



# The Broward Bulletin

February 2023

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## ANNA GOLDSTEIN

# THE THIRD ACT

FEBRUARY 2, 2023 PRESENTER



Registration required:

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002NWIWAAW>

The Third Act is building a community of experienced Americans over the age of sixty determined to change the world for the better. Together, we use our life experience, skills, and resources to build a better tomorrow.

### **Day of Action 3.21.23**

*Together we will help make visible the invisible connection between cash and carbon. We will pressure the big, dirty fossil-fueled banks – Bank of America, Chase, Citibank, and Wells Fargo – to move their investments out of fossil fuels by moving our money out of their banks, actually and symbolically. That's what this Day of Action is about.*

**Anna Goldstein** is on Third Act's Advisory Council and is the Lead for the National Day of Action on 3.21.23. She is grateful to live in this epoch of evolution and opportunity. In the climate NGO world, she spent a

decade+ at [350.org](https://350.org) and, in addition to her work at Third Act also works as an independent consultant with organizations including The Sunrise Project & Oil Change International. She is the Board Chair of the Borneo Project, which supports Indigenous land rights and rainforest preservation in Malaysian Borneo. She likes dogs, books, spicy food, thrift stores, intersectional organizing and non-violent direct action. She lives on occupied Ohlone land.

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**MIKE EWALL**

## **Should a New Trash Incinerator Be Built in Broward County?**

**MARCH 2, 2023**



**Mike Ewall, Esq.** is founder and Executive Director of Energy Justice Network, a national non-profit supporting communities to transition from polluting energy and waste facilities to clean energy and zero waste systems.

With over 30 years of experience successfully stopping biomass and waste incinerators and other noxious industries, Ewall is a leading national expert on incineration. He is the principal author of the 2021 report, "Beyond Incineration: Best Waste Management Strategies for Montgomery County, Maryland," which documented that incineration is more than three times as damaging to health and the environment as landfilling.

In 2003, he developed the Zero Waste Hierarchy that was the basis for the Zero Waste International Alliance standard.

Register [HERE](#) for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on Zoom



## **Mark your calendars for March 21 & 22!**

Sierra is part of a coalition heading to Tallahassee to meet with our State Representatives and Senators to discuss legislation that will impact our environment and climate change.

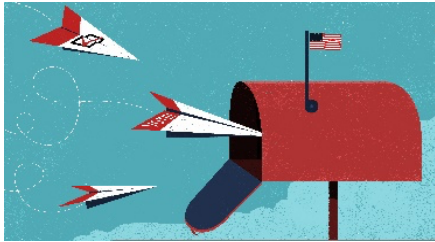
**Don't miss this opportunity!**

**For more information and to register:**

<https://www.rethinkenergyflorida.org/reclaiming-floridas-future/>

Question? E-mail, text, or call Susan browardsierrapc@gmail.com

(NY area code) 516-732-2854



## **Request your Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballot Today!**

Due to a law passed in 2021, **Floridians need to request Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots every two years.** So if you voted by mail in 2022, you will not receive a VBM ballot for 2024 or for 2023 (some cities have elections this March) unless you request a VBM ballot.

To check your voter status and request your VBM ballot, visit

<https://www.browardvotes.gov/Voter-Information/Voter-Lookup-Free-Access-System>



At January's meeting, Michelle Allen, Southern Region Deputy Director of [Food & Water Watch](#), led us through a viewing of [Dear President Biden](#), a documentary highlighting the health dangers of fossil fuel extraction and processing.

The writers, Jon Bowermaster and Mark Schlosberg, visited various regions and brought back stories to share with President Biden of contaminated water and illness.

The most distressing conditions were found in [Cancer Alley](#) and various LNG export sites. The activists call on

President Biden to do better. The film also pulls back the curtain on "carbon capture," a process that Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm touts as a step in the right direction. The dirty truth (all puns intended) about carbon capture are revealed in the film.

The movie's message is simple: As a candidate, Joe Biden called climate change an "existential threat" and promised to address it throughout his Administration. He got off to a good start, shutting down the Keystone XL Pipeline and rejoining the Paris Agreement. Unfortunately, calls to ramp up oil and gas production, the war in Ukraine, and pressure from one particular Senator, have led him to waiver on his promise. The film is the fourth in a "Dear" series ("Dear Governor Cuomo," "Dear President Obama" and "Dear Governor Brown") and reminds us that now is not the time to give up, but to stand up and be heard.

We can all do three things right now to stand up and be heard:

1. Watch and share the film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhMDBxXgfCU>
2. Sign this petition calling on President Biden to ban new fossil fuel leases on federal lands and waters. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/biden-no-new-leasing>
3. Visit the People vs Fossil Fuels Screening & Organizing Guide to see other ways to take action and support the activists in the film. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-t9HZuG-4tIQ4zjsfMexfNbNglHtg7dL1DJdzAbb6k/edit>

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a few days after we watched Dear President Biden at our January General Meeting, Friends of the Earth delivered a letter to Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, and the White House, outlining nine concrete steps the Biden Administration has authority to take NOW to bring public lands and waters management in line with climate science and the President's own climate promises. Sierra National is one of over 300 organizations and community groups that signed onto the letter. Here is a summary of the steps:

1. Phase out oil and gas production on public lands and waters to near zero by 2035
2. Defend and strengthen the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
3. Establish guardrails on the leasing program to protect the climate, public lands, oceans, and communities
4. Issue a five-year plan with no new leases
5. Stop authorizing new exploration, development and drilling permits in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska until there is a proper analysis of climate damage
6. Stop issuing new permits to drill on public lands until there is a proper analysis of climate damage and a climate screen
7. Manage public lands for climate solutions

8. Halt climate-destroying projects in the Arctic (ex: Willow, Peregrine)
9. Protect climate and communities from near-term offshore lease sales (ex: Cook Inlet, Gulf of Mexico).

Let's all spread the word and make this go viral! Here are links you can share:

Broward Sierra's Facebook Post:

<https://www.facebook.com/BrowardSierra/posts/pfbid02r8vR5uwJmw4XM8K47G8B8nMyEgKAr2xBP5hHAzniBiTdLPCsua5DAD6dhGsYBgB9I>

The Actual letter: <https://foe.org/post-ira-leasing-letter>

Press Statement: <https://foe.org/news/300-groups-biden-public-lands/>

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/foe\\_us/status/1613188167112294403](https://twitter.com/foe_us/status/1613188167112294403)

**BROWARD SIERRA GROUP**

**WELCOMES ALL TO**

# **EARTH DAY 2023**

**A FREE FAMILY EVENT**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**9 AM TO 5 PM**

**AT THE ANNE KOLB NATURE CENTER**

**751 SHERIDAN ST. HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019**

**THIS YEAR'S THEME:**

## **SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT**



**YOUTH  
ART CONTEST**



**HIKING &  
KAYAKING!**



**EDUCATIONAL  
VENDORS**



**HANDS-ON  
ACTIVITIES**



**LIVE MUSIC  
& GOOD FOOD**

**There's something for everyone at this fun, free, educational and entertaining event!**

Visitors can enjoy:

- Nature hikes, kayaking and a boat tour around the natural mangrove areas of the park.
- Live music.
- Food trucks.
- Art displays from our annual Youth Plastic Waste Art Contest, with judging and prizes announced on site.
- More than 14 exhibitors with hands-on activities and information about conservation and environmental efforts.
- Notable guest speakers presenting on topics about renewable energy, waste reduction and Florida's environmental challenges.
- **Much, much more!**

Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in programs, services, and activities must contact Broward Sierra Group at 954-328-9447 at least seven (7) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event.

The Broward Sierra Club is hosting our Earth Day celebration event on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the Anne Kolb Nature Center in Hollywood from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We plan to celebrate our unique planet Earth as it is filled with life and incredible diversity. The theme of our event is "Saving Our Environment". Our celebration includes 7 notable speakers, as well as 15 table exhibitors from a diverse group of environmental organizations. There will be multiple fun environmental activities, music, food trucks, a plastic waste art contest and full use of the facilities at our event.

Volunteering with Broward Sierra feels this good!  
Today's your lucky day because our amazing team has the  
perfect spot for you!

Communications

Programming

Membership

City Liaison

E-mail [Leabird@comcast.net](mailto:Leabird@comcast.net) or call 954-485-4711 for more info

### *GETTING TO KNOW YOU.*

Hey, Broward Sierra members! What's your story?

This column has created a good amount of members' interest. We love getting to know our members. Perhaps they would like to know you too!

Please send our editor/proofreader, Pat Turpening, a short paragraph or two to be published in our Bulletin along with a photo of yourself.

The deadline for submitting your story for the March Bulletin is the end of day, Wednesday February 15, 2023 at [patsierraexcom@yahoo.com](mailto:patsierraexcom@yahoo.com). Please put in subject - **Getting to know you.**

We are all looking forward to getting to know our members better!

Leah Weisburd, Chair

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**General Meeting: Saturday, February 18, 2023**

## **“Welcome to Your National Wildlife Refuge”**



**Breakfast 9:30 AM. – 10:00 AM**

**Program 10:00AM – 11:30 Noon**

**Trail Walk 11:30 Am - 12:00 Noon**

### **Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Pavilion**

10216 Lee Rd., Boynton Beach, FL. 33473

**Program:** The presentation will be on all the great programs you can take advantage of when visiting the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

**Speaker:** Jennifer Brown is the Visitor Services Manager of Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. She grew up in south Florida and studied our unique ecosystems at Florida International University before starting her career with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Southeast Louisiana Refuge Complex near New Orleans. She worked as an Interpretive Ranger for Louisiana State Parks before joining USFWS again working as an Education Specialist for National Wildlife Refuges in Ohio and Texas before moving back home to Florida last December.

**[Register Here](#)**

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