



Friday, April 17th, 2009  
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## The Green Connection

### Upcoming Meeting

#### Recycling & Waste Management Subcommittee

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:00am  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Planning Library  
75 Calhoun Street  
([CARTA Route 201](#) or [210](#))

### FYI—SCE&G Online Energy Auditing Tools

SCE&G offers a variety of tools online to gauge your energy consumption month to month and year to year, in order to help you track your energy usage over time. There are also tips available for reducing your household energy use.



You will need to register for an online account, a simple process, in order to use the energy auditing tools. Please see [SCE&G's website](#) for more information.

### Volunteer Opportunity

**Charleston Battery Go Green Event**—The Charleston Battery Go Green Event is **Friday, April 24 at 6:00pm** at the Daniel Island Stadium. 10 tickets to see the Charleston Battery play are available to anyone associated with the Green Committee who would be willing to host a table during the event. For more details call Terry Bell-Aby at 723-8585.



### Tree Reform

The City of Charleston Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability received a grant from the South Carolina Urban and Community Forestry Council in October of 2007. The grant provided matching funds for the City to hire an expert to assist with developing a new ordinance to replace the existing tree protection regulations in the City's zoning ordinance.

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The main goals of the proposed ordinance are: 1) To conserve significant individual trees as well as clusters of trees thereby preserving wildlife habitat and providing valuable green space; 2) To allow for passive uses of the conserved tree areas; 3) To provide more design flexibility for development while reducing the need to take projects through the Board of Zoning Appeals and; 4) To provide tree canopy coverage requirements for healthy cities as recommended by the organization American Forests. To see the draft ordinance [click here](#).



You are invited to  
a presentation on the  
proposed tree conservation reform ordinance  
10am to noon on Thursday April 23  
main conference room on the third floor  
75 Calhoun Street

### *Local Earth Day Events—Celebrate Planet Earth!*

Earth Day is officially this Wednesday, April 22nd, however, many locations are holding events in honor of Planet Earth this coming weekend, and throughout next week. The following is a list of some of what is happening in the Greater Charleston area.



**Sustainability Institute's 3rd Annual Green Village Tour**—The most eco-conscious road race in the Charleston area is at **8am Saturday April 18th** with the 3rd Annual TrySports Green Village Tour 8k Race / 5k Walk, an event hosted by The Sustainability Institute. Registration is \$20 before, \$25 day-of. Kids under 16 and dogs run free. For more information, see [the Sustainability Institute's website](#).

**Charleston County Earth Day Festival**—Charleston County's Solid Waste and Recycling Department will host the 2009 Earth Day Festival on **Saturday, April 18, from 11:00am—3:00pm** at Park Circle in North Charleston. For more information and a schedule of events, [click here](#).



**Kiawah's Green Festival "Greenival"**—Celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, **April 19th, from 10:00am-3:00pm** at Kiawah Island Golf Resort's very first "Greenival". For more information and a schedule of events, [click here](#).

**Keep Charleston Beautiful Earth Day Celebration**—Keep Charleston Beautiful is hosting an Earth Day Celebration at O'Malley's Bar and Grill on **April 22nd at 5:30** Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at the door. Contact Jenn Scales at 965-4082 or [cleancity-intern@ci.charleston.sc.us](mailto:cleancity-intern@ci.charleston.sc.us) for more information.



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**Awakening The Dreamer Symposium**—A Symposium to help Charleston residents respond to global issues such as climate change, poverty and economic crisis will take place at Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street, Charleston, on **Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm** and **Sunday, April 26 from 2:00-6:00 pm**. Please visit [this website](#) for more information.

**MUSC Earth Day Event**—MUSC is celebrating Earth Day with a zero waste event in the horseshoe on **April 28 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**; environmentally friendly organizations and businesses will participate and there will be activities, food and entertainment. For more information click [here](#).

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