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Beautify your Neighborhood, Attend Charleston County Solid Waste & Recycling's Neighborhood Association Workshop on Feb. 9

The Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department will hold a Neighborhood Association Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the County's Public Services Building (4045 Bridge View Drive, N. Charleston, SC 29405).

The purpose of the workshop is to teach Neighborhood and Homeowner's Association representatives about the County's solid waste programs including recycling, environmental enforcement, home composting and storm debris management.

"We are excited to offer this enlightening educational session to the citizens of Charleston County," said Gregg Varner, Director of the Solid Waste and Recycling Department. "We want to encourage the public to take advantage of these types of free informative events for the benefit of becoming proactive and knowledgeable residents in our local community."

Representatives from Community Pride, Keep Charleston Beautiful, Keep North Charleston Beautiful, Project Impact, environmental enforcement, the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and Beach Sweep, Crime Prevention, Code Enforcement, and Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling will deliver short presentations about the services they provide.

There will be opportunities for questions and answers with all the organizations.

Information on the County's Neighborhood Initiative Program will also be provided. The program encourages residents to get involved in educating their neighbors on recycling. Citizens will be able to share what they learn at the Neighborhood Association Workshop with their neighbors at their next Homeowner's or Neighborhood Association meetings.

Participation in the Neighborhood Initiative Program is continuing to increase:

- Eighty-two neighborhoods in Charleston County were participating in the Neighborhood Initiative Program as of Jan. 1, 2008.
- In less than three weeks, five more neighborhoods joined the program; there are currently a total of 87 participating neighborhoods.
- The neighborhood with the greatest recycling participation rate is Enclave in Mt. Pleasant, with a 78 percent participation rate.
- The neighborhood with the greatest improvement rate for recycling is Ashley Park Townhouses in West Ashley. For the last year, Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department emphasized its Neighborhood Initiative program by sending letters and delivering bins to the neighborhood. As a result, the neighborhood went from nine homes (eight percent) recycling to 82 homes (77 percent) recycling in one year!

Interested citizens who would like to attend the informative workshop on Feb. 9 should R.S.V.P. to Jenny Bloom, Charleston County Solid Waste Community Representative and Recycling Educator, by Monday, Feb. 4 at (843)-720-7111, ext. 28 or by e-mail at jbloom@charlestoncounty.org. Space is limited, so reserve a spot as soon as possible.

Visit the Charleston County Web site at www.charlestoncounty.org for more information on the Charleston County Recycling Program, and for news, services and up-to-date information relating to Charleston County Government.