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The Green Connection

Green tip of the week:



Save paper, time and postage, and pay your bills online.

Green Learning Opportunities Around Charleston

What: **Webinar *Planning to Protect: Helping Southeast Coastal Communities Think about Climate Change and Adaptation***

When: January 28, 2010

Time: 12:00- 1:00 PM

Where: Your computer!

Any questions? Contact Tim Liszewski at tim@1Sky.org; Bridget Tripp at Bridget.Tripp@climateprotect.org, or Ann Shahid at ashahid@audubon.org

To register click here: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/673415371>



What: **Webinar for Faith Based Leaders sponsored by the Clean Energy Works Campaign of South Carolina**

When: January 27th

Time: Noon

Where: Your computer!

The call-in number is 1-888-387-8686 and the password is 2891868#

What: ***Garbage Dreams*** which was directed by Mai Iskander and shortlisted for the 2009 Academy Award, Best Feature Documentary

When: Thursday January 28, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Charleston County Library at 68 Calhoun Street.

Workshop to address High Demand for Locally Produced Food

What: Sustainable SC Local Foods Workshop

When: January 29, 2010

Time: 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Where: Hilton Columbia Center
924 Senate St., Columbia, SC



The demand for locally produced food is exceeding the current supply. As a result, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is providing a workshop to educate local farmers and markets on the economic opportunities of locally produced produce. Consumers interested in a healthier diet are also welcome to attend. To register click here: <https://agriculture.sc.gov/content.aspx?ContentID=697>

Join the Citywide Green Calendar!

A local partnership of Lowcountry green organizations has developed a 2010 CITYWIDE GREEN CALENDAR on Google. The calendar was spearheaded by Green Drinks of Charleston, working in partnership with the Charleston Green Committee and more than 25 lowcountry and national organizations.



To access the Green Calendar to learn more about Green events in Charleston click here.

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=bl133vs14uvoe4te0gmfmhp0m4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York&gsessionid=ZUtSErMVco7b4lrH4pQ7Kg

Representatives from each group maintain and update their scheduled events so as to avoid overbooking, scheduling conflicts, repeating discussion topics, and causing confusion. Since each group is working on similar initiatives and goals, the creators of the 2010 Citywide Green Calendar feels that this will become a valuable tool to organizers here in Charleston to broaden the scope of environmental activity. It will also be shared several times a month with local media so as to better feature sustainability topics and green events. If you are interested in receiving an invite for your group and a link to join, please email Jason at green-drinkschs@gmail.com.

Make it your goal in 2010 to green up!

What are the greenest cars on the market?

ACEEE has again ranked the year's greenest cars. Topping out the list is the Honda Civic GX which is fueled by natural gas with The Toyota Prius and the Honda Civic Hybrid following. While the "meanest" vehicle for the environment is reported as the Lamborghini Car



ported as the Lamborghini. Car manufacturers are competing to come up with new technology to meet the demands of fuel conscious and energy conscious buyers.



Expect to see an emphasis on electric vehicles by manufacturers. To see where your car ranks visit: <http://www.greencars.org/>

Unions joining in call for reduction of Greenhouse emissions

Historically, union workers have been strong proponents of green jobs. Based on the lack of policy to reduce carbon emissions, 3 major unions have joined in support of science-based carbon emissions called for by the IPCC. Unions including the TWU, SEIU, LIUNA have demanded a 20%- 40% reduction in emissions by 2020. The move could put organized trade unions at the forefront of the green jobs movement and the larger movement to protect the climate.



For more information please visit: <http://www.labor4sustainability.org/post/>

Sustainable Cities Institute Profiles Charleston

One of the goals of the Home Depot Foundation is to create sustainable communities by providing resources for sustainable living and by providing environmental stewardships. The foundation looks at how they can help communities move toward sustainability. They also provide profiles of various cities, including Charleston, on their website. The foundation identifies current and long term initiatives of various cities as well as identifies the goals set forth by the city.



To visit this helpful overview of Charleston's current green initiatives, please visit http://www.sustainablecitiesinstitute.org/view/page.basic/city_profile/content.city_profile/City_Profile_Charleston_SC