



# The Broward Bulletin

May, 2023

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**By: Sylvia Meyer, Broward Sierra Group ExCom Member**

The Sierra Club Broward Group, in collaboration with the League of Women Voters and Broward Climate Reality recently sent the letter which is below to all Broward County city officials in regard to Broward County Commission's Interlocal Agreement (ILA). The ILA is proposed between the County and individual Broward cities to develop and operate a comprehensive system for handling solid waste in Broward including waste reduction and recycling. By having a comprehensive plan for all of Broward we can achieve a more efficient and less costly system for handling waste, along with uniform messaging to all residents. Partial government ownership ensures that profit will not be the primary motivation for decision making. Cities representing 75% of Broward's population must approve the agreement in order for it to take effect. We are asking individual residents to contact their officials and ask them to support and sign the ILA.



April 14, 2023

Dear City Officials:

After two years of deliberation, the Broward League of Cities' Solid Waste Working Group is sending the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to Broward's cities for ratification. Our organizations have been following the proceedings and providing input when appropriate. We, the undersigned, strongly urge you to approve this agreement as soon as possible.

As you well know, Broward County and every municipality in Broward is facing a solid waste crisis. The cost of disposing of our waste and of recycling is rising rapidly and the approximately 4 million Tons of waste we produce here in Broward has few places to go. Our landfills are nearing capacity, our incinerator is nearing capacity, and other Counties no longer want our waste.

The benefits of a comprehensive solid waste disposal system for all of Broward are many.

- One system will keep costs down – providing economies of scale.
- Standard recycling messaging will contribute to a much lower contamination rate.
- A recycling broker can better negotiate the recycling markets for our sizeable system.
- Some government ownership of disposal assets, including a Materials Recovery Facility, ensures that we are better served environmentally and fiscally, as government will not make decisions purely on profit motives.
- There will be more flexibility to respond to new technology and transparency about operations.

A Master Plan mandated by this agreement is best developed by a professional Executive Director and all parties – County and Cities – represented on the Executive Committee and Governing Board outlined in the agreement.

Thank you for responding positively to the ILA so that we can begin to move forward quickly to develop a comprehensive plan for solid waste disposal which best suits the needs of all of us in Broward County.

Sincerely,

Monica Elliott  
President  
League of Women Voters  
of Broward County  
<https://lwvbroward.org/>

Leah Weisburd  
Chair  
Sierra Club-Broward Group  
<https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/broward>

Susan Steinhauser  
Co-Chair  
Climate Reality Project  
North Broward-Palm Beach Chapter  
<https://www.climateRealityProject.org/>

**BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S  
PRESENTER THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023  
VIRTUALLY 7PM-8:30PM**

**Registration is required.**

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**JOSE R. CORTES**

**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 GO Bond (GOB) program, Capital Improvements, and sustainability initiatives across the city.

Jose is a LEED accredited professional and an advocate of environmental and green sustainable initiatives. His professional career spans more than 33 years' experience with leading positions in Fortune 500 companies and municipal government.

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**April Speaker**

**Mark Cassini, Community Greening**

**--by Pat Turpening, Broward Sierra Group ExCom Secretary**

Mark Cassini, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Community Greening in Palm Beach County, spoke to the Broward Sierra Group on April 6th. He should also have the title of Chief Cheerleader as he clearly is gungho for planting trees, and it also is clear that more trees are needed in our region. Major American cities have much more tree canopy than those in south Florida. For example, Atlanta has 47% and Savannah has 41% while Miami has only 19% and Hallandale Beach a paltry 14%. His organization is involved in several citywide campaigns to plant trees with the help of city partners.

Community Greening provides free trees to residents in their many tree giveaways. They are trees designed to grow and thrive in smaller city lots. Trees that CG plants in city parks are maintained for a year. They have created four urban orchards with a variety of fruit trees. All of that fruit is free for local residents to pick themselves. Their Youth Tree Team is a workforce development program funded by the Children's Services Council and the Community Foundation. The young people are paid an hourly wage and work every Saturday.

There is so much more I could say about this group but I don't have the space to give them justice. I urge you to look at their website, [www.communitygreening.org](http://www.communitygreening.org).

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## **Hiking in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park on February 12th**

**Adriene Barmann  
Vice Chair/Outings Chair**

What a great adventure we had hiking in the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park on a beautiful day in February. Our group included 8 fearless warriors who were determined to hike the 2.5 miles on the East trail along the cypress swamp and then back to the trail entrance.

We walked past lush ferns and wild orchids hiding on trees in the forest, we were surrounded by air plants and knobby cypress knees which appeared above the water, as small fish darted around in search of insects. We all enjoyed the peaceful sounds of birds and the tree branches swaying as we walked along the beautiful trail. As we continued our journey, we finally reached the Fakahatchee Hilton, which is an old rustic abandoned cabin that is home to several large gators that lurk in the lake at the end of the dock. It was quiet and peaceful as we explored the area. Then it was time to hike back to our cars, as the Super Bowl kickoff time was quickly approaching.


It was a great day to explore nature and appreciate the wild places in the Cypress preserve.




Coral Springs Improvement District is planning on removing 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. Here's how you can join the Coral Springs Save Our Trees campaign, run by concerned citizens working to oppose the project and find sustainable alternatives:

 Join the Facebook page "Save Our Trees - Coral Springs, FL,"

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


 Sign up for our email distribution list and stay updated on news, meetings, and crucial information related to project opposition: <http://eepurl.co> **HYPERLINK**

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 Support and share this petition: <https://tinyurl.com/4> **HYPERLINK**

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 Follow us on Twitter @CSSaveOurTrees

 Call CSID at 954 320 7115 to share your views.

Our mailing address is:

Coral Springs, FL - Save Our Trees 12697 NW 7th St., Coral Springs, FL 33071-4417

*On April 10th, Lauderhill's Commissioner Melissa P. Dunn awarded Lauderhill Proclamations to Deanna-Kay Moodie and Nyla Noel who are Lauderhill residents and participated in Broward Sierra Group's Earth Day high school plastic waste art contest. Leah Weisburd, Broward Sierra Group's Chair, accepted this Proclamation too!*



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## THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



### **COMMUNICATION 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 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 local!

### **CONSERVATION CHAIR**

Preserve our natural resources, combat climate change, protect the habitats of our native species, address human health issues, and so much more!

For more information contact Leah Weisburd [leabird@comcast.net](mailto:leabird@comcast.net)

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## **General Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023**



## **How to Plan for Zero Waste**

**Meet and Greet 7:00PM Light Refreshments  
Program 7:30 -8:30 PM**



[One World Zero Waste:](#) 2188 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach,  
FL 33445

**Program:** After a brief introduction, Elana and Stephen Smith will tell us why they opened the One World Zero Waste store. We will talk about bulk shopping, switching to re-usable products over single use/limited use/disposable products. Other topics will be planning for Zero Waste, why supermarkets and health food stores can't do what One World Zero Waste can do, and how to shop with zero waste and why it benefits the whole community. Specific products' pluses and minuses will also be discussed.

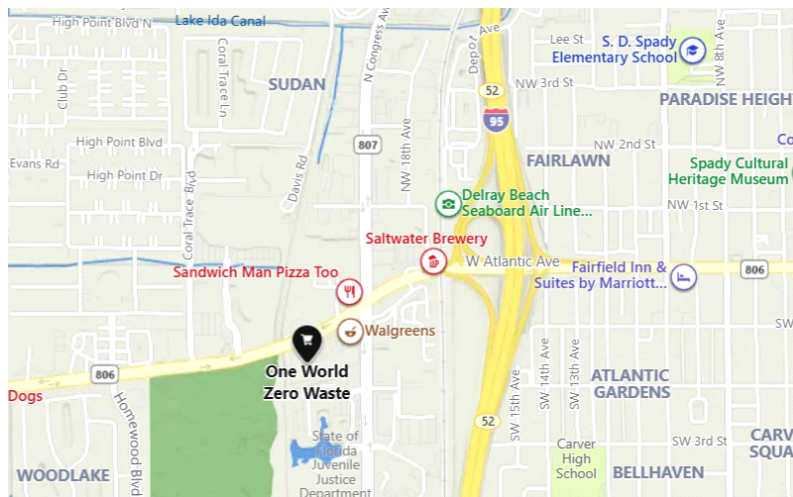
Customers can order locally and organically grown/made fruits, vegetables, breads, pastries, and more, ensuring you get the freshest and most specialized food in South Florida, without wasteful plastic packaging.

Being a ZERO WASTE store, One World doesn't overorder food. Rather, they rely on customer orders to guide their weekly ordering. Place your order between Tues.-Fri. every week. Food is procured from various farm sources. Pick-up is Mon. or Tues.! Online ordering is convenient. In person pick-up lets you bring in your own containers and produce/tote bags to refill.

We hope you can come, learn, and incorporate more zero waste, ecofriendly, and health-conscious practices in your life! Zero Waste shopping is the best kind of shopping.

**Speaker:** Elana and Stephen Smith: Owner of One World Zero Waste, in Delray and Jupiter, FL.

[Register Here](#)



**One World Zero Waste, 2188 W Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach, 33445**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**BROWARD SIERRA GROUP**

**PRESENTER THURSDAY JUNE 1, 2023**

**RAFE POMERANCE**

**7PM-8:30PM VIRTUALLY**



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

Rafe Pomerance has spent much of his career raising awareness of global warming and building support for climate solutions. He is also a consultant to the nonprofit [ReThink Energy Flo](#) [HYPERLINK](#)

["https://www.rethinkenergyflorida.org/rida](https://www.rethinkenergyflorida.org/rida), raising awareness on the impact of sea level rise in the state. His work on climate change impacts in Florida has spread over three decades.