



Friday, February 5th, 2010

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The Green Connection

Green Committee Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tuesday, February 9th

8 am

Finding Help to Reduce Energy Costs

for Businesses and Non-profits

South Carolina Energy Office

www.energy.sc.gov

James Island Recreation Center

1088 Quail Drive

Please look below to see the message from James Meadors about refinements to the plan and subcommittee meetings.

Plan Update—Next Steps

Dear Green Community,

Thank you for your support in taking the Charleston Green Plan to our community. You have spoken to your neighbors, to neighborhoods, to Charleston County school teachers, to Rotarians, to your City Councilmembers, to grassroots groups including Facebook and more. We have heard the need to clarify the plan. After careful listening, we are proposing to add the attached draft preamble to the plan. Additionally, subcommittees have responded by proposing the amendments that are attached. Please review both documents and come ready to share your insights on both the preamble and the proposed amendments. As always your ideas make a difference. At this important Green Committee meeting, a vote will be taken on the amendments to the plan.

James Meadors

Hold the date! Tuesday, February 23rd is the most likely time for the Green Plan

and any changes to be presented to City Council. This meeting will be located at City Hall which is 80 Broad Street.

Thank you for all you have done for the CGC.

US Green Building Council Meeting featuring Brian Sheehan

Date: Thursday, February 11th

Time: 6:00 PM– 7:00 PM

Location: Best Western 146 Lockwood Drive

What: Charleston Energy Efficiency Program (ChEEP) is a proposed initiative which will offer easy access to tools to homeowners and business owners in making their homes and businesses more energy effective. ChEEP could also serve as a model to other municipalities in implementing green practices.



Cost: \$10 includes program and refreshments

Please RSVP to donnagilmoresc@yahoo.com by February 8th

For more information click here: <http://www.usgbcsc.org/site/?p=1112>

10th Annual Earth Day Festival is Approaching!

Date: April 18th, 2010

Time: 11:00 AM– 3:00 PM

Location: Park Circle, North Charleston

To become an exhibitor, please submit the attached form by March 1

The purpose of the Earth Day Festival is to increase awareness about the Lowcountry's environmental issues, while celebrating Charleston's environmental community and highlighting our challenges and successes.

Visit <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/solidwaste/earthday.htm> for more information and highlights from last year's hugely successful event!



Green tip of the week:



Get off junk mail lists. <http://www.obviously.com/junkmail/> or <http://precycle.tonic.com/> is a great place to start!

North Myrtle Beach leading in small business sustainability

The North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce is the first chamber in the state to offer sustainability and certification education programs. The community is working with Green Plus on their education goals. The program is geared to help businesses put sustainable business practices into effect and is available to chamber members. The program is identified as a way to make green business practices more affordable and profitable. Green Plus is a 3 part sustainable business certification. Want to learn more? Click here for more information http://www.nmbtimes.com/nm/publish/news_351.html



White Out! White roofs could cool cities

Did you know that the Charleston peninsula is often 3 to 6 degrees warmer than surrounding areas on a summer day? A new study indicates that the painting of roofs white can reduce global warming and cool cities. A computer model study simulates the effect of painting roofs white to the environment. While the study is still in the preliminary phases, evidence shows that white roofs may reduce urban heat, and definitely warrants further investigation. The study was funded by the National Science Foundation whose research explores climate change mitigation. Urban necessities such as asphalt roads, tar, and other materials absorb heat which can lead to an increase in temperature versus temperature in rural areas. The roofs would reflect some of this heat. To read the full article click here http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=116283&org=OLPA&from=news.



