



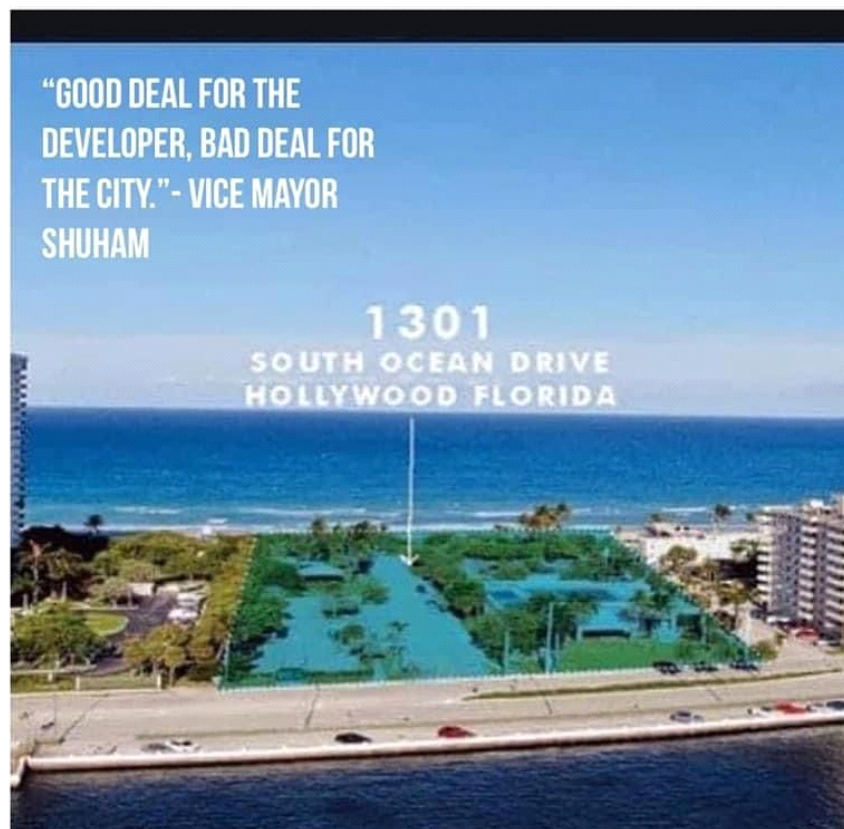
The Broward Bulletin

April, 2023

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**PUBLIC LAND
DEED: OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC PURPOSE/PARKS/RECREATION
NO PUBLIC VOTE
NO IN-PERSON COMMUNITY MEETING**



Attention Broward Sierra Members and Supporters!

We vehemently object to this violation of beachfront public property that is only good for the

developers but a horrid deal for Hollywood!

- You do not have to be a resident of Hollywood to write a letter of opposition. If you live in Broward County, please include your city in the email. The subject should be 1301 S. Ocean Drive.
- You can ask both the City of Hollywood Commission to vote NO on this land use amendment, and you can ask the Broward Planning Council to deny this land use amendment. Written comments may be submitted at any time via email PlanningCouncil@broward.org or USPS addressed to 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

The City Manager has transmitted a Land Use Amendment application to the Broward County Planning Council, asking for permission to add density to 1301 S. Ocean Drive (asking for permission from the county to change "community, recreation, and open space" to "medium-high residential.") If the Broward Planning Council were to add this to an upcoming agenda, the public would be able to go in and comment on this item.

The Broward Planning Council will consider many factors when deciding if this Land Use Amendment is appropriate. For example, water, sewer, solid waste, and drainage demands, public use of recreation and open space, how it will affect the enjoyment of the beach (dark shadows), the City's preservation of green space, traffic and roadways, vacating Azalea Terrace, how it will affect mass transit, areas of concern on the property, threatened and endangered species of plants and animals, sea level rise, soil, beach access, current zoning/height restrictions (Bougainvillea has much shorter buildings and if 1301 wasn't public property, it would have a restriction of 65 feet), hurricane evacuation (shelters, roadways, fuel), developer's history of public outreach and public meetings with all of the residents of Hollywood, flooding, impact to dunes, the established character of the beach, compatibility with our City's beach master plan, etc.

Three acres of this public land have deed restrictions for "open space, park, recreation, and public purpose". The other acre (north of Azalea Terrace) is not included in this application because it was purchased with Land and Water Conservation Funds for the purpose of public recreation and would need Department of the Interior approval to make any changes.

The City of Hollywood must make a recommendation on the proposed amendment by resolution or a motion at a public hearing. This approval must occur at least 21 days prior to the first Planning Council public hearing and within 4 months of the transmittal of this letter and the corresponding application.

Please take 2-3 minutes to send your very important **VOTE NO** request before the middle of April! Thank you!

On behalf of the Broward Sierra Group,

Leah Weisburd, Chair

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S

APRIL 6, 2023 PRESENTER – VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM 7 PM - 8:30 PM

MARK CASSINI



Registration required:

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Topic - South Florida's Urban Tree Canopy:

Benefits of Trees, Tree Canopy Coverage, Tree Planting Campaigns and Community Greening's Programming

Mark Cassini is from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he spent his childhood days immersed in nature at the creek and exploring in the woods. Mark has created a diverse non-profit career including international work in East Africa, leading a team of cultural orientation instructors resettling refugees. He has an M.A. in International Studies/Intercultural Relations from the University of the Pacific and Institute for Intercultural Communication and graduated from Indiana University with a B.A., majoring in Cultural Anthropology. In 2016, he co-founded Community Greening with Matt Shipley. Mark lives in Delray Beach with his wife and four children.

Earth Day 2023

Adriene Barmann

Vice Chair/Earth Day Chair

This year's Earth Day celebration at Anne Kolb Nature Center was a success, and our visitors had plenty of things to do! We had exceptional exhibitors and speakers, which offered our visitors the opportunity to learn about the effects of climate change, sustainability planning, clean water conservation, the harm of plastic pollution, turtle oversight protection, the health of our coral reefs, South Florida's wildlife, and native plant education. All the exhibitors were dedicated to promoting environmental awareness. The multiple hands-on and interactive displays by the exhibitors in the courtyard had the participants well engaged and happy to learn. As the visitors explored the venue, they listened to some great 70's and 80's music played by attorney

Richard Grosso and his environmental band in the courtyard. Anne Kolb Nature staff hosted free kayaking and nature hikes throughout the day, and food trucks were available to purchase some yummy cuisine.

An extra activity that we included this year was Sustainability Squares, which was Susan Steinhauser's brilliant idea. The participants received a card at the park entrance. When they visited the exhibitors' tables, their card was stamped and they learned about the organization and the action which the exhibitor asked them to do. (Answer a question, sign a petition, spin a wheel, etc.) Once they received a stamp on their card from each of the 13 exhibitors, they put their card in the Sustainability Squares box. The winner's card was picked at the end of the event, and he won a beautiful framed photo of a kayaker enjoying the outdoors!

This year, we decided to host environmental music performers inside The Mangrove Hall to inspire our guests musically!

The musical performance by Laura Sue Wilansky, the Silver Nightingale and Piper Spencer was a success! The duo played original, environment-themed music that they composed for our Earth Day event. The list of songs they sang include:

If I Had a Hammer – new lyrics by Laura Sue with some contributions from Piper

Martin's Milkweed Meadow – Piper Spencer, words and music

Ugly Duckling – Laura Sue Wilansky, music

No Nukes Swing – Laura Sue Wilansky, words and music

Birds of Wind and Water – Laura Sue Wilansky, music

Green Space – new lyrics by Laura Sue with some contributions from Piper

I Wanna Be Cool – Will Kimbrough/Brant Miller

Manatee Lullaby– Piper Spencer, words and music

In the Garden – Colleen Kattau

East Side West Side – The Mammals

You can listen to some of their music on this link:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9twCwvF2s40aVgCv2Ht3k4K_EOkXhTQ3.

Another unique presentation closed our Earth Day 23 event in the Mangrove Hall and was really special.

We celebrated nature by hosting AHAM Education and the Mind Body Resiliency Coalition of Broward. The AHAM organization led by Knellee Bisram, MA who created an opportunity for the participants to enjoy an experiential window about how we can "be nature" and therefore care for nature, by practicing mindfulness in natural spaces. We had the unique opportunity to have Piero Falci and Hollywood Commissioner Idelma Quintana to lead a "Be Nature practice and reflection" session to close our Earth Day event. The experience showed the participants how to allow themselves to

appreciate nature in a relaxed state. Piero led the group on a walk on a trail at Anne Kolb as he guided us about how to connect with nature. The organization uses mindfulness meditation to connect with nature. I have included one of their mindful group meditation practice experiences at the beach that was recently filmed by South Florida PBS. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny-rdGtUxz0>

And, of course, a big thank you to our students who participated in our annual plastic waste contest, and to Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr who hosted the event. And we recognize all the judges who dedicated their time and effort to read the students' essays and take on the difficult task of choosing the top 3 winners. The impact of plastic waste by art was inspirational to the students and hopefully they will continue to advocate against single use plastics and the harmful impacts it causes on the environment.

We had a winner for our "guess the amount of plastic waste in a jar" game. The prize was a beautiful photo of the ocean by Diane Klien photography .

Broward Sierra Group appreciates your dedication to support our extraordinary event in the Broward community! We thank you in so many ways and we look forward to seeing all of you next year at Earth Day 2024! (The first Sunday in March) 🌍



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 5, 2023
HIGH SCHOOL PLASTIC WASTE ART CONTEST

Leah Weisburd

Chair, Art Contest Coordinator

One of the highlights of our Earth Day celebration was our high school art contest. 14

Broward County high school students, ages 14-18 years old, qualified to present their essays and artwork which represented the perils of plastic waste and all waste matter to our environment. Congratulations to the 14 amazing students who participated: Anagha Iyer, Goldie Wolf/Mussia Federman, Hanna Neugaard, Mia St. Hilaire, Helena Lacey, Angelina Garcia, Deanna-Kay Moodie, Vivienne Horvath, Christina Horvath, Leila Murray, Kira Eisenman, Nyla Noel, and Zofia Chmielewska.

Six environmental advocates were invited to judge the work of these incredible students, of which only three would be selected to receive a monetary award. The judges had strict point values to be assigned for each part of the students' work. We were honored to have Susan Hall and Shelly Lifeset, both art teachers, Roberto Hernandez and Stan Milov, both artists, Lauderdale's Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn, and Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr judge these amazing students' work.

This was not an easy task as all the students did a fantastic job educating themselves, their families, and all of us, on just how much work needs to be done to ensure that our Florida, the United States, and our planet are protected for all the generations to come.

These are the three students the judges selected. They received the monetary awards noted which we hope will be used for their education.

To read their essays, please go to our Facebook site where they are posted.

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

On behalf of the Broward Sierra Group, thank you to all our students, judges, parents, and guests, for making this Earth Day contest a huge success.

Leah Weisburd-Chair, and Art Contest Coordinator

THIRD PLACE WINNER OF \$250.00 – **VIVIENNE HORVATH** 14 YEARS OLD
MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTESSORI VILLAGE- HOLLYWOOD



SECOND PLACE WINNER OF \$500.00 – **MIA ST. HILAIRE** 17 YEARS OLD
MC ARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL- HOLLYWOOD



FIRST PLACE WINNER OF \$1,000.00 - LEILA MURRAY 17 YEARS OLD
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL - FT. LAUDERDALE



Juniper Springs Camping Trip - Adriene Barmann, Vice Chair/Outings Chair

Friday, April 14th to Sunday, April 16th

Juniper Springs Recreation Area located between Ocala and Ormond Beach along SR 40 is one of 4 wilderness areas in Ocala National Forest designated by Congress as a habitat untrammled by man and is protected and managed to preserve its natural state. The dense jungle-like forest surrounds the hundreds of tiny bubbling springs which gush out of crevices in the earth beneath a dense canopy of palms and oaks. The big sand pine scrub ecosystem is host to numerous species such as the Florida scrub-jay, sand skink, scrub lizard, gopher tortoise, black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and numerous plants. The campground and trails were constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Please refer to our website under Outings & Events for complete information – [Outings & Events](#) [Sierra Club](#)

SAVE THE DATE
BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S
MAY 4, 2023 PRESENTER
VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM 7 PM - 8:30 PM
JOSE R. CORTES



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Topic - Balancing Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies

Jose is the Director of the Department of Design and Construction Management for the City of Hollywood where he has overall responsibility for the oversight, leadership, and management of the City's General Obligation Bond GO Bond (GOB) program, Capital Improvements, and sustainability initiatives across the city.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

Have you been told that you are a great communicator?

We have the tools to help you get out there to spread the word about our ***Broward Sierra Group*** and the work we do to protect our Florida and of course our planet.

Join a great team working together with the editors of The Bulletin, our newsletter, and our committee chairs.

For more information contact - Leah Weisburd – leabird@comcast.net

Loxahatchee Sierra Group



Please come join us during the month of April at as many of our scheduled tabling events as you can.

We have a lot of fun, spreading information with other vendors, as well as meeting and engaging people on environmental issues.

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, 10-2 PM:** 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration, Palm Beach State College, PB Gardens Campus, 3160 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens.
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023, 10:30-1 PM:** Earth Day Fair, Palm Beach Atlantic University, behind Lassiter Student Center, close to 901 S. Flagler, WPB.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 1-2 PM:** Earth Day at the Mandel Library, Tips and Tricks, 411 Clematis St., WPB.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 10-1 PM:** Earth Day Event, Centennial Park, 120 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 10-3 PM:** Earth Day 2023, Okeehewee Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., WPB.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 1:00-2:00:** ***Program***, Tips and Tricks to Save Mother Earth: Mandel Library Auditorium; 411 Clematis St.; West Palm Beach, FL. 33401

Glenn Laufer
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU.

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

This feature 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 publish in our Bulletin along with a photo of yourself.

The deadline for submitting your story for next month's Bulletin is end of day Wednesday April 19, 2023 at patsierraexcom@yahoo.com. Please put in subject - **Getting to know you.**

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

Leah Weisburd, Chair