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**Charleston Green Committee Meeting  
(Don't forget your corks!)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Tuesday, April 13**

**8:00 am**

**John Wesley United Methodist Church**

**(CARTA Route 201 or 210)**

Charleston County had four winners of the Carolina Recycling Awards. Come see the awards being presented and hear the success stories of Keep Charleston Beautiful, Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Kiawah Island Golf Resort's Heron Park Nature Center and Nikki Seibert.

**Save the Date! Upcoming Mythbusters Webinar**

What: "Global Warming Mythbusters" Webinar

When: Friday, April 16, 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Where: Your Computer!

Join Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and Clean Energy Works for "Global Warming MythBusters" a Webinar on Science Fact and Science Fiction". Featuring Dr. Brian Soden, University of Miami, IPCC author and expert on Global Climate Change, Climate Modeling and Remote Sensing.

Check back in next week's Green Connection for the webinar.

**Congratulations to Hanahan Middle School!**

The Hanahan Middle School Eco Challenge team was one of two first place winners in the national final competition. The team will receive \$15,000 in prize money: the students will receive \$10,000 in college scholarships, the school will receive \$3,000, and the teacher will receive \$2,000. Team members include 8th graders Rachael Caddell, Jordan Farley, Alex Krunich, Alyssa Lamp, Amelia McCulloch, Julia Miller, Karly Nemeth, Taylor Parker, and Sara Richards. The teacher sponsor is Alexandra Davis, a 7th grade science teacher.



The winning project was focused on wetland habitat restoration and oyster reefs. Oyster reefs are home to many wetland species including fish, crabs, and shrimp. Oyster reefs have declined in the low country due to pollution

and shrimp. Oyster reefs have declined in the low country due to pollution, development, and wake caused by boats. To spread this message, the team used various means of community outreach. First, the students teamed with DNR's SCORE project to help bag recycled oyster shells and test water quality. By attending many local oyster roasts, including those held by the Hanahan Exchange Club and Santee Canal Park, the team ensured that 450 bushels of shells were recycled and bagged. The team created a flyer and brochure about the issue and mailed over 300 of them to marinas across the country to post on their docks. The slogan was "Reduce your wake, for the oyster's sake!". Positive responses came back from as far as California! Lastly, with the help of YouTube, Facebook, news media and partnerships, 162,000 people were informed about this issue. Partnerships included SC DNR, The Nature Conservancy, Charleston Waterkeeper, Charleston Green Committee, and River Smart, Friends of the Rivers.

You can still see the videos and presentation on YouTube "Oyster Restoration: HMS Eco Challenge".

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### The Story of Stuff Presents: "The Story of Bottled Water"

Watch the video here: <http://storyofstuff.org/bottledwater/>

Did you know that to make bottled water in the US in one year it takes as much oil as it takes to fill 1 million cars?

Four Northeastern states have set aside or spent between \$228,874 and \$527,107 a year for bottled water, according to a new report released today by Corporate Accountability International. [Getting States Off the Bottle](#) surveys bottled water spending in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Pennsylvania – all known for their high quality tap water.



The findings come as public water systems face a \$24 billion annual shortfall and during financial times in which states can ill afford to spend public dollars on a non-essential product like bottled water.

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### Green Tip of the Week:



A flight from New York to Cancun can generate as much as [1,000 pounds of carbon](#), so consider [purchasing carbon offsets](#) to help neutralize your impact. And look for a nonstop flight, which saves time and [burns less fuel](#). Road-tripping? Consider leaving your clunker at home and [renting a hybrid](#): you'll save on gas and prevent wear and tear on your car. Once you're at your destination, using a bicycle or public transportation for sight-seeing will reduce your footprint and burn off a few of those vacation libations.

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