lot of wasted energy.

Let's just look at cell phones, of which there are an estimated 190 million in the United States. A quick back of the envelope calculation says that the combined stand-by usage of all those cell phone chargers, each drawing a measly watt, could add up to 190 megawatts per day. **That's enough to power approximately 100,000 homes.**

