



Friday, March 6th, 2009

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The Green Connection

Upcoming Meeting

Full Green Committee

Featured Speaker: Harry Lesesne,
Senior Advisor to Mayor Riley

What's Green About the Economic Stimulus
Package for Charleston?

Tuesday, March 10th 8:00am-10:00am

[James Island Recreation Center](#)
[1088 Quail Drive](#)

Survey—Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant



The \$3.2 billion Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant of 2009 (a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) will support energy efficiency and conservation initiatives here in Charleston.

The Green Committee is seeking your input regarding ways that you think this stimulus money should be used to advance the City of Charleston's goal of protecting our climate and our environment while making Charleston a more green and sustainable place to live and work.

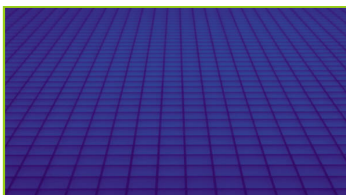
Please follow this [link](#) to contribute your great ideas to the survey.

Spot the Sign & Win A Prize

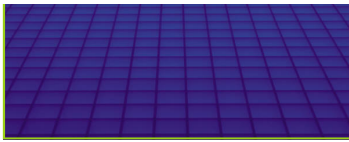
The Charleston Green Committee recently placed ads on the pedicabs downtown. The first person to send charlestonegreen@ci.charleston.sc.us a photo of the signs will win a prize and we will upload the shot to our website. Keep you eyes peeled and thanks for playing!



What Is A Smart Grid?



The federal government is planning to spend \$4.5 billion dollars on smart grid technology nationwide as a part of the recently passed economic stimulus package. However, many people are not aware of what smart grid technology actually is and how it can help us use energy more efficiently.



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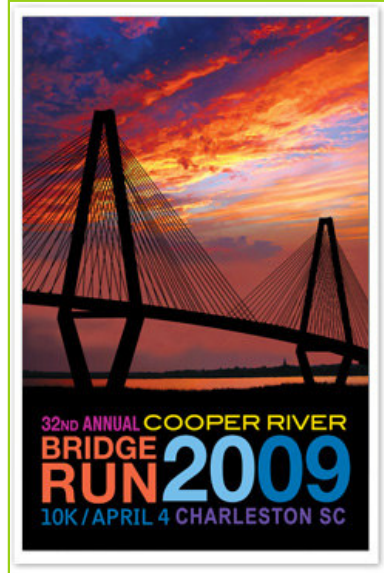
To remedy this, the U.S. Department of Energy has set up an informative website to educate users on the advantages of this technology and why it is important for the future of the United States electrical grid.

Please visit the following link for more information: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>

Recycling at the Cooper River Bridge Run

Charleston County and Keep Charleston Beautiful are looking for volunteers to help with the recycling and litter effort in Marion Square on the morning of the Cooper River Bridge Run on Saturday, April 4.

An estimated 75,000 people swarm Marion Square that morning (runners, walkers and their families) and consume all there is to offer by bridge run organizers. One of the biggest jobs held by volunteers for the bridge run is to help keep water bottles off the ground and ensure that they get into the recycling bins. Keep Charleston Beautiful provides trash and recycling bins all around Marion Square. Volunteers are stationed at the trash/recycling bin locations, and they also walk around and help keep recyclables off the ground.



For anyone interested in volunteering, the day would start at 6:30 a.m. and end at about noon. **Volunteers would meet and work in Marion Square only. T-shirts and gloves are provided. Some volunteers will be provided with pick-up sticks.**

A major effort for the day is to try and keep the plastic water bottles and any aluminum cans separate from the trash and reduce the amount of material that goes to the incinerator or landfill.

To volunteer in this important effort, contact Theresa Martin in the Solid Waste and Recycling Department by phone at 720-7111 or by e-mail at tmartin@charlestoncounty.org.