



The Timucuan April-May 2007

Newsletter of the
Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club
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The next business meetings of the Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club's **Executive Committee** will be held on **March 28th** and **April 25th** at **5:30 p.m.**, at **Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island Library Center), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.**

Our Monthly Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the **Daytona Beach Regional Library, (City Island Library Center), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.**

SPEAKER FOR APRIL MEETING
Daytona Beach Regional Library
(City Island Library Center),
105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

JASON MISNER,

Florida Campus Organizer for the Southern Energy Network, which seeks to create campus initiatives that reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions and supports other sustainability initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, from more local food to recycling.

Learn about the Southern Energy Network at
www.climateaction.net

SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING
Daytona Beach Regional Library
(City Island Library Center),
105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

PAT NORTHEY,

currently the Volusia County Council Representative for District One and Past Council Chairman, and endorsed by the Sierra Club in her 2006 campaign.

SPRAWL HURTS US ALL **Alexa Ross, Conservation Chair**

Join the Hometown Democracy efforts! Call **Alex (386) 761-7002** to join the volunteer effort.

Massive developments are planned for the Southern part of Volusia County, our high water recharge area (8-12 inches). They have lovely names - Reflections, Restoration... According to Lee Bidgood of the **Volusia-Flagler Environmental Action Committee Inc.** (which meets **Tuesdays at 4** at the City Island Library board room and welcomes new faces), the 877- acre project in Edgewater west of I-95 and south of SR-442 contains 269 acres of freshwater wetlands and the newest Edgewater wellfield. A sprawling "metropolis in the swamp" far larger than either New Smyrna Beach or Edgewater, if permitted, will set a precedent for permitting its larger neighbors to the north. That would end small-town aspects of Edgewater and New Smyrna Beach - the charm!

What can we do? St Johns River Water Management District announced its intent to issue an Environmental Resource Permit # 4-127-101779-1 even before the technical staff report on Restoration was complete. Sound like a slam dunk? Give the SJRWMD a call of concern at **1-800-226-4181** This catastrophic loss of habitat would fill 77 acres of wetlands.

There ought to be a law! That was the thinking behind **Florida Hometown Democracy**. And it's still not too late to save what we can. Such glaring changes to the comprehensive land use plan couldn't happen without voter approval, if this amendment gets on the ballot in 2008 and becomes law. **Lesley Blackner**, 'the turtle attorney' has seen an endless succession of losing battles to

save old Florida from rampant development and commented many times to the Corps, which gives the go-ahead to 99% of the projects that come across its desk. Half of the legal issues we battle in this state would disappear if Florida Hometown Democracy were in effect. We have less than a year to bring our hard work home.

A half dozen of us turned out at the Manatee Festival and Gemini Springs (**Natalie Dix, Fred & Mal Bisson, Don Kanfer, Nancy Long, Marjorie Byron, Jean Rondeau, Mike Thompson, Yours Truly**) collecting several hundred signed petitions at these wonderful festivals. We plan to continue this mission at our table at **Washington Oaks, A1A in Flagler, on Earth Day weekend, April 21 and 22** and the **Enterprise Preservation Festival Saturday, April 28th.**

Can you make a commitment to gathering ten signed petitions a month? If every one of our 1300+ Volusia/Flagler members collected ten a week, how soon we'd reach our goal! There are flea markets, farmer's markets, art festivals and community events happening all the time. All you need is a clipboard, a pen, some blank petitions and a smile. Please call **Alex** at **(386) 761-7002** to join our friendly, hard-working team of signature collectors. It just takes a moment to explain and the public is so receptive to controlling sprawl and protecting our future. The petition sells itself with your encouragement. Download your own copies of the petition to sign and see what it's all about at:

<http://www.floridahometowndemocracy.com>

***Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club Welcomes
New Members and Transfers***

Port Orange

John Salvaggio
Gerhard Serwas
Ron Robert
Heide Hurd
Bonnie Siler

DeLeon Springs

David Trusso

Edgewater

Margaret Cooper
Ron Benti
Howard Roberts
Janet Somers
D. Petcovic
T. Dean

Grandin

Craig Voight

Hollister

Kerry Wetzel

Lake Como

Sue Stevens

New Smyrna Beach

David Venzie
Arlene Mendenhall
Debby Pell

Orange City

Kimberly Bissell
Brenda Dorn

Winter Park

Marilu Hagen

South Daytona

Celia Wood
Laurie Gomon Ring

Ponce Inlet

Pat Watson

Palm Coast

Joan Campbell
June Carlson
Dr. F.M. Hannah
Frank Ricci
Richard Skinger
Mary Ann Mayfield
Karin Stoeber
Nancy Stacey
Sheila Thompson
Penny M. Boettcher
Robyn Casey

DeLand

Norma Ridgeway
Coleen Summey
Elaine Riess
George Berner
Richard Griffin
Sam Rabin

Deltona

Randall Ellis
Carol Lindholm
Julie Acampora
Ruby Aderson
Jan Talton

Enterprise

Gary Sweeton

Ormond Beach

John Olivero
Corey Piser
Norman Lane
Cathy Fitzsimmons
Bryan Lambert
B.C. Cartwright
B. Barton
Joan Grennan
Marie Kanter
Marjorie Kantor
Donald Smith
Susan Wisniewski
Audrey Durrua
Anthony Pandolfi
Timothy O'Keeffe
Geraldine Hoffmeister

Daytona Beach

David Fritz
Patricia Beyazyurek
David Mazur
N. Christeson
Lois Matthews
Jean Rondeau
Gilles Blais
Benjamin Taber
Dr. Carmen Rodriguez
John Roessler

Clermont

Sherolyn Rymal
Eloise Robitschek

Holly Hill

Tina Thomas

Enterprise

Gary Sweeton

Lake Helen

Brenda Mays



THANK YOU! Thank you! THANK YOU!

. . . to **Bonnie McMillan, Fred & Mal Bisson, Marjorie Byron, Mike Thompson, Natalie & Gordon Williamson, Jean Rondeau, Nancy Long, Don Kanfer, and Alexa Ross** for representing Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club at the Manatee Festival in January and RiverFest in March . . .
. to **Barbara Davis and Dottie Keel** for tie-dyeing our Gem Series T-shirts for sale at RiverFest . . .

CALL FOR MARINE MONITORS

The next Marine Debris Surveys will be held **Saturday, April 7th** and **May 5th**, at **9 a.m.** We meet at North Peninsula State Recreation Area, north of Ormond Beach on A1A, at the last beach parking lot in Volusia County (Highbridge Road). The survey takes about two hours* and volunteers are welcome! (*The more volunteers, the sooner we're done!) Call **Ann Arnold** at **(386) 409-3742** to volunteer, to verify *how much we need you*, or for information.

OUTINGS OUTINGS OUTINGS EARTH DAY IS COMING!

Alexa Ross is offering the following outings in April and May. Please call **386-761-7002** if you plan to come, or email **ross.alexa@gmail.com**. Always bring water, snacks and sun protection.

Explore Gamble Place - Saturday April 7 - meet 10 AM at 150-acre Gamble Place, Dunlawton Road west of I-95, east of Tomoka Farms Road, Port Orange. We'll walk the grounds, peer at the Cracker house and "the witch's cottage" that inspired Walt Disney. Bring lunch and water, hat and sunscreen. Canoes are for hire (call for prices) or bring your own. Stop at Sugar Mill Gardens, Port Orange, afterwards to round out the day.

Discover the new Water Taxi! - Sunday April 15 - We will load our bicycles and explore the stops at Ponce Inlet and New Smyrna Beach. Bring food, drink, sunblock; bike helmet required. RSVP **Alex** at **(386) 761-7002** for times and places. All day taxi ticket \$10.

EARTH DAY April 21, 22 - Washington Oaks State Park, Flagler, **10-5 Saturday and Sunday**. Re-enactors, gardens, displays, crafts, foods, walking paths, ocean and river.

Saturday April 21 8 am to 1 PM (free lunch!) Bonnie Cary, Volusia County Naturalist, invites us to celebrate the earth at Lyonia Preserve, behind the Deltona Library, maintaining scrub jay habitat by clipping young sand pines. "Easy work, fast results!" You will need long pants, hat, good shoes, drinking water, insect spray, gloves and clippers or loppers if you have them. Confirm to Bonnie at **386-736-5276** or **804-0437** or **www.volusia.org/growth/outreach.htm**.

Old Enterprise Florida Festival - Saturday, April 28th - food, music flea market, Florida Hometown Democracy petition opportunity:

Lake Helen Cassadega Bike Ride. Sunday April 29 Helmets required. Call **Alex (386) 761-7002** for details.

Arbor Day Celebration - May 5th - Palm Coast Community Center Arbor Celebration, 9-12. Afternoon visit to Bulow Creek State Park for a woody hike.

New Smyrna Beach Bike Ride - Sunday May 27th - (386) 761-7002 or (386) 736-0493.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April-May 2007</h1> <h2>Volusia-Flagler Environmental Events</h2>						<p>Please note: The Volusia-Flagler Environmental Action Committee meets every TUESDAY (except holidays) at <u>4:00</u> P.M.</p>
1	2	3	4 VOLUSIA-FLAGLER SIERRA 7:00 P.M. City Island Library	5 Low Impact@ Development@ Seminar Ocala donna.kalvaitis@marioncountyfl.org (352) 671-8356	April 7th: Sierra Club Outing: Gamble Place (386) 761-7002	7 Marine Debris Survey N. PENINSULA STATE RECREATION AREA 9:00 A.M. (386) 409-3742
8	9	10	11	12 7:00 p.m. Evening at Whitney Lab - <i>Hide & Seek in the Open Sea</i> 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd. Marineland (904) 461-4000	13	14
15 Sierra Club Outing: Water Taxi/Bike Ride (386) 761-7002	16 Halifax River Audubon 6:30 p.m. Sica Hall, 1065 Daytona Avenue, Holly Hill	17 Native Plant Society Sica Hall 1065 Daytona Ave. Holly Hill 7:00 p.m.	18 SE Volusia Audubon Edgewater Public Library, 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 EARTH DAY AT WASHINGTON OAKS
22 EARTH DAY AT WASHINGTON OAKS	23	24 Volusia-Flagler Environmental Council - 1381 Educators Road, Daytona Beach 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 Old Enterprise Florida Festival (386) 575 0694
29 Sierra Club Outing: Lake Helen- Cassadaga Bike Ride	30	MAY 1	2 VOLUSIA-FLAGLER SIERRA 7:00 P.M. City Island Library	3 Flagler County Audubon 7:30 p.m. Flagler Hospital S.R. 100 Bunnell	MAY 5th: Arbor Day Celebration Palm Coast	5 Marine Debris Survey N. PENINSULA STATE RECREATION AREA 9:00 A.M. (386) 409-3742

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27 Sierra Club Outing: New Smyrna Beach Bike Ride (386) 761-7002 or 734- 0493	28 SIERRA CLUB FOUNDED 1892	29	30	31		