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BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S PRESENTER

RAFE POMERANCE

Join us Thursday JUNE 1, 2023 7PM-8:30PM Virtually on Zoom

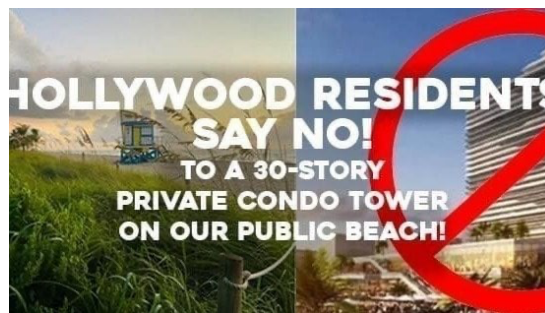
TOPIC- Florida Should Adopt an Upper Limit to Sea Level Rise

Registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

Rafe Pomerance has spent much of his career raising awareness of global warming and building support for climate solutions. His work plays a central role in Nathaniel Rich's *New York Times* magazine article and subsequent book, [Losing Earth](#). It tells the story of a handful of scientists, politicians, and strategists who were among the first to try to convince the world to act on climate change – and the fossil fuel industry's fight to stop them. Rafe was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Environment and Development from 1993-99 and was very involved in global climate negotiations.

He brings a wealth of experience in government and non-profit organizations to his climate policy work with Woodwell Climate Research Center, World Resource Institute, and Friends of the Earth. He is the former Chairman of Arctic 21, a network of organizations focused on communicating the unraveling of the Arctic because of climate change to policy makers and the public. He is also a consultant to the nonprofit [ReThink Energy Florida](#), raising awareness on the impact of sea level rise in the state. His work on climate change impacts in Florida has taken place over three decades.



The city's P&D Board unanimously recommends a REJECTION of the 1301 condo.

An update from Cat Uden – Thank you for all you do!

A small victory! On May 9th, Hollywood's Planning and Development Board voted unanimously for the City Commission to REJECT the 1301 land use amendment (all speakers spoke in opposition to the condo). However, the City Commission can always decide not to follow the P&D Board's recommendation.

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, chief resilience officer for the county, sent a letter to the Broward County Planning Council on April 17, warning that the project will place a dense residential project in an area that's already at risk of flooding from sea level rise. Dr. Jurado, who is the very well-respected Chief Resiliency Officer of Broward County, has written that the 1301 project is in conflict with the county's climate and resiliency strategy and goals, in a risky flood and hurricane evacuation zone, and is against the county's land use plan, open space, recreational, and environmental policies.

Plans include widening Surf Road, impacting the dunes, and possibly "relocating" endangered/protected dune vegetation. The fact that the developer asked to impact dunes in order to widen Surf Road shows that this project is too large for this site. Harry Berry Park acre was NOT part of this land use amendment application because they do not have permission to change that acre. The seawall across from Azalea Terrace is crumbling. The barrier island is fragile. If you believe in sea level rise, when the barrier island is taken by the ocean, the residents on the island will need to be relocated and additional materials will be demolished, removed, or disposed of.

There is not one good reason to approve this project, particularly because it has been stated by Commissioner Shuham that it is not a good financial deal for the City. She said that it is only a good deal for the developer, and it is not our job to help a developer financially benefit from building a private skyscraper on our beloved public beach.

Residents ask that everyone (including non-Hollywood residents) please continue emailing the Broward Planning Council to ask them to **vote NO** on the 1301 land use amendment. Keep this property community/open/recreational space!

Broward Planning Council emails:

planningcouncil@broward.org, rgbrowardorg@gmail.com, acastillo@ppines.com, Michelle.Gomez@tamarac.org, drosenof@bigdogcsi.com, rex.hardin@copbfl.com, tdigiorgiojr@gmail.com, dhorland@plantation.org, robert.breslau@stiles.com, fbrunson@cityofwestpark.org, brionb@nova.edu, denise.b.fernandez@gmail.com, mryan@sunrisefl.gov, eastonkh@gmail.com, nrich@broward.org, allen.zeman@browardschools.com, bblakeboy@broward.org, amaurodis@wsh-law.com

Broward County Commission emails:

NRich@broward.org, MBogen@broward.org, MUdine@broward.org, LFisher@broward.org, SGeller@broward.org, BFurr@broward.org, TRyan@broward.org, RMcKinzie@broward.org, dthinkson@broward.org

Or send a letter USPS addressed to 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 307, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Broward Sierra Group is planning something BIG!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

In Person



Just put the date into your calendars

And soon we will announce it!

You will be so glad that you saved the date!

Adriene Barmann

Vice-Chair/Outings Chair

On April 14th to the 16th, Broward Sierra Club's 3 fearless outing leaders led an amazing camping trip at Juniper Springs in Ocala National Forest. We welcomed 15 participants for a full itinerary of exploration and fun. We started our camping trip on April 14th on Friday afternoon. Everyone arrived, except me (Adriene the outing's chair), who got delayed by the flooding in Fort Lauderdale, and I wasn't able to get gas. I finally arrived on Friday at midnight. Co-leader Max Goldstein built the extra tent for me and co-leader Alfredo Aguirre met me at the gate in the darkness of the park entrance. How I arrived is a whole other story. I was relieved that I made it!!!!

Everyone had a great time Friday afternoon setting up their tents and having dinner. All relaxed around a glowing fire and enjoyed the peacefulness of the woods.

The next morning after a hearty breakfast that Max cooked and organized, we were on our way to Silver Springs State Park. We arrived just in time to meet the outfitter so we could begin a 4-hour kayak paddle at Silver Springs. Alfredo arranged for the kayaks to be delivered to the spring entrance, and after a short review of the kayak trail, we were in our boats and began our adventure. There was a mild current on the spring's crystal clear water, as the group drifted down the waterway navigating through the water surrounded by the pristine forest.

We passed by several turtle families perched on logs, and water birds wading in the water or resting on the beautiful cypress trees at the shoreline. We were happy to see plenty of seagrass on the bottom of the spring. We hoped to see a manatee, but it was a warm day, and they tend to venture out of the springs when it is warm. We did see lots of big fish swimming under us, and an abundance of turtles and alligators. We saw several water snakes resting on the roots of the cypress trees. Some of the lucky explorers in our

group saw an otter pop its head out of the water, and we saw one lone monkey hanging on a branch on a tree.

It was a beautiful day as we relaxed and enjoyed the sounds of birds in the trees. We stopped for lunch and ate yummy sandwiches, compliments to Alfredo who was in charge of lunch. And when we reached our final destination the outfitter was waiting to help us out of our boats and transport us back to our cars. We returned to our campsite and relaxed. Some brave members jumped in the spring and enjoyed the nice cool water. That night we had a delicious chili dinner sponsored by Adriene in a nearby pavilion, because a rain storm came, and we made a quick decision to dine under the covered pavilion. And it worked out great! Everyone enjoyed dinner and helped us clean up. We had some more laughs and shared stories around the campfire that night. The air was cool and the forest was quiet.

The next morning part 2 of Max's gourmet breakfast was enjoyed by all. It was nice to wake up to the sounds of many birds singing and chirping in the early morning. I did take some time to talk to everyone about environmental activism, and I encouraged the members to get to know their local community leaders, and to be vocal about conservation and preservation of green spaces. Everyone appreciated the beauty of the forest, and being outside enjoying nature's beauty. That is why we do outings, to inspire our members to appreciate nature, and speak up to preserve the green space that remains. Once everyone took down their campsites, and cleaned up, a few of us went on a short hike to explore the forest trail.

I must say the camping trip was a success. Everyone enjoyed what we did. New friendships were made, and pictures were shared. Everyone had a smile on their faces. I have to give credit to my co-leaders Max and Alfredo for being so organized, and making sure everything went smoothly. I know it was a great weekend spent in the woods, and as everyone was leaving they asked 'when is the next camping trip?' To be continued in the Fall.





[Click here to see more photos from the outing.](#)

Coral Springs Improvement District is planning to remove up to 2,500 healthy trees growing alongside the 22 miles of canals it manages. The trees will be removed to prevent them from affecting the waterways if they would blow over in a storm.

YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT. HERE'S HOW:

1. **VOTE THEM OUT BY PROXY OR IN-PERSON** CSID Election 4 pm, June 19, 2023, Maplewood Elementary Cafeteria, 9850 Ramblewood Drive, Coral Springs election in June. Vote for change by backing Save Our Trees' candidates who are committed to environmental and fiscal responsibility. Anyone who owns land/property in CSID's boundary gets to vote either in-person on the day or by proxy.

2. **SHARE THIS EMAIL and EMAIL SIGNUP** with your friends and neighbors: [Join the Save Our Trees email list](#). We'll be explaining the voting process, empowering you to have your say, and keeping you in touch with campaign news.
3. **CONTRIBUTE** As we build momentum towards the June 19th CSID election, help us expand our reach by donating to our [GoFundMe account](#). Your donations will support campaign materials and community outreach.
4. **FOLLOW US AND SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Board creates CSID policy and governs district operations. Your candidates below are all CSID residents who live and own property in the 33071 district and are dedicated to Coral Springs' beautiful landscape and wildlife, accountability, transparency, and sound fiscal management.

Curt Tiefenbrun - He is a member of our City of Coral Springs environmental sustainability committee.

Stephen Lytle - He is a passionate community advocate, serving as president-elect of the HR Association of Broward County.

Ben Groenevelt – He is a seasoned professional with decades of experience in leadership roles.

Please check them out on Facebook and vote them in!

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

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

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 our newsletter, the Bulletin, and our committee chairs.

POLITICAL CHAIR

Help us elect officials who will propose legislation to protect the environment and help us get that legislation passed into law: federal, state and locally!

CONSERVATION CHAIR

Help us to preserve and protect our natural resources and the habitats of the native species, climate change, human health issues, density, and so much more!

For more information contact Leah Weisburd leabird@comcast.net



We encourage a fertilizer black-out period during the summer months, May 15 - October 31.

Here's why:

- 1.) When we fertilize during the summer, the frequent rains wash away fertilizer before our lawns and plants have time to absorb the nutrients.**
- 2.) This means fertilizer washes into storm drains and flows directly into Biscayne Bay, where algae can absorb the nutrients.**

3.) This can cause algae to bloom and turn clear, blue water into a cloudy green or brown.

4.) This affects the marine life area by lowering the level of oxygen in the water.

5.) With less oxygen, fish suffocate, seagrass dies off, and manatees don't have enough food to eat.

BE A RESPONSIBLE FERTILIZER USER

**SKIP THE FERTILIZER
DURING THE RAINY SEASON**

LOXAHATCHEE SIERRA GROUP

PRESENTS



New Discoveries of the Lake Worth Lagoon

Thu, Jun 15, 2023; 6:30 PM

Meet and Greet 6:30 PM Light Refreshments

Program 7:00 -8:00 PM

[Lantana Road Branch Library](#), 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, FL

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

[Loxahatchee Group General Meeting New Discoveries of the Lake Worth Lagoon \(sierraclub.org\)](#)

What Lake Worth Waterkeeper is: The Palm Beach County coordinator for *FWC's Horseshoe Crab Watch program*. Reinaldo Diaz will talk about the novel behavior some of our local horseshoe crabs have been exhibiting, and the adventure it took to make that discovery. Wildlife tagging is an important tool for population assessments, but it is also an important conservation asset that can be used to protect areas from development.

Speaker: Reinaldo Diaz is your Lake Worth Waterkeeper, which was founded to advocate for the Lake Worth Lagoon and its watershed through research, education, and legal advocacy. Reinaldo is also a City of Lake Worth Beach commissioner. In addition, he is on the board of Everglades Coalition and Florida Wildlife Federation, and on the steering committee of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative.

[SAVE THE DATE!](#)

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

Virtualy 7pm-8:30pm

Presents

ANASTASIA MIKHALOCHKINA



REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

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TOPIC - Compostable Packaging for Foodservice Providers

Anastasia is the Founder & CEO @ Lean Orb and Vice Chair @ The Surfrider Foundation.