



Friday, February 26th, 2010

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# The Green Connection

Green Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th

8:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

75 Calhoun Street

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

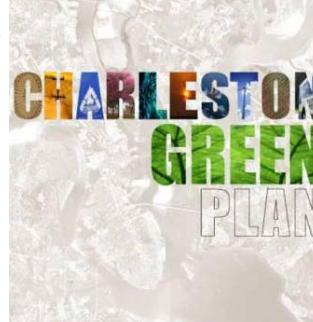
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*Plan Update—Next Step*

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On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Council received the Charleston Green Plan: a Roadmap to Sustainability. They also determined that an ad hoc committee, created by Mayor Riley in consultation with City Council, would be formed to support the development of any ordinances and grant requests that will need City Council's approval. Stay tuned for the announcement of this committee.



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## *Why are you involved in the Charleston Green Committee?*

Tell us! The survey was designed by a College of Charleston graduate student to better understand the motivations and backgrounds of Green Committee participants. This survey has been approved by the College of Charleston and is officially sanctioned. The information collected is completely anonymous and no information that could personally identify you will be recorded. Your participation in this survey will assist in the completion of a thesis requirement for a Masters in Environmental Studies, and will also be a valuable tool in understanding how the Green Committee represents Charleston and its citizens.



<https://surveymonkey.com/s/greencommittee>

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*Green tip of the week:*



Use an ecofont and save ink! (Psst it's free!) Click here to learn how:  
<http://planettran.wordpress.com/2009/01/14/free-eco-friendly-font-saves-ink-and-toner/>

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## *Upcoming ICLEI Webinar!*

Date: Thursday, March 4

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Your Computer!

What: ICLEI is providing a webinar to those interested to collect information from local businesses and other entities regarding HUD's Sustainable Communities Planning grant program. The webinar will cover all major aspects of sustainability: economic, environmental, and social. Click here to register and learn more about HUD's \$100 million grant program: [https://icleiusaevents.webex.com/mw0306l/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=icleiusaevents&service=6&main\\_url=https%3A%2F%2F](https://icleiusaevents.webex.com/mw0306l/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=icleiusaevents&service=6&main_url=https%3A%2F%2F)



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*Travel to Nepal and Bhutan.....from your chair*

Date: Thursday, March 4

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: MUSC Baruch Auditorium, 284 Calhoun Street,

What: Join Dana Beach, executive director of the Coastal Conservation League, will feature a slide-show of his trip to Nepal and Bhutan, bringing lessons learned to the western world. Featuring some of the most dramatic, landscapes in the world, experience nature in its natural state. Click here for more information

<http://southcarolina.sierraclub.org/lunz/>



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## *Recycling: Made Easy!*

Charleston County's [Environmental Management Department](#) is expanding its curbside recycling pickup service, beginning with several new West Ashley neighborhoods, will begin Wednesday, February 24.

To improve recycling collection data, recycling trucks are now equipped with counters that drivers



use to track homeowner recycling participation rates. This data, along with efficiencies implemented to truck route operations, have led to opportunities to increase neighborhood coverage.



Recyclable materials are picked up every two weeks and residents along pickup routes are asked to have their recycling bins at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. Blue bins have been delivered to the communities added to the curbside service. A list of what recyclables can be placed in the blue bins for pickup, the 2010 curbside recycling calendar and more are available at [recycle.charlestoncounty.org](http://recycle.charlestoncounty.org). For more information about Charleston County Environmental Management call (843) 720-7111.

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### *City of Charleston chosen as Green Office Challenge Participant*

The City of Charleston joins Nashville, TN, Arlington, VA, and San Diego, CA as participants in ICLEI's Green Office Challenge. Due to the success of the program in Chicago, ICLEI decided to offer intensive training to four other pilot communities. The innovative program engages property managers and tenants in a friendly competition to save money and reduce energy use in their buildings, as well as reduce waste, save water, and reach other environmental goals. ICLEI cites the city's robust partnerships and deep commitment to sustainability goals as the rea-



son for its selection. Go Green Charleston!

## How will you get your Energy Star rebate?

Rebates from \$50 to \$400 being offered in South Carolina. A total of \$3.9 million will be available in rebates for purchase of ENERGY STAR appliances in the state beginning March 31, 2010 and will continue until the funds run out. The program is being funded via federal stimulus money being distributed to each state. Make sure you buy after March 31 with the rebate being applied directly at the register! The rebate program extends to solar water heaters and HVAC systems. Customers participating in the program will require that installers recycle their old, inefficient appliances to ensure that they are taken off the power grid. For more information click here <http://appliancerebates.sc.gov/Pages/vendorinformation.aspx> Way to save!



Products to be Rebated	Rebate Levels (\$)
Clothes washers	\$100
Dishwashers	\$50
Refrigerators	\$50
Room Air Conditioning Units	\$50
Central Air Conditioning Units	\$200

Units	
Heat Pump	\$500
Gas Furnace	\$500
Gas-Condensing Water Heater	\$400
Electric Heat Pump Water Heater	\$400
Hi-Efficiency Gas Storage Water Heater	\$100
Hi-Performance Gas Storage Water Heater	\$200
Gas Tankless Water Heater	\$400
Solar Electric Water Heater	\$400
Solar Gas Water Heater	\$400

