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Come learn about the Energy Efficiency Partnership.

Wednesday, May 19 8:00 am

**Education Subcommittee
Green Committee**

**All are invited to come hear about the
City's Energy Efficiency Partnership**

**1st Floor Board Room; 75 Calhoun Street
([CARTA Route 201](#) or [210](#))**

Wednesday, May 19 4:30 pm

**Sustainability Committee
City Council Chambers
80 Broad Street ([CARTA Route 201](#) or [20](#))**

5 Myths About Going Green

Do you think that going green is expensive? Do you think that it takes a lot of effort? Bankrate.com has investigated these and other myths and put the answers in this short video: <http://www.bankrate.com/finance/video/5-myths-about-going-green.aspx>



Rare 114 Year, Kept by One Family, Climate Log

The Smiley family has kept an undisturbed, continuous weather station with daily temperature, rain and weather observations for the past 114 years. Researchers have digitized the over 15000 note cards of data and found trends. It shows the average temperature has increased by 2.63 degrees on land at this site, and that the number of days above 89 degrees at this site has increased over 150% in the same time period of 114 years.

Significant is that this study comes when some are questioning the accuracy of long-term weather records, on the basis that many stations have been moved or that surroundings have changed, occasionally putting instruments nearer to buildings, parking lots or other possible heat sources that could skew readings upward. This climate data is dependable because the weather station has been in the same relatively stable environment for over a century and the protocols have been followed by a relatively few people who have collected the data. To read more see: [http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100507101912.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+sciencedaily+\(ScienceDaily:+Latest+Science+News\)](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100507101912.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+sciencedaily+(ScienceDaily:+Latest+Science+News))



Opportunities

What: Charleston First: Local Stimulus Worthy of the Name

When: Wednesday May 19 6:00 pm

Where: American Theater, 446 King Street

Join Michael Shuman the Director for Research and Economic Development with Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) and author of [The Small-Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses are Beating the Global Competition](#), will be here to speak to our community! Michael Shuman has worked with many cities across the country on economic development and identifying economic leaks within communities. He gives a great and practical perspective to creating local economies. The event will be followed by a book signing at Blue Bicycle Books at 420 King Street.

Register: The event is free for Lowcountry Local First members and \$5 for all others. Please RSVP to amy@lowcountrylocalfirst.org.



What: God's Wonderful World: *Creation Care for the Lowcountry Faith Community*

When: Friday, May 21 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 22 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: John Wesley United Methodist Church; 626 Savannah Hwy (US Hwy 17)

Register online at: www.jwumchurch.org or call 843.766.5596.

REGISTER by May 17! This ecumenical gathering will address the theology of human's responsibilities toward the natural world and practical actions that promote conscientious stewardship of our resources.

Speakers

Sister Paula Gonzales, PhD. Sisters of Charity, Cincinnati, Ohio

A dynamic environmental leader & co-founder of Ohio Interfaith Power & Light

Rudy Mancke, Naturalist-in-Residence, University of South Carolina

Host of SCETV's NatureScene

For more information: see attached flier



What: 5th Annual Green and Lean 5K

When: Saturday May 22

Where: This USA TF certified 5K begins at Brittlebank Park, passes by The Citadel campus, circles around Hampton Park and concludes back at Brittlebank Park.

Register online at: www.active.com

Keep Charleston Beautiful would like to invite everyone to register for the 5th Annual **Green & Lean 5K Run/Walk**. This event helps raise funds for our award winning education programs, such as *Clean City Clara* and *Pick Up After Your Pet*. The race is also a great way to spend time enjoying two of Charleston's parks while getting exercise and enjoying the outdoors. Runners or walkers that register as a team are given a \$5 discount on their registration fees.

For more information visit: www.KeepCharlestonBeautiful.org or www.FriendsofKCB.org.



Green Jobs Meet Up and Intern Opportunities

The synergy happening at the Green Jobs Meet Up this past Tuesday was fabulous. Thanks to everyone who participated. Attached you'll find resources on Green Internships that was put together by local businessman, Jason D. Kechjian of **SolarTEK Energy**.

Green Tip of the Week:

Green Grill this Season - Summer is the season for sun.





Green Grill this Season - Summer is the season for sun, swimming and barbecuing, and it's also a great time to expand our green living routine to the grill. Here are some great tips to turn your barbecue into an ecofriendly affair:



1. **If you're a charcoal purist, get rid of the lighter fluid.** Use a chimney starter to heat your coals without liquid. Also, look for charcoal made from sustainable sources certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.
2. **Using gas? Be efficient.** You don't need to excessively preheat your grill. When the food is cooked, turn the gas off right away. Lastly, check for leaks.
3. **Grill locally grown food.** It decreases the need for transporting and chemicals.
4. **Cut back on waste by using reusable napkins and plates.** If using disposables, buy those with recycled content and/or items that can be composted.
5. **Clean green.** What you use to clean your grill could contain damaging chemicals, so opt for an eco-friendly cleaning product made from natural and biodegradable ingredients.

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