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Do you know the diligent preservation of our historic buildings and architecture makes Charleston the most well preserved city in the country? This is due to the efforts of our awesome Preservation Society. Check out [www.GreaterCharleston.com](http://www.GreaterCharleston.com) for information and photos on Charleston.

**Charleston Real Estate News**

More than 4,350 homes were sold statewide in April, a 10.5% increase over the number of homes sold in March and a 36.3% increase over homes sold last April, according to the latest report from the S.C. Realtors Association. And while 13 out of the 15 markets reported an increase in April, the gains were much more modest than those reported in March, which included some triple-digit increases. The three major metro areas, Greenville, Columbia and Charleston, posted increases in April of 17%, 10% and 13%, respectively.

Source: S.C. Realtors Association

Year-to-year number of residential homes, condos and villas sold in April for the various S.C. areas below are:

	<u>April 2009</u>	<u>April 2010</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Aiken	89	138	55.10%
Beaufort	56	97	73.20%
<b>Charleston TriCounty</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>51.40%</b>
Greater Columbia	552	663	20.10%
Greater Greenville	510	678	32.90%
Hilton Head	139	240	72.70%
Sumter/Clarendon Co.	86	103	19.18%

Moral of the story? South Carolina is seeing a significant increase in sales. Yes, many sales are due to the distressed properties by stressed sellers, however, the more these properties are sold and off the market, the more true recovery our housing industry will realize. Compare S.C. sales to other parts of the country and see how we stack up. Mortgage rates are at historic lows, properties are priced at great values....find your Charleston home soon!

**Trip Advisor "2010 Travelers Choice Awards"**

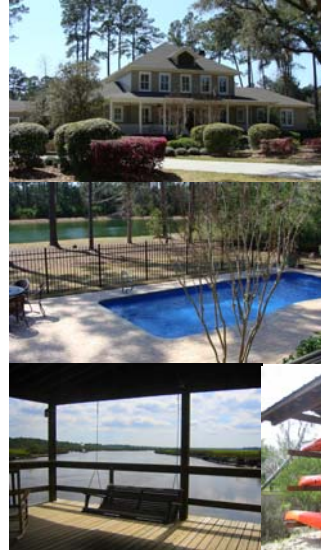
Charleston ranks #3 in this year's Travelers Choice Awards of the Top 10 Food & Wine Destinations in the World. "Charleston is known for great food (you won't find better grits on the planet) and colorful history. But why do travelers return year after year? We'll blame the genuine Southern hospitality this city extends to each and every visitor."

The Holy City also ranks #4 in this year's award in the category of Top 10 Culture & Sightseeing Destinations in the United States, and ranks #20 in the Top 25 Destinations in the United States. Plan your next trip to visit us!

**Summer Sweet Corn and Zucchini!**

Sauté 2 cups coarsely chopped zucchini and ½ cup diced sweet onions in 3 Tbsp. butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat for 5 minutes. Add 2 cups fresh corn kernels, ¼ cup chopped fresh chives, and 2 tsp. taco seasoning mix; sauté 5 minutes or until tender.

**New Listing in Beautiful Poplar Grove**



Behind the gates of Poplar Grove you will find this impressive low country home boasting 4 bedrooms (master down), 4.5 baths, heart-pine floors, chef's kitchen with high-end appliances, 2-car garage, salt-water inground pool on a breathtaking .65 acre lagoon lot. A special place and only a 20 minute drive to downtown Charleston.

Please go to our website at [www.CharlestonHomesRus.com](http://www.CharlestonHomesRus.com) Click on **Search Real Estate**; Enter **1009343** as the **MLS #**.

**Riverfront Condo and Boat Slip for a STEAL at \$540,000!**



This elegant riverfront condo with your own private roof-top terrace, two parking spaces in lower level garage, AND a 40' wet slip could offer you the Charleston lifestyle at an incomparable price. Don't procrastinate as this seller's loss could be your gain. This is a short sale so get the process started now. See below for more details and photos.

Please go to our website at [www.CharlestonHomesRus.com](http://www.CharlestonHomesRus.com) Click on **Search Real Estate**; Enter **2927424** as the **MLS #**.

**A Message from Greg and Samantha**

Many of you may know that Charleston made the cover of Southern Living magazine's March issue. Featured inside were magnificent gardens, graceful homes, charming inns & hotels and classic recipes. Thinking about Charleston for your home? We would welcome the opportunity to help!

*Have a wonderful summer, take care and please stay in touch.*



If your house is already listed with a Realtor®, please disregard this offer.