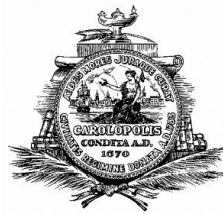




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The Green Connection

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Education Subcommittee Meeting

Messaging Session

Wednesday, April 21

8:00 -11:00am

Board Meeting Room

1st Floor

75 Calhoun Street

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

Come and Celebrate Earth Day's 40th Anniversary!!

Upcoming Events for Earth Day 2010:

What: MUSC's Earth Day

When: Tuesday April 20th 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Where: MUSC Horseshoe

MUSC's goal is to reduce the environmental impact of their campus by advancing energy efficiency, water conservation and encouraging recycling. Last year, MUSC recycled 27% of total solid waste. The celebration is one of many events that guide MUSC's departments and units to reduce waste. Helping them to conserve resources is MUSC's mission while they continue to increase the proportion of waste that is recycled. Come at 11:30 am and see Mayor Riley and Dr. Greenberg discuss sustainability at this event! We look forward to seeing you there!



What: Earth Fare Cut the Bag Habit!

When: Thursday April 22nd 2:00 PM Public Announcement

Where: Earth Fare in South Windermere

In honor of Earth Day 2010, Earth Fare will announce that they will no longer use plastic bags in their store, instead they will encourage the use of reusable bags and cardboard boxes. Come and support this momentous occasion at Earth Fare in South Windermere on Thursday and learn how you can "cut the bag habit!" Click here for more information: <http://www.earthfare.com/HealthyLiving/TheGreenPath/CuttheBagHabit.aspx>



Join the Clean Cities Sweep!

What: Keep Charleston Beautiful Clean Cities Sweep

When: April 18- 25, 2010

Where: You decide!

Plant a garden, coordinate a cleanup, celebrate Earth Day, Do a sweep, there are all ways that you can help Clean



Be a sponsor: these are all ways that you can help Clean Cities Sweep 2010! To request an information packet visit:

<http://www.keepcharlestonbeautiful.org>, call 843-579-

7501, or email scalesj@ci.charleston.sc.us

Join the **thousands** of volunteers for a beautification and clean- up event!



What is Trident Rideshare?

Trident Rideshare is a free and convenient web- based service that connects commuters looking to share cars, bicycles, taxi or walking trips in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties. This service helps promote better health, preserves air quality, decreases traffic congestion, conserves fuel, and saves YOU money. Trident Rideshare helps you find a compatible commuting partner with similar schedules and who live near by. You



choose the information you want to share, the service is completely secure. Contact Vonie Gilreath for more information at vonieg@bcdkog.com or call 843-529-0400

Green Tip of the Week:



Grab a reusable bag to celebrate Earth Day and make it a new habit. Here are 5 good reasons to make the change. greenhouse gases than paper bags.

- 1. Plastic bags get into our rivers and oceans killing marine life!**
- 2. Plastic bags decompose slower than paper bags leaving roads, forests and neighborhoods littered with garbage.**
- 3. According to a study by the EPA, plastic bags are FOUR TIMES LESS likely to be recycled over paper bags!**
- 4. Plastic bags hold THREE TIMES LESS than traditional paper bags.**
- 5. Plastic bags produce 33% MORE fossil fuels and 59% MORE greenhouse gases than paper bags.**

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