



# The Broward Bulletin

March, 2023

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## ATTENTION, BROWARD SIERRA MEMBERS

Our BSG member and Plantation Councilwoman, Jenifer Andreu, is asking for our help!

On Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Plantation City Hall, 400 NW 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Plantation 33317, Councilwoman Andreu, will be presenting an ordinance to prevent balloons from being released into the air. She would appreciate your attending this meeting to voice your approval of this ordinance. Whether you live in Plantation or elsewhere, the balloons can, and will, float to your area.

When balloons land in our waters, marine creatures mistake the balloons for food and become quite ill and/or die. [3 reasons why you should never release a balloon into the sky | Better Homes and Gardens \(bhg.com.au\)](#)

[Why Releasing Helium Filled Balloons Into the Air is a Bad Idea | Next Level Balloons](#)

By releasing balloons into the air, we are endangering our lives. Deflated balloons can clog storm drains, resulting in flooded streets.

Public comment procedures: [https://www.plantation.org/government/city-council/watch-meetings-live-online#:~:text=Plantation%20City%20Council%20meetings%20are,954%2D797%2D2237\).](https://www.plantation.org/government/city-council/watch-meetings-live-online#:~:text=Plantation%20City%20Council%20meetings%20are,954%2D797%2D2237).)

Talking points from Balloons Blow: <https://balloonsblow.org/fact-sheet/>

**We want to make sure that no exemptions are given for “biodegradable” balloons.**

So, please attend the meeting on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and voice your approval of Councilwoman Jennifer Andreu’s ordinance. Ask the Council to give this unanimous approval!

Thank you and see you there!

Leah Weisburd,

Broward Sierra Group-Chair

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.

MIKE EWALL  
BSG, GENERAL MEETING, PRESENTER  
MARCH 2, 2023



**Should a new trash incinerator be built in Broward County?**

**Registration required:**

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002NWlbAAG>

**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.



## Join Get My Money Out in an action on **March 21** to protest Fossil fuel funding by our Banks!!!

Despite the climate crisis, our biggest banks are huge funders of coal, gas, and oil companies. In the years since the Paris climate accords, they have given more than one trillion dollars in loans to these companies, even as scientists have told us we must stop the expansion of this industry.

By joining Third Act's [Banking on Our Future](#) campaign, you can help pressure the Biggest 4 Fossil Fuel Funding Banks (Bank of America, CitiBank, Chase, and Wells Fargo) to stop this financial support.

The campaign will culminate on [3/21/23](#) with actions around the country. This will include cutting up Big 4 Bank credit cards in front of these banks and at locations that are being impacted by climate change to demonstrate the connection of these funds with the climate emergency we are facing.

To join the 3/21/23 Broward Action: [RSVP at this link](#).

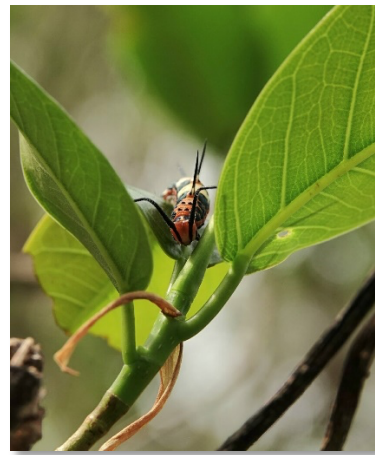
## Recent Outings

Adriene and Alfredo have been very busy with their outdoor adventures this winter season!

We started our first outing on Sunday, January 21st at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. We were fortunate to have the best naturalists Dick and Sharon who led our group around the Old Cypress Swamp. We learned about the swamp's history and its importance as a significant watershed in the region. We learned about the coexistence of the Old Cypress trees in the swamp with the multiple plants and wildlife they support. The ecosystem of the Cypress forest made us aware that preserving these special places in Florida are so important to maintaining biodiversity of the animals and plants that coexist there. And most of all, we met some



wonderful people who enjoyed spending their day with us and learning about why it is so important to preserve these natural places.



Alfredo and Adriene hosted a spectacular visit to Wakodahatchee and Green Cay Wetlands on Sunday January 29, 2023. We had another great Sierra Club outing learning about the benefits of constructed wetlands, and their positive impact on the water table (aquifer that supplies our drinking water). Adriene explained to the visitors that both wetland parks are a win-win for nature and for people. The wetlands naturally remove the nutrients that include fertilizers and pollutants in wastewater efficiently, while returning billions of gallons of fresh water back underground to replenish the aquifer. As the wetlands clean the water they also make a great home for birds and animals. The plants that inhabit the wetlands are cleaning the water, and providing nesting opportunities for the birds, as well as a nutrient rich habitat that feeds the animals. As the gators patrol the waters, the birds are able to nest safely in the trees. Adriene not only answered the questions from the participants, but also educated them about the diverse bird populations that live there, and about the bird feeding and nesting behavior. Alfredo and Adriene led the group through both parks, and we also enjoyed a lunch break

outside of Green Cay Wetland Preserve. It was a great day of learning and understanding the importance of wetlands and preserving our remaining green spaces.



## UPCOMING OUTINGS

1. Nature walk at Wakodahatchee and Green Cay to see the nesting birds and their babies in full bloom! Date: Sunday, March 26th from 9 am to 2 pm.
2. Camping Trip at Juniper Springs and kayaking at Silver Springs in Ocala and a hike at Yearling Trail on the final day of camping. Date: April 14th-16th 2023!

Stay tuned for updates in our website and Facebook!!!!



COMING IN APRIL

SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 6, 2023

GENERAL MEETING

PRESENTER

MARK CASSINI



**Registration required:**

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002NbSSAA0>

**Topic - South Florida's Urban Tree Canopy**

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





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Creating ways to stay in touch with all members and supporters via the tools provided by Sierra Club.  
*Training and guidance provided.*



## General Meeting: Saturday, March 18, 2023

### Indian Trails Grove/ Palm Beach County Agricultural Reserve and the Swap



**Meet and Greet, Doors open at 10:00 Light Refreshments  
Program 11:00AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Arthur R. Marshall**

**Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Pavilion**

10216 Lee Rd., Boynton Beach, FL. 33473

#### **Program:**

The meeting will discuss the Agricultural Reserve with a special emphasis on the SWAP proposal by GL Homes. Viewing of Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group Agricultural Preserve Video and presentation provided to the Palm Beach County Commissioners to discuss the SWAP proposal as it relates to Water issues for the County.

#### **Speakers:**

**Chris McVoy**, A soil and wetland scientist devoting his career to supporting Everglades restoration. Author, educator and a Lake Worth City Commissioner. Hydrologist with M.S. in Soil Science from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in Soil Physics from Cornell.

**Drew Martin**, Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group, Conservation Chair. Drew has served on the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Advisory Board, Lake Worth Tree Board, Lake Worth Library Board and Lake Worth Climate Change Task Force. I served on the Palm Beach County Land Development Advisory Board. I was Co-Chair of the Everglades Coalition, a coalition of 60 environmental groups nationwide dedicated to restoring and preserving the Everglades. We host an annual conference attended by the Governor, US Senators and high-ranking administration officials. He is a staunch supporter for Everglades, Water Quality, Marine, Zero Waste and Single Use Plastics as well as the Conservation Chair of the Loxahatchee Sierra Club Group representing Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties.

**[Register Here](#)**