



Keeping you informed about stormwater issues and Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium activities

LCSC OUTREACH AT LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH GAMES

Fans at Lexington County Blowfish baseball games are greeted by the Blowfish staff, mascot “Blowie” and representatives of Lexington County organizations. The *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium* reached out to fans with a *Trash the Poop* game and a stormwater display on June 25th and July 26th.



The *Toss The (artificial) Poop* to win a game prize was fun for all ages. Players were reminded to pick up after their dogs and to dispose of the bag of dog waste in the trash to help keep our feet, neighborhoods and waterways cleaner. Dog owners received free dog waste bag dispensers at the display and learned about free pet waste stations that are available to neighborhood HOAs.



Fans are greeted at the gates and get a chance to interact with Consortium members at the Stormwater Display on July 26th. Information and giveaways were available on “green” lawn care; recycling of oil and household grease; drop off recycling events; rain harvesting (rain barrel workshop); illicit discharge reporting and *Trash the Poop*.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Recycling Drop Off Event in Irmo on October 12, 2019*
- W. Columbia Fall Clean Up & Planting Day October 26, 2019*
- Next LCSC Quarterly Meeting 11/21/2019*

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS RECYCLING EVENT



Decluttering has good effects on body and mind as well as on the environment! On Saturday, August 10, Lexington County Solid Waste Management held a recycling event at Lexington High School. This was the largest event ever held in Lexington County drawing residents in 1012 vehicles to the school parking lot. During the four-hour event, 8.43 tons (16,850 lbs.) of paper was shredded on site; 23.66 (47,320 lbs.) of electronics were

recycled; 16.4 tons (33,883 lbs.) of household hazardous waste was collected for safe disposal; and 1.22 tons (2,440 lbs.) of items for Goodwill were donated. In addition, recycling saves space in landfills and allows recyclable materials to be reconstructed into useful products or reused in their current form. Getting rid of household hazardous waste safely at these events removes toxic chemicals from the environment that can easily pollute both land and water. If you missed this event, check out the date and time for the next event below.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

ONE MORE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF EVENT IN 2019



If you live in Lexington County and missed the earlier recycling drop-off events this year, you can save the date of **October 12** to bring your recyclables and household hazardous waste to the following location:

October 12: Irmo High School from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. (parking lot on corner of Westcott and St. Andrews Rd.) 6671 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: Paper to be shredded (max. 5 bags or boxes); Electronics; household hazardous waste; scrap metal; tires (max of 8 per household) and Goodwill donations.

[Click here for more details!](#)

Beaches, islands, and area streams get trashed as well as roadways. Unfortunately Lexington County beaches are no exception. If your group would like to adopt a waterway for cleanup, ***Keep the Midlands Beautiful*** has a few in Lexington County that need attention. Groups may also propose to clean up a section of waterway that is not on this list. Call (803) 733-1139 or e-mail aaw@keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org for more information.

PUBLIC BOAT LANDINGS

Larry Koon (Shull Island) landing / Lake Murray
Thomas H. Newman Landing

CONGAREE CREEK

Congaree Creek between Hwy. 321 and 12th Street

SALUDA RIVER

Saluda River Club property to the river

LAKE MURRAY ISLANDS / SHORELINE

Fetter Island
Miriam Island
Misty Island
Spence Islands
Tall Island

STORM DRAIN TAGGING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Palmetto Pride’s Keep South Carolina Beautiful Director, Mallory Coffey, has partnered with the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium to promote storm drain tagging as another way to remind people that litter is not only a problem on land, but also in South Carolina’s waters. Ms. Coffey can be seen in the photos below using a hammer drill, mallet and nail anchors to tag storm drains in Lexington County. The tags she is using are made of stainless steel to last 20 years or more. To volunteer or to obtain more information about this opportunity, get in touch with Mary Hite, Stormwater Outreach Assistant at (803) 785-8121 or by email at mhite@lex-co.com.



Using a hammer drill



Tapping in a nail anchor

SPLASH AGAINST TRASH



Coast Guard Auxiliary Display

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Lake Murray Flotilla, conducted a *Splash Against Trash* clean-up on September 21st in conjunction with Palmetto Pride. Three teams were positioned at Lake Murray Marina, Dreher Island and South Shore Marina assisting with volunteer check in and providing pollution awareness information to the public. *Trash the Poop* dog waste bag dispensers were given out at each location to dog owners who were pleased to receive them! At Dreher Island, 50 volunteers, of which 38 were divers from the Wateree Dive Center, collected 167 pounds of trash from the waters. The Shoreline and Island clean ups resulted in 1,500 pounds of bagged trash, two BBQ grills and 4 large buckets.



Volunteers collected trash



Divers collected under water trash



Boaters collected trash



Shoreline volunteers collected trash



3 SECONDS & COUNTING SCULPTURE



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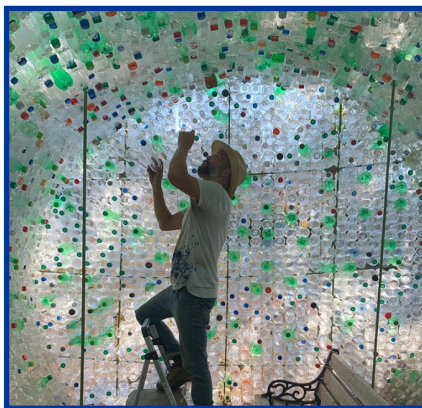
Creativity and conservation can be partners when it comes to respecting the environment by reducing plastic pollution. The City of West Columbia unveiled a unique sculpture *entitled 3 Seconds and Counting* on Friday, September 27th at the West Columbia River Walk Amphitheater. While we don't like to see plastic bottles littering the landscape, this sculpture, made entirely from plastic bottles was appealing in every way: It literally drew people in; It reused plastic bottles and it beautified rather than spoiled the environment near the river. *The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium and Lexington County Solid Waste Management* contributed bottles toward this project thus reducing the cost for the County to recycle them. Many individuals also brought their plastic bottles to the City to include in the sculpture.



3 Seconds & Counting Sculpture



Visitors Experiencing the Sculpture



Artist Inside the Sculpture



Contemplation Bench



Artist Karl L. Larsen

Click on the link below to view West Columbia's Press release to learn about the Artist, Karl L. Larsen; the meaning of *3 Seconds and Counting* and how you can help.

<https://westcolumbiasc.gov/2019/09/3-seconds-and-counting-unveiled-at-west-columbia-riverwalk/>

CITYWIDE FALL CLEAN UP & PLANTING DAY



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OCTOBER 26, 2019
9 AM - 12 PM

West Columbia City Hall • 200 N. 12th Street

CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP DAY and COMMUNITY GARDEN FALL PLANTING

Help Beautify West Columbia by Taking Pride in Our Homes and Neighborhoods.

The following will be collected at the City Hall parking lot:

- Tires (limited to 4 per household)
- Batteries
- Electronics: Computers, Monitors, Printers, Laptops, Microwaves, Radios, Phones, Gaming Systems, DVD Players, and TVs
- Paint cans (limited to 4 per household) must be filled with kitty litter, sand or dirt to be accepted
- Aluminum cans
- Scrap metal and appliances

A shred truck will also be on-site for your convenience.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP LITTER AROUND THE CITY, AND PLANT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Please contact Jamie Hook, Director of Public Works for more details at (803) 791-1880.



FALL PLANT SALE

An assortment of hanging baskets and flats will be available.

CARRAWAY PARK COMMEMORATIVE BRICK SALE

Stop by to purchase a brick to be installed in the new Carraway Park or order online.

www.beautifywestcolumbia.org



WEST COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT DEA National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

The City of West Columbia Police Department will host a DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at 4 locations within the city. A West Columbia Police Officer will be on-site at the following 4 locations to collect the unused or expired medications.

9 AM until 1 PM - West Columbia City Hall

10 AM until 2 PM

Walgreen's - 1537 Charleston Hwy

Bi-Lo - 2349 Augusta Rd

Medicine Mart - 1300 Sunset Blvd.

We do not accept syringes or liquids.



Contact Information

Lexington County Land Development
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Lexington, SC 29072
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The next meeting of the *Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium* will be held on **November 21, 2019** at the Town of Lexington. An Outlook invitation will be sent to participants prior to the meeting.

The Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) is comprised of the communities of Cayce, South Congaree, Springdale, West Columbia, Irmo, Pine Ridge, Lexington, and Lexington County. We seek to protect Lexington County's waterways and natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of our citizens.

We're on the web LCSWC.com