



The Broward Bulletin

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Hello Sierra members! My name is Tiffany Furr Grantham and I am one of your Broward Sierra Group's Executive Committee (ExCom) members. I am also a Regional Coordinator for FloridaRightToCleanWater.org. That is the 2024 ballot initiative to put an amendment for the fundamental right to clean water in our Florida Constitution.

This amendment is magical. Having clean water as a fundamental and enforceable right would be a complete game changer for this state. Those special fundamental rights like voting and freedom of speech are what make this nation special and clean water should be up there too.

There are already three states that have green amendments: New York, Pennsylvania and Montana. About 15 others are working to have them, and Florida is part of this grand movement.

Manatees starved and died because the water quality could not sustain their food. Blue-green algae, red tide or fecal bacteria impair or pollute 9,000 square miles of rivers and streams, 80% of our springs and one million acres of our coastal estuaries. We're number one in the country for the most polluted lakes. Lake Okeechobee is the number 2 most polluted lake in the nation. Our waters need our help.

For this amendment to get on the 2024 ballot, we need one million signatures by this November. That's where you come in. Please get the petition, sign and mail it, then get 10 or 20 and get others to sign it too. You can download it from our website www.FloridaRightToCleanWater.org or go to that website and call your regional coordinator and they will mail some to you. I am the regional coordinator for the Southeast Region, so if you are in the Southeast Region, email me for petitions or more information. My email address is Tiffany@FloridaRightToCleanWater.org. Looking forward to hearing from you and thank you! Let's make this happen.

While our Sierra Club Chapter is taking a neutral position on this amendment, we as individuals and groups can take a stand. I am asking you to read it, study it and if you like it ... sign it and mail it. Water is Life.

Thank you all so much,
Tiffany

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S AUGUST PROGRAM PRESENTER



CHRISTIAN BRUEY

Join us Thursday August 3, 2023

7PM-8:30PM virtually on Zoom

“PureCycle’s Game-Changing Technology for Recycling Polypropylene”

[Register Here](#)

Christian Bruey is the Manager of Corporate Communications and the PureZero Program for PureCycle Technologies. He joined PureCyle in 2022 and handles all internal and external communications.

PureCycle Technologies holds a global license for the only patented solvent-driven purification recycling technology, developed by The Procter & Gamble Company (P&G), that is designed to transform polypropylene plastic waste (designated as No.5 plastic) into a continuously renewable resource. The unique purification process removes color, odor, and other impurities from No. 5 plastic waste resulting in an ultra-pure recycled (UPR) plastic that can be recycled and reused multiple times.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Sierra Club is required, in accordance with by-laws, to hold elections to their executive committees (ExCom) in all Groups and Chapters every December.

Our Broward Sierra Group’s ExCom has seven positions. Each person elected to ExCom commits to a 2-year tenure. This year, two ExCom members are running for re-election for another 2-year term. Unfortunately, one of our members will not be able to run for re-election. This means we will have 3 seats open for all our Broward Sierra members to vote for come December.

In order to always having the required seven ExCom members, we must form a nomination committee (NomCom). Our by-laws require that this committee have at least three Broward Sierra

members, including two ExCom members who are not running for reelection as well as one non-ExCom member whose name will not be on the ballot.

So, would you consider joining our NomCom to help us select Broward Sierra members who would like to join our ExCom? Two ExCom members who are not running for re-election have volunteered to be on the NomCom. They are Max Goldstein and Leah Weisburd. They will be happy to answer any questions that you may have about what NomCom will be doing between now and November to ensure that we have a full slate of candidates to be elected to the three seats that will be open on ExCom on January 1, 2024.

Also, if you would like to volunteer to become an ExCom member, the NomCom will be happy to tell you all about the process and, if you should win the election this December, what your responsibilities will be.

For information, please contact Leah Weisburd, leabird@comcast.net or Max Goldstein, maxgold@yahoo.com

Come on board! We get so much accomplished and have fun doing so.



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

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNICATIONS

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.

COMMITTEES

- 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!
- Welcome our new members and arrange get-to-know-you parties and outings.
- Schedule and work with the presenters for coming meetings.

For more information contact Leah Weisburd leabird@comcast.net

BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM

WE WANT YOU!

Do you have a child who is a Broward high school teenager
14-18 years old looking for school service hours?

Is your child interested in learning more about preserving
our environment while receiving service hours volunteering?

The Junior Team might be for them!

What is it?

The Junior Team is a group of devoted, high school activists for environmental sustainability. Students are working towards a better future for upcoming generations.

What does it do?

The Junior Team participates in a variety of activities such as letters to editors, beach cleanups, presentations to schools, and more service hour opportunities.

How can you join?

Join by scanning the QR code and filling out the google form. You can also contact Anagha Iyer at pl222722@ahschool.com





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Dear Loxahatchee Group Members and Supporters,

We're now several months past the Florida legislative session which was a disaster for every living thing in Florida. That is not hyperbole; this is a fact. Check out the Sierra Club state Scorecards for its ratings of the session: [Sierra Club Florida Releases 2023 Legislative Scorecard](#).

This must never be allowed to happen again!

We at the Political Committee are focused on electing better legislators at the local level, and we need your financial help to help us fulfill our mission!

In past years we have supported the environmental champions running for office with an endorsement, but experience informs us that an endorsement carries far more weight when the organization invests financially in the candidate. That is why, going forward, we hope to donate to the campaigns of some of the pro-environment candidates we endorse — to increase the chance they will be elected. This money gets earmarked to the Sierra Club Political Action Committee (PAC), who utilizes the money strategically to help elect our champions.

The link for your donation to the [Sierra Club Florida PAC is HERE](#).

Thank you in advance for helping us support the people who care about the world we live in.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Also, note that the Political Committee's work goes beyond elections. We regularly meet with lawmakers and support other committees in their work when appropriate. If you're not a member of the committee and would like to be, please reach out.



Representing Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie & Okeechobee Counties

PRESENTING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
BROWARD SIERRA GROUP'S MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
XAVIER DeROOS - RENUABLE



Xavier is the founder of Renüable which is a leading composting organization specializing in the aerated static pile composting method.

[Register here for the meeting](#)

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!