

## **Charleston County Media Invitation**

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## You're Invited: Phillips Community Association's "Sidewalk Gala" Oct. 13

Sidewalk completion and greenbelt acquisition celebration includes dedication and a walk along new sidewalk

The Phillips Community Association in Mt. Pleasant will hold a "Sidewalk Gala" at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 to celebrate recent improvements to the area. The Association invites the public to join them for a ceremony in appreciation of a new sidewalk and drainage improvement project, and the acquisition of eight acres of green space.

The Oct. 13 event will start at 1816 Highway SC 41 with a dedication ceremony conducted by Charleston County Transportation Development. After the dedication ceremony, the Phillips Community Association invites all attendees to walk along the newly constructed sidewalk. The walk will make a loop, ending back at the ceremony site, then the association will hold a health fair and sell T-shirts as a fundraiser for the Phillips Community Association.

## Speakers at the event will be:

- Herbert Sass, Charleston County Councilmember
- Richard Habersham, Phillips Community Association President
- Michael Allen, SC Gullah Geechee Community Partnership Specialist
- John Girault, Executive Director of the Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy
- Louise Maybank, Chair, Charleston County Greenbelt Advisory Board

## **BACKGROUND**

- Sidewalk and Drainage Improvement Project
  - The Phillips Community Sidewalk and Drainage Improvement Project was funded by the <u>Charleston</u> County Transportation Sales Tax Program as part of the 2009 Local Paving Projects.
  - The project consisted of sidewalk and drainage improvements along SC-41 between Virginia Rouse Road and Joe Rouse Road, resulting in one mile of continuous sidewalk on both sides of SC-41, and improved drainage to the Phillips Community.
- Greenbelt Project
  - With funding from the <u>Charleston County Greenbelt Program</u>, the Phillips Community Association acquired eight acres of land for green space.
  - Four acres were acquired directly by the Phillips Community Association and four acres were acquired in partnership with the Mount Pleasant Land Conservancy.
  - The entire property is protected with deed restrictions that will keep the property as green space for recreational opportunities as well as space for community events and cultural, educational activities on the historical significance of the Phillips Community.

The public can get more information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax road projects at <a href="http://www.smallchangeforbigchange.org">www.ccroadwise.org</a>, and about Greenbelt Program projects at <a href="http://www.smallchangeforbigchange.org">http://www.smallchangeforbigchange.org</a>.

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