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The Broward Sierra Bulletin



Welcome to the October issue of the Broward Sierra Bulletin, the monthly newsletter of the Sierra Club Broward Group

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CALLING ALL BROWARD SIERRANS TO SHOW UP

When: Saturday, October 1, 4 PM - 5:30 PM

Where: Nancy M. Graham Centennial Square Park
150 N Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Directly across from Florida Crystals' Corporate Headquarters

What: We Deserve Better - Stop the Burn Rally

Why: Residents of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) who are directly impacted by toxic cane burning will share their stories. We will be there to help them send a clear and strong message to Big Sugar and to those complicit in the ongoing injustice of pre-harvest sugar field burning that Big Sugar must stop sacrificing lives to cut their harvesting costs.

RSVP: Click [here](#) to RSVP and to get more information.
You can also e-mail: patrick.ferguson@sierraclub.org



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We are excited and looking forward to seeing all of you who have registered to join us!

On

Sunday, October 9, 2022,

At the

Riverside Hotel- 620 E. Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

Celebrating our first In-person regional TRI-GROUP meeting:

Loxahatchee / Broward / Miami

HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:30pm

Free fun event with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and prizes!

We will adjourn at 6:30pm to hear Denise Elliott, Broward LWV, talk about:

“Decision 2022”

This evening's presentation focuses on ballot issues for the upcoming Mid-Term General Election on November 8th.

ACTION OF THE MONTH: [PROTECT OUR OCEANS](#)

Tell the BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) “NO NEW LEASES!”

[Submit your comments by Thursday, October 6, 2022.](#)

The government is seeking public input on their offshore drilling plan from now until October 6. Submitting your comment is an impactful way to make your voice heard in the fight to protect our coasts from dirty and dangerous offshore drilling. **Our friends at Oceana have created this wonderful [toolkit](#) to make it easy to submit an official comment.**

Let's see how many comments Broward Sierra can submit! Can we get to 10? I just submitted mine so that's one! When you submit your comment, please e-mail

browardsierrapc@gmail.com so that we can count you. And if you spoke at the hearing

on Sept 12, let us know because that counts too!

The **2022 Election** is just around the corner!

We can all help **elect environmental/climate-conscious leaders**. Here's how:

- 1) **VOTE** – here are some important voting deadlines:
 - a. October 11 – Last day to register to vote on Nov. 8
 - b. October 24 – Early voting begins (through November 6)
 - c. October 29 – Last day to request a vote by mail (VBM) ballot for Nov. 8
 - d. November 8 – Election Day – VOTE!!!!

For more information, visit <https://www.browardvotes.gov/>

- 2) **SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CANDIDATES** – Click [here](#) to see which candidates Sierra's endorsed. We encourage you to visit the candidates' websites where you will find opportunities to help get them elected.

3) SUPPORT SIERRA IN OUR ELECTORAL WORK

- a. Contribute to the Florida Political Action Committee (PAC)
No \$ amount is too small. To donate, click here. And please share this link.
- b. Help e-mail, phone bank, and write postcards to Sierra members to remind them to vote. For more information, e-mail: answers.political@sierraclub.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE NEED YOU TO JOIN EXCOM!

Our by-laws require that we must always have 7 members on Broward Sierra Group's Executive Committee (ExCom), committing to serving for a 2-year term. Elections to ExCom are held every December.

This December every Broward Sierra member will receive a ballot to vote to sustain our seven member ExCom. This year we have 3 ExCom members who will be seeking to be re-elected. We regret that one of our ExCom members will not be seeking re-election.

We MUST have 7 members! **WE NEED YOU!!**

Please come and join us on the Executive Committee. Without you, we will not be able to fulfill our by-law requirements! It is imperative that we always have 7 members.

Please don't fail us, we can't operate without 7 members!

If you wish to be considered for a place on ExCom, and we hope you will, or if you have any questions, please contact one of our nominations committee members (NomCom) listed below.

Pat Turpening - patsierraexcom@yahoo.com

Pamela Kondziela - paschieltz@gmail.com

Susan Steinhauser - excomsusansteinhauser@gmail.com

Thank you!

Leah Weisburd, ExCom Chair

Upcoming Outing

Adriene Barmann, Outing Co-Chair

Scenic bike ride down Old Cutler Road and a visit to Fairchild Gardens and a picnic at Matheson Hammock on November 5th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please join outing leaders Adriene, Alfredo and Max as we explore the beautiful scenic Old Cutler Road 4 mile bike trail beginning at Ingraham Terrace Park, at the Cocoplum traffic Circle, (where Old Cutler Road, Sunset Road, and LeJeune Road intersect.). We will meet at 4751 Ingraham Terrace; Coral Gables, Fla.; 33133. That is where we will park.



Pedaling in the shade of historic banyan trees on the Old Cutler Trail. (Photo: Bonnie Gross)

We will ride on a paved bike path, leisurely heading south under the cover of magnificent ficus trees and sprawling banyan trees, passing by some of South Florida's most spectacular historic mansions. We will ride to Fairchild Botanical Gardens, which is an 83-acre paradise. Fairchild is full of rare palms, cycads, orchids and bromeliads. It has 125 species of bamboo and some of the most exotic tropical fruits in the world. It is expansive and beautifully designed by famed architect William Lyman Phillips. The gardens have been enhanced by the addition of a few glass sculptures by Dale Chihuly. There is a tropical rainforest which covers two acres and includes waterfalls and cascades, an enclosed butterfly garden and beautiful scenic spots which include an aquatic exhibit, a tropical flower garden in the Arboretum, and other unique tropical gardens to explore.





After our garden tour, we will bike over to Matheson Hammock Park, which is right next door. There we will ride into the park located on a peninsula of land on Biscayne Bay with sweeping views of downtown Miami, Key Biscayne and, in the distance, the stilt homes of Stiltsville.



We will have lunch in the park, and explore the surroundings, and then ride back to our cars. The cost of Fairchild Tropical Gardens will be discounted to \$20 for adults, and \$15 for seniors. There is a \$7 fee for car entry.



Volunteer Please! **Program Director Needed**

Are you organized and great with follow-up?

We need you to volunteer to keep track of our monthly meeting presenters. Members suggest presenters they think would be of interest to our Broward Sierra membership and you will take it from there. It's that simple!

After each presenter agrees to speak at a General Meeting, you will then be the contact person with the presenter, setting them up with a confirmed speaking date, letting them know when we will need certain information, sending confirmed presenter's information to our editor for publication in the Bulletin, posting on our Speakers' Spreadsheet, and sending speakers a thank you note after their presentations. It's all in the details! Are you that kind of person?

I will be happy to work with you and show you everything you will need. It's easy-peasy and fun! Come on board! Contact me, Leah Weisburd at leabird@comcast.net, with any questions.