

## 2012 Earth Day/Arbor Day Event on April 21<sup>st</sup>

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### Education and fun combined at annual “green” event

Everyone is talking about “being green,” but what does that really mean? The community has a chance to learn more about that during the “Growing A Green Future,” event that will be held on **Saturday, April 21, between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, on the “Green” between the Arts and Science Center and the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library, 375 3rd Street, NE, Hickory. The rain date is April 22 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

This is the fourth year that organizations in the community have combined events to commemorate Earth Day and Arbor Day. Vendors will provide educational information and demonstrations that focus on preserving the earth, nature, or any environmental product, practice or service offered in the area. There will be many free giveaways, including southern red oak, river birch and flowering dogwood tree seedlings, as well as tomato and shasta daisy seed packets. Also, Mitsubishi will be promoting their new electric car!

***There will also be a confidential document shredding service on site, free of charge, provided by First Class Document Destruction in Hickory.***

Greenway Public Transportation will be offering shuttle service for the event from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pickups will occur roughly every 15 minutes. The park and ride is at the City Hall parking across from City Hall, as well as from the Salt Block to the City Hall bus stop located at 76 N. Green St., Hickory, NC. There will be directional signs posted, during the event. The hybrid electric mid-sized bus will be used that day. Free fares will also be offered on the Greenway Public Transportation fixed route bus system that day.

Additionally, the Catawba Science Center on the S.A.L.T. Block is celebrating Earth Day, along with the North Carolina Science Festival by exploring aquatic environments and animals with hands-on demonstrations, crafts and events from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

