December Meeting

Wednesday, December 21
*6:00 P.M.

Bring a Pot Luck Dish

January Meeting

Wednesday, January 18
7:30 P.M.

Upstate Critical Land Prioritization and Protection

Andrea Cooper
Executive Director
Upstate Forever

Sierra Club Holiday Party

by Jean Wilder

Please join us on Wednesday, December 21 for a fun evening of Holiday cheer, as well as food, music and gifts. Come and meet other members of Sierra Club and please bring a guest if you wish.

You are Invited to
the Annual Sierra Club Christmas Party
Featuring... * Live Music * Greatest Pot Luck Buffet on Earth
* Drawing for Prizes * Gift Exchange

Date: Wednesday, December 21st
*Time: 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
Location: Greenville Unitarian Church
1135 State Park Road • Greenville, SC 29609

Please Bring: Pot Luck Dish, Alcoholic Beverage of Choice, Inexpensive Gift for Exchange

We will provide: dishes, cups and silverware, iced tea, soda and water

Upstate Critical Land Prioritization and Protection Campaign
(Rescheduled from October)

by Jean Wilder

Andrea Cooper, Executive Director of Upstate Forever, will speak of the group’s Upstate critical land prioritization and protection campaign. The meeting is to be held in the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1135 State Park Road Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 18. Andrea relocated to the Upstate after living in the Charleston area for 20 years. Andrea was a key leader in the “GrowFood Carolina” initiative, which has significantly expanded the market for local food along the coast. She also served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, a regional nonprofit organization similar to Upstate Forever.
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.

No scheduled Bartram outings for December or January.

Other Events of Interest
Saturday, April 15, 2017 • Party for the Planet
Mark your calendars! The Greenville Zoo wants to invite you to a celebration of Planet Earth! 9:00 A.M. –1:00 P.M.

Thanks to the volunteers who participated in the Adopt-a-Highway pickup on November 19: Brandi McCauley, Dave Wilder, Steve Root, and Bob Root. They collected 14 bags of trash.

From the ExCom by Ron Sobczak

It’s Over… so not true

For most of us, the election cycle is over. We voted. Candidates have been elected. Political ads have ceased. Yard signs are gone. In SC we have elected some good environmental candidates. Job done? Not by a long shot.

Going forward we need to support these candidates and encourage them in their efforts to protect the environment. We need to stay active and interact with these elected officials as they deal with the many demands of their office. We can not simply sit back and assume that our issues will remain on the political agenda. The mistake we have made in the past is to ignore our elected officials for their term in office and wait until the next election cycle to see how they did. We are not making the same mistake again.

If you are interested in maintaining a dialogue with YOUR elected official at the city, county, state and federal level, please let me know.

Deadline for February bulletin is Friday, January 20.
This is a combined December/January bulletin. A separate January bulletin will not be published.
Send your submissions to wbartramnews@gmail.com

The Green Spot
Sharing the Green

• The best way to protect your pipes and prevent costly blockages and backups is to always be mindful of what you wash down the drain.
• Simply do not feed the garbage disposal! Use a strainer in your sink drain to catch any food particles that attempt to escape; throw the scraps collected into the trash or compost bin.
• Thoroughly scrape plates into the trash before washing.
• Pour used cooking grease into an empty, heat-safe container like a soup can. Freeze and toss it out with the garbage.

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

Keeping the Drain Clean

Pointing to another world will never stop vice among us; shedding light over this world can alone help us.

~ Walt Whitman