

## For College of Charleston Community Residential Students

**STUDENT COMMUNITY WATCH****EMERGENCY 911**

Charleston Police Department  
577-7434

CofC Campus Police  
953-5611

To provide anonymous crime  
information:

Crime Stoppers  
554-1111

CofC Crime Action Line  
953-4998

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C of C Victim Advocacy  
C.A.R.E. Program

Non-emergency 953-5522

(Response Team for  
emergency only

pager 724-3600)

www.cofc.edu/StudentAffairs/  
CARE/CARE.htm

Charleston Police Website:  
www.charleston-pd.org

Sex Offender Registry:  
www.scattorneygeneral.com

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**THE OFF CAMPUS STUDENT  
ASSOCIATION (OCSA): FORGING A  
MISSING LINK**

A new student organization is taking shape at CofC. The mission of this organization, specifically dedicated to those students living within the lower Charleston peninsula, is to promote, support and facilitate a positive relationship between CofC students and their neighbors. Buckey Waters, a sophomore and newly selected Director of OCSA, is enthusiastic and sincere in his commitment to the success of this organization – he lives downtown and was born and raised in Charleston. “Students living off campus seem to be disconnected to the part of campus life that both compliments the academic programs and builds a richer collegiate experience,” Waters says. “Further, living in rental property doesn’t readily promote a sense of civic commitment that a property owner naturally has in his/her investment. Unfortunately, the lack of understanding of community regulations and a lack of communication sets up a ‘war of the worlds’ – the residents versus the college students.”

The association hopes to build awareness of community problems that can arise in day-to-day living, promote community spirit, offer public service opportunities and create events for social and cultural interaction within the neighborhoods. New student orientation programming and programming targeting current residence hall students intending to move to the community, will give the association a network to form a coalition of students who live within the neighborhoods to be part of neighborhood associations. Students become active participants and problem solvers rather than “the problem.”

*Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all.*

Sam Ewing

One of the components of the program is the formation of a student neighborhood watch-group. This group of students will actively be on the lookout in downtown neighborhoods to help identify potential problems before citations are issued and before students must attend Livability Court. The two top complaints involving CofC students are noise and trash. Thursday through Saturday evenings, OCSA members will be looking to identify such issues and hopefully helping the responsible party dispel the issue before law enforcement is involved. The students on patrol will receive training and will carry radios just in case emergency intervention or assistance is needed.

“We’re still in our infancy and looking for students who may be interested in defining a part of College history in our work with town/gown relations and building community harmony,” Waters says. “If you’re a student who wants a challenge, this is the organization to join.” If interested in participating in OCSA, contact Buckey Waters at [wbwaters@edisto.cofc.edu](mailto:wbwaters@edisto.cofc.edu) or the Director of Community Outreach, Ms. Evie Nadel, at (953-5522).

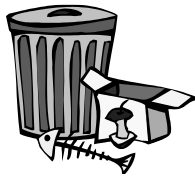
**ANNUAL CLEAN  
SWEEP EVENT**

Come join students from the Citadel, Johnson & Wales, Charleston Southern and Trident Tech who will work together to help clean up the streets of Charleston. Be a part of this worthwhile effort that combines fellowship and fun. For further details or to volunteer, please contact Kathleen McDaniel (Charleston Clean City Commission) at 579-7501 or Lauren Collier (CofC) at 953-5675.



**SEE YOU THERE!**

## LET'S TALK TRASH!



Putting it out properly, on the right day and toting the receptacles back to their proper storage spaces... Hmmmmmm, doesn't seem like rocket science. Yet, trash ordinance violations involving some of our students seems to be an ongoing problem. OK, so it's not your favorite thing to do...you're busy...you're going to school and working...and then there's your social life...

No matter how hard you try to justify the avoidance of day to day civic responsibilities, following the rules of being a good neighbor is part of living off campus. It's regrettable when the actions of the few inconsiderate students reflect negatively on the vast majority of students who are also busy and manage to be positive participants within the neighborhood.

**Trash Collection Ordinance:** Garbage, placed in the appropriate containers, and trash (old couches, broken chair, etc.) should be put out neatly on the street **after 6:00 p.m. the night before or the morning of pickup (before 7:00 a.m.) and put away by 6:00 p.m. on trash collection day (Monday).**

**Recycling is every other Monday.**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT VIOLATIONS/CITATIONS?**  
Contact Sgt. Dan Riccio, Court Services at 75 Calhoun Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 973-4864.

For those of you who will move out for the summer, please remember that furniture and other large-scale items that you might consider "junk" can be reused and recycled by Goodwill through their resale stores. Turn your re-useable "trash" into a "treasure" for others who can use the help.  
(Goodwill Industries - 937-4700)



### HELP OUT DURING MOVE OUT

The Charleston Clean City Commission, College of Charleston Cougars Helping Enhance the Community Center, Goodwill Industries, and CofC Masters of Environmental Sciences Student Association will work together again this spring to collect reusable items left by students who live in the community. For further information or to volunteer contact Lauren Collier at 953-5875.



### NEED INFORMATION ON:

Senior Events? [www.cofc.edu/%7Eundrgrad/seniorevents.html](http://www.cofc.edu/%7Eundrgrad/seniorevents.html)  
Campus Calendar/Events? [www.cofc.edu/events/calendar.html](http://www.cofc.edu/events/calendar.html)  
Exam Schedule? [www.cofc.edu/~undrgrad/exam.html](http://www.cofc.edu/~undrgrad/exam.html)  
Alumni Info? [www.cofc.edu/connections/alumni/index.html](http://www.cofc.edu/connections/alumni/index.html)



### DID YOU KNOW?

Spring and summer bring more than flowers and hay fever! The terrific weather means more open windows and doors in residences — just the perfect invitation for theft and burglary. Cars left unattended with windows down are especially enticing to those shopping for YOUR property. Warmer weather brings an increase in sexual assaults with June noted as the peak month for reports.  
(SLED 2002 data)



*MET FOR MADNESS*

From the east coast to the west coast, increased parking meter vandalism has become a hot topic. Damage to parking meters to avoid paying for parking results in significant loss of revenue for the community. In a time when belt tightening has become the norm for state and local governments, a loss of revenue from vandalism can mean cutting community services or other programs that benefit all.

In Boston, vehicles parked at broken meters are limited to one hour. According to the CityLine Newsletter, "the policy, which was enacted on high vandalism meter routes, is a disincentive for a driver to vandalize the meter." Berkeley is addressing the problem through strategies that include a widespread public information campaign, surveillance and increased enforcement. At Eastern Carolina University, recent parking meter vandalism and fraud resulted in stricter parking rules. "People in the past who receive tickets for parking in jammed meters have them removed by appealing, but this will not continue. If the meter is jammed or broken, it's an illegal parking space. If you cannot legally purchase time, you cannot park there," according to Mike Van Derven, director of Parking and Transportation Services.

What has all of this to do with the College of Charleston? Vandalism of parking meters is a complaint that has surfaced recently. In a local news report last semester, parking authorities estimated that nearly half a million dollars in meter revenues are lost to vandalism. The culprits, they say, are students.

Parking problems are not new issues and throughout the years, the College has worked diligently to address the concerns of students, faculty and staff who must share the available opportunities to park. Those few who vandalize meters to avoid paying their fair share insult the majority of the College community who accept their responsibilities as citizens and play fair.

