



# WATERSHED MOMENTS

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**Did you know? Your dog's waste has 2½ times as much harmful bacteria as a person's. That bacteria can contaminate rivers and streams, making them unsafe for swimming and fishing. Remember to pick up every time, whether on the street, in the park, or in your own backyard.**

### Upcoming Events

#### **Electronics Recycling Event**

September 21, 2013  
8:00-11:00 AM  
Keenan High School

#### **Beach Sweep / River Sweep**

September 21, 2013  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Saluda River at Riverbanks Zoo

#### **Rocky Branch Cleanup**

September 22, 2013  
1:00-3:30 PM  
Olympia Park, Columbia

### Newsworthy:

#### **Carolina Clear 2013 Telephone Surveys have begun.**

Carolina Clear, Clemson University's stormwater pollution education and awareness program, wants to gauge what Richland and Sumter residents know about local water quality and how their actions can affect these resources. During the next four weeks, through a partnership between Clemson University and George Mason University, students will conduct telephone surveys with households in Richland and Sumter counties. The purpose of the survey is to better understand what information and educational programs are needed to help protect the area's water resources, and the results will be compared with the 2009 survey to measure program impact over time. Each survey is designed to last no longer than 15 minutes. Surveys will also be conducted in the Lowcountry, Upstate, Pee Dee and Grand Strand areas during the next few months. You could get a call, so please don't hang up! Read the full press release here:



<http://www.midlandsbiz.com/articles/15016/>.



#### **River Sweep, This Weekend!**

Here is your chance to make a difference! This weekend is Beach Sweep/River Sweep, and local groups will be hosting cleanup sites all across South Carolina. Check out the two Richland County locations below under "Upcoming Activities" or go <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/bsrs/> for a complete statewide list of cleanup sites.

### Rain Barrel Workshop

October 3, 2013

4:00-7:00 PM

Clemson Sandhill REC

### RCSC Quarterly Meeting

October 9, 2013

10:00-11:30 AM

Arcadia Lakes Town Hall

### Rocky Branch Bash

October 20, 2013

12:00-6:00 PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

### Richland County Light Bulb

Exchange

All October

Richland County Libraries

### Ongoing Projects

#### Partners for Healthy Watersheds Business Recognition Program

Find out how your business can participate at [www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc](http://www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear/rcsc).

#### Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods

Learn how create attractive and healthy lawns by working with South Carolina's environment rather than against it. Go to [www.clemson.edu/cyn](http://www.clemson.edu/cyn) for more information.

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<http://www.facebook.com/midlandsstormwater>

### Recent Activities:

#### Summer Celebration of Water

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Celebration of Water was a splashing success! On August 24<sup>th</sup>, Columbia area residents enjoyed a beautiful day playing on the Columbia Canal and learning how to protect local rivers and streams. We want to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers and exhibitors who made the event possible, and to all the citizens who came out to show their support for clean water!



#### Green is Good for Business Conference

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, RCSC attended CPAC's annual "Green is Good for Business" Conference. The event included keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and a green business expo showcasing local green businesses and services. RCSC showcased our Partners for Healthy Watersheds, a recognition program for businesses that want to show that they are helping local waterways. Learn more about this program at [http://www.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/consortiums/richland\\_home/Businesses/](http://www.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/consortiums/richland_home/Businesses/).

### Upcoming Activities:

#### Electronics Recycling Event

Sept. 21, 2013

8:00 - 11:00 AM

Keenan High School

361 Pisgah Church Rd

Dispose of your old electronics the safe way by bringing them to Richland County's Electronics Recycling Event. Electronics are no longer allowed to be disposed of with your household trash. Click here for additional details and a complete list of items that will be accepted:

<http://richlandonline.com/Home/Events/TabId/102/ArtMID/721/ArticleID/215/Electronic-Recycling-Event-.aspx>.



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## Beach Sweep/River Sweep 2013

**Sept. 21, 2013**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Saluda River at Riverbanks Zoo**

Do your part for rivers! Join Keep the Midlands Beautiful for their annual River Sweep litter cleanup of the Lower Saluda River, part of statewide Beach Sweep/River Sweep weekend. Volunteers should meet at the far right end of the Riverbanks Zoo parking lot by 8:45. For complete details, visit the Keep the Midlands Beautiful website at [www.KeepTheMidlandsBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepTheMidlandsBeautiful.org).

## Rocky Branch Cleanup

**Sept. 22, 2013**

**1:00 - 3:30 PM**

**Olympia Park, Columbia**

Sustainable Midlands, the Olympia Residents Council and Sustainable Carolina are partnering to host a trash cleanup of Rocky Branch Cleanup, also part of the SC Statewide Beach/River Sweep. Volunteers should meet at Olympia Park (1050 Olympia Ave), across from the Olympia Mills Apartments. Bottled water, trash bags and gloves will be provided. Waders are suggested if you plan to go in the water. To register or get more information send an email to: [cleanup@sustainablemidlands.org](mailto:cleanup@sustainablemidlands.org).



## Rain Barrel Workshop

**October 3, 2013**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**Clemson Sandhill REC**

Save water, save money, and reduce stormwater pollution at this fun, hands-on workshop! Rain barrels collect rain water off your roof, which you can use to water your garden, water your indoor plants, wash your car, and any other non-potable use. At this workshop, participants will build rain barrels for their homes, using recycled 50-gallon soda barrels. The cost of the workshop is \$30, which includes all materials for the completed barrel. Space is limited to 20 participants, so register today. To register, go to [http://media.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/RCSC/RCSC\\_RB\\_flyer\\_100313.pdf](http://media.clemson.edu/public/carolinaclear/RCSC/RCSC_RB_flyer_100313.pdf).

## Rocky Branch Bash

**October 20, 2013**

**12:00-6:00 PM**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Park**

Come celebrate an urban stream with lots of potential at the first Rocky Branch Bash. Enter the rubber duck race, get your photo taken at the free "My River Starts Here" Photo Booth, take a creek nature walk, enjoy great local music & food at this FREE family event. Rubber ducks are \$5, available soon from Five Points merchants. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/RockyBranchWatershedAlliance> for details.



## **Richland County Light Bulb Exchange**

**All October**

**Richland County Libraries**

Make the switch to energy efficiency! Richland County is partnering with Richland Library in October to let you upgrade your light bulbs. Residents will be able to exchange up to 8 regular household bulbs for energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Bulbs. The limit is eight per person. Go to <http://richlandonline.com/Home/Events/TabId/102/ArtMID/721/ArticleID/221/Make-the-Switch-in-October-with-the-Richland-County-Lightbulb-Exchange.aspx> for details and a list of participating library branches and dates.

***Help to raise awareness of ways each of us can protect our local watersheds and quality of life in our communities by sharing this newsletter with others!***

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