

# **News Release**

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## **County Offers Three Workshops for National Small Business Week**

Register in advance at http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/Procurement/sbeform.htm

<u>Charleston County Government</u> will offer three workshops celebration of <u>National Small Business Week</u>, which is May 12-16. Register in advance at <a href="http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/Procurement/sbeform.htm">http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/Procurement/sbeform.htm</a> or call (843) 958-4753.

#### Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.: Charleston Entrepreneurship Pipeline

- <u>Topic</u>: A highlight of the Chamber's seamless pipeline of support for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners in Charleston
- · Presenters:
  - Megan Reilly: Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
  - o John Osbourne: Harbor Entrepreneur Center
  - o Laura Knotts: 365 Days to Launch Program
- <u>Location</u>: Council Chambers in Charleston County's Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston

#### Wednesday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m.: Business Over Lunch -- Let's Get Social, Charleston!

- Topic: Using social media for your business
- Presenters:
  - Shirlie Taylor: Business Success Dynamics
  - o Laura Angermeier: Charleston Epicurean
- <u>Location</u>: Room B-339 in Charleston County's Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston
- Note: Lunch is provided, so advance registration is mandatory

#### Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.: "Integrity" Determines Your Success in Business and in Life

- Topic: How impeccable business ethics create a culture of integrity and trust and why it matters!
- Presenters:
  - Shirlie Taylor: Business Success Dynamics
  - o Doug Hart: Lee & Associates-Charleston
- <u>Location</u>: Room B-339 in Charleston County's Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston

"Small Businesses are so important to our economy here in Charleston County, as well as nationwide. We strive every year during Small Business Week to provide quality workshops and the best speakers to our local business owners to highlight the importance of their hard work throughout the year," said Holly Chesser with <a href="Charleston County Government's Small Business Enterprise Program">Charleston County Government's Small Business Enterprise Program</a>. "We know that small business owners and entrepreneurs have so much to balance from the business basics to getting out there and performing the work, and this is why we provide a range of workshops for everyone."

### Background on Small Business Week (Source: http://www.sba.gov/nsbw/about)

- Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.
- As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to
  highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S.
  territories. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and
  increase America's global competitiveness.

For more information on Charleston County Government's SBE Program, contact Hogan by phone at (843) 958-4765 or by email at shogan@charlestoncounty.org.

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