



June Event

Wednesday, June 15*

1:00 P.M.

**Field Trip to
Re-Wa**

* *Change of place, time*

Reminder:

**No July
bulletin or activity**

August Program

**Naturaland Trust
Presentation**

*Be sure to check the
August bulletin for complete
information.*

The William Bartram Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except July) at University Center (UC), 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607 (Rm 202) at 7:30 P.M.

unless otherwise noted.



see web site for directions

<http://sierraupstate.org>

Field Trip to Re-Wa

by Ron Sobczak

We are having a day time field trip on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. to tour **Re-Wa's** (*renewable water resources*) **Waste Water Treatment Center** at 660 Mauldin Road in Greenville. Come learn about the importance of the wastewater treatment process and protecting the rivers and stream of the Upstate.

For parking, please go to the lab building located at 660 Mauldin Road. You will have to pick up the phone at the gate to open it. Tell them you are part of the Sierra Club tour. If you have any issues, call Ashley, our tour guide from Re-Wa, using her cell number: (864) 382-9253. It is important that you park and be in the building by 1:00 P.M.



**Help Stop S.229
Polluter Amnesty Act**

This week the SC House of Representatives will vote on Senate Bill 229, The Polluter Amnesty Act, a bill that would strip the rights of citizens to stop illegal pollution.

That's right. Some of my colleagues in the legislature think you shouldn't be able to sue corporations if they negligently pollute your community.

The current Pollution Control Act has been on the books for more than 40 years and it's working. Recent lawsuits under this Act have spurred coal ash clean-up across South Carolina. If S. 229 passes, people won't have the power to clean up their communities.

I need your help to kill this bill. SIGN this petition to say NO to the legislature's attempt to take away the rights of citizens to hold big polluters accountable.

James Smith started this petition with a single signature, and now (May 22, 2016) has 549 supporters. Add your name today. Go to:

<https://www.change.org/p/sc-house-of-representatives-stop-s-229-polluter-amnesty-act>



Outings

and Dates to Remember

Nonmembers of the Sierra Club are welcome to join us on our outings. Please call the trip leader to let him/her know that you are going. She/he can then give you a location to meet as well as information on last minute changes. Discuss how strenuous the trip is, and any health problems you may have of which she/he should be aware. Please, no pets, guns, radios, etc. on hikes. Interested in leading a trip? Call Dennis Chamberlain, (864) 430-3754.

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>> or call (415) 977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Adopt-a-Highway

Remaining 2016 dates are: August 20th and November 19th.

Saturday, August 20 • Adopt-a-Highway

Join us for the third Adopt-a-Highway of 2016. We have a two mile stretch on East North (also known as) Old Spartanburg Road between Mitchell Road and Brushy Creek. We will meet at 9:00 A.M. at Mitchell Road Elementary School which is on the corner of Mitchell Road and Old Spartanburg Road. If it is pouring rain, we'll not meet. You will be provided the bags, twisty ties, work gloves, and orange safety vests. We cover two miles, both sides of the street, and are very fortunate to have sidewalks on the entire route. Contact Brandi McCauley at brandimc81@gmail.com or (864) 350-8300 for details or to let her know you will join us.



Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

~ Chief Seattle

From the ExCom

by Ron Sobczak

The Bartram Group Executive Committee has voted to partner with Dogwood Alliance on a Laurens County Public Meeting concerning the Enviva Wood Pellets plant.

Here is a link to a slide show on the issues: <https://www.dogwoodalliance.org/wetland-investigation-3-16/>

Please read the following article by Emily Zucchini, Dogwood Alliance.

Laurens County Forests in Danger of Becoming Wood Pellets

by Emily Zucchini, Dogwood Alliance

Enviva Wood Pellets, LLC has indicated plans to build a wood pellet mill in Laurens County, SC for export to European countries. This plant would produce 550,000 tons of wood pellets per year, which translates to 1 million green tons. Our South Carolina forests are at risk of being clearcut, trucked to facilities, put through an energy-intensive production process, put on huge ships, and sent across the ocean to Europe where they are burned to produce electricity in a process that is worse for our climate than burning coal.

This short term and dangerous industry is fueled by European subsidies that are set to expire, and is not a good investment of local tax dollars. The location of a wood pellet facility in Laurens County would also

have a negative effect on the health and quality of life of local residents. The production of wood pellets creates particulate matter which has been linked to cancer and heart disease, would increase traffic by 200 trucks a day, creates noise 24/7, and brings little local benefit.

Protect your local community, forests, and economy. Say no to the biomass swindle.

Join Dogwood Alliance and concerned citizens in Laurens County to learn more and call for a resolution to ban incentives for the industrial-scale production and incineration of wood pellets in Laurens County. 🌲



Sierra in Action

Adopt-a-Highway worked their section of road on May 21st. Our thanks go to volunteers **Brandi McCauley, Eric Thompson, June Yanick, and Dave Wilder.** They collected 10 bags of trash on E. North Street from Mitchell Road to Brushy Creek Road.

Big Bend Falls Outing



This is a photo from the Sierra Hike on Saturday, April 23. The group of 14 people was led by Linda Holt, who is the outings chair for the Foothills Group. We hiked 6.6 miles round trip to the Big Bend Falls on the Chatooga River. The weather was gorgeous and the wildflowers were in bloom.

Deadline for August bulletin is Friday, July 22

Send your submissions to wbartramnews@gmail.com

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The Bartram Group of the Sierra Club—Upstate, SC

Remember to

by Ron Sobczak



Remember to vote in the SC primary on June 14. A great resource is vote411.org from the Greenville League of Women Voters. If you enter your address, it tells you what contested elections you can vote for and contains information about the different candidates. Vote informed! 🗳️



Easy Save the Planet Tip Easy Save the Planet Tip
Water lawns and flower beds in the morning.
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The Green Spot



Sharing the Green

Put Your Lemons to Work

1. Cleaning experts advise keeping fresh and frozen lemons on hand for all sorts of chores. If you only need a small section of the lemon, quarter the rest and freeze it. Lemons freeze for long periods. Buy lemons on sale, quarter, and freeze them so they are always ready to go. Maximize the amount of juice you get out of a lemon by placing the lemon in hot water for 15 minutes or heating it on low in a microwave for a minute (before microwaving the lemon, poke its top to prevent explosions).
2. Clean the air. The Old Farmer's Almanac recommends simmering cut-up lemons in a pot of water for an hour or so; the steaming vapors will replace winter's musty smells with slice-of-summer scents. Or, spread citrusy aromas by sprinkling a few drops of lemon juice in your vacuum bag right before you vacuum. Another air-freshener option: Mix lemon juice and water in a small spritz bottle and use the chemical-free spray to get eliminate fried food and bathroom odors.
3. Keep ants out. Lemon juice and lemon peels are pet- and people-safe controls that discourage ants from entering your home, according to the folks at PETA. Figure out where the ants are coming in, spray the area with lemon juice, and tuck lemon peels into holes and cracks to stop incoming ants in their tracks.
4. Mix up an all-purpose cleaner. Mix together 8 ounces white vinegar, 4 ounces lemon juice, 4 ounces vodka, eight drops essential lemon-grass oil, and two to three drops castile soap in a spray bottle. Another formula: Let lemon peels sit in distilled white vinegar for a few weeks; the citric acid from the peels will be extracted by the vinegar to create a powerful cleaner.
5. Wash windows and glass. Place club soda in a spray bottle and add a teaspoon of lemon juice. No club soda? Use distilled water spiked with a splash of lemon juice to create your own glass cleaning spray.

Member contributions are welcomed. Send your green submissions to wbartramnews@gmail.com