



The Broward Bulletin

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ANNOUNCING

OUR NEW VOLUNTEER TEAM

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP-JUNIOR TEAM

We are so pleased to announce that we have a brand-new volunteer team!

Anagha Iyer, a high school Broward Sierra Group member, has agreed to Chair this Junior Team of high school students ages 14-18 who will be volunteering for school service hours.

Here are some of the things Anagha has planned:

- Beach and nature cleanups,
- Meetings to discuss environmental news items,
- Nature outings,
- Letter-writing campaigns to our legislators,
- Letters to the Editor instructional sessions,
- Presentations by leading experts on recycling, plastic pollution, climate change, sea level rise, and more
- Presentations at high schools.

And so much more! What's your idea to help our environment?

So, if you know of any high school students who would like to help our environment by getting involved, please write to Anagha Iyer – pl222722@ahschool.com

Leah Weisburd – Chair

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

Virtualy 7pm-8:30pm

Presents

ANASTASIA MIKHALOCHKINA



REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

[Click here to register](#)

TOPIC - Compostable Packaging for Foodservice Providers

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

Lean Orb specializes in supplying genuine compostable packaging for foodservice providers. Since 2017, Anastasia has led the company's product development, design and execution of strategic revenue plans, bringing sustainable year-over-year growth. Anastasia has extensive experience in sustainable packaging technologies, consultation on supply chain management, expertise on product lifecycle analysis and responsible sourcing.

Her presentation will focus on material technology variations, best practices, price differences when transitioning from plastic, success stories for South Florida, and compost partners they work with.



TOP 12 NEW SINGLE USE PLASTIC ACTIONS FOR PLASTIC-FREE-JULY

Reducing one's single-use-plastic footprint can be overwhelming if undertaken all at once. Adopting one action at a time makes it more manageable. We applaud those of you who have already cut down on your single-use-plastics – we know you “get it.” Here are ways to use less of the insidious one-time-use-only plastics.

Many of you already have reduced your single use plastic footprint because you “get it” with reducing waste. These actions, if undertaken all at once, can be overwhelming. Try adopting one action at a time to make it more manageable.

Dining Out–Eating on the Go

- Starbucks: Are you a Starbucks fan? Bring your own cup for in-store purchases; not available for online orders or drive up--yet. [Starbucks brings](#)

[back personal reusable cups to Starbucks cafes in the U.S.](#) Make sure your cup is CLEAN. If you use their app, you can receive reward points.

- Skip the Stuff: Ordering takeout to eat at home?--whether directly from the restaurant or from a delivery service--please tell them to “skip the stuff” — plastic eating utensils, condiment packets and straws—items you likely have at home and don’t need from the restaurant. They are on the “top 10” lists of items found in litter cleanups. If you have a drawer full of plastic eating utensils, donate them to homeless shelters who could use them.
- Beer: If you are a beer fan, when possible, order draft rather than bottled or canned beer in the restaurant’s reusable drinkware.

Other Purchases

- UPS: Give your bubble wrap & air pillows a second use. Take them back to the nearest UPS store. They don’t reuse Styrofoam packing including peanuts.
- Best Buy now charges for single use bags at the checkout! It’s the surest way to get the customer’s attention and reduce single use plastic bags. Thank them on social media and in person. Here is Best Buy’s Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/bestbuy/>
- Best Buy stores will take back electronics and appliances. They work with recyclers to dispose of the items: [Best Buy Recycling Standards](#)
- Used plastic plant pots and trays: Take them to a nursery so they can reuse them.
- Make your event single-use plastic free. See tips in [Sierra Club CA’s sustainable event resolution](#).
- Groceries: Buy some items in a non-plastic container (i.e., paper or glass) such as eggs, milk, peanut butter, condiments, cooking oil, vinegar, maple syrup, or beer.

Take reusable bags for groceries, produce or other purchases.

- Purchase clothing made of natural fibers.

Feedback & Apps

- Publix bags: Please sign [STOP USING PLASTIC BAGS, PUBLIX](#) . Message them or post on the Publix Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/publix/> . Share the petition on your social media.
- YELP: The YELP restaurant app added sustainability attributes to its “amenities” list for eating establishments. If you leave a review, please comment on positive sustainability practices the establishment follows. We sometimes forget the value of leaving positive feedback. It demonstrates our concern for sustainability in restaurant practices; and shows that we are watching.
- Remark: For negative or positive feedback, the Remark app (<https://remark.eco>) makes it easy to email the manager of a business with respectful comments on sustainability practices you would like them to follow or thank them for good practices.

Plastic-Free-July is a promotion to help us focus on our single use plastic actions; however, we can adopt one at a time throughout the year.

Help Pass Single Use Plastics Ordinances in Florida

Passing laws and ordinances is the most effective way to get behavior change to reduce single use plastic (SUP). Despite the preemptions, and other restrictions at the state level--believe it or not--there is a lot of ordinance activity in Florida—ordinances passed and those in the pipeline. Local cities and counties want to protect their communities and natural areas, and reduce recycling and trash management costs.

The top 4 ordinances are:

- Smoking on beaches: State legislation allows cities and counties to pass smoking bans on beaches. It is especially important to pass bans where adjacent

municipalities have already passed them because it reduces confusion by beachgoers.

- Skip the stuff: This applies to carryout restaurants where plastic eating utensils, condiment packets, napkins, and straws would only be given on request of the customer.
- SUP bans on public property: straws, Styrofoam, bottles.
- Straws on request only.

Here is a link to the listing of cities and counties who have passed ordinances. <https://plasticfreefl.org/sample-legislation/>

If you are willing to help pass a local ordinance, please reach out to your local Sierra group or to <https://plasticfreefl.org> to find out if there are other organizations working on an ordinance. Your children and grandchildren will thank you.



**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

Broward Sierra Group is planning something BIG!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

In Person

Save the Date!

Just put the date into your calendars

And soon we will announce it!

You will be so glad that you saved the date!

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 local!

CONSERVATION CHAIR

Sylvia Meyer has volunteered to chair this committee. THANK YOU, SYLVIA!

For more information contact Leah Weisburd leabird@comcast.net



We Made History! An Overwhelming Victory for Coral Springs!

We're thrilled to share some momentous news - *Together, we did it!*

Tonight, June 19, our campaign emerged victorious with over 85% of the vote in the CSID Board of Supervisors' election (1599-208). This is not just our win, but a remarkable triumph for every resident of Coral Springs, for every tree that shades our waterways, and for the sustainable future we've jointly fought for.

The past few months have been an intense journey, but the groundswell of support from our community has been nothing short of inspiring. The incredible voter turnout is a testament to our shared passion and dedication for preserving our city's natural beauty. We owe this victory to each one of you. Your voices have echoed loud and clear: we cherish our city, our environment, and our collective future.

During their inaugural meeting, your new Board Supervisors took swift action. A motion has been passed unanimously to immediately halt any and all work related to the proposed tree removal project, barring the community advisory panel's work. The first official act as your representatives fulfill their campaign promise: an in-

depth, comprehensive report encompassing all aspects of the proposed project will be presented in a public forum before any further actions are considered!

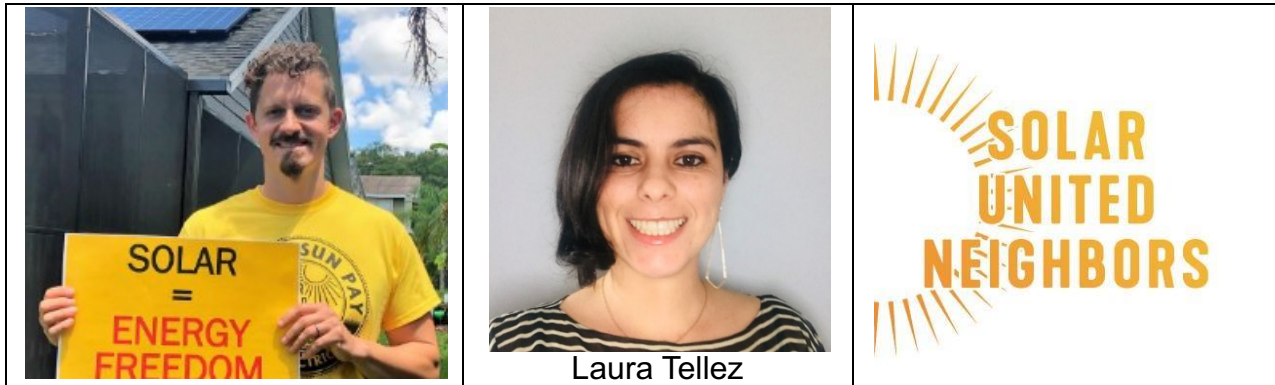
This victory stands as a testament to the power of community, the strength of unity, and the invaluable role each of you played in shaping our city's future. We look forward to collaborating closely with CSID staff, community members, and all stakeholders as we move forward, mindful of the trust you've placed in us.

Thank you once again for your overwhelming support and unwavering faith. This victory is yours, Coral Springs!

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



General Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2023



Solar 101

Where: Zoom

When: Thursday, July 27, 2023, 7:30 -9:00 PM

Program: Learn about solar energy and its benefits for your home or small business. There will be a review of solar technology and economics, as well as Q&A. We will share

resources for those who want to explore solar for their energy needs. You'll also learn about solar co-ops.

Presented by: Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group and Solar United Neighbors

Speaker: Laura Tellez, South Florida Program Associate. Laura has worked with various non-profit organizations and government agencies. Her work has stretched from Panama to Alaska. Laura has a B.S. in Environmental Sciences. She holds an M.S. in Ecological Leadership and Education and an Occupational Endorsement in Sustainable Energy.

To Receive Zoom Information:

[Please Register Here](#)

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Our AUGUST Presenter!

CHRISTIAN BRUEY

Join us Thursday August 3, 2023-7PM-8:30PM Virtually



TOPIC- PureCycle's Game-Changing Technology for Recycling Polypropylene (PP)

Registration Required

[Click here to register](#)

