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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 **July 26th** and **August 30th** at 5:30 p.m., at at **Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island Library Center), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach.**

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST MEETING IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH

**St. Peter the Fisherman Church,
4220 Saxon Drive**

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

Chad Truxall,

Director of Education for the Marine Discovery Center, will speak on the past, present, and future of the Marine Discovery Center and the ecology of the Indian River Lagoon, including invertebrates and snakes in the Lagoon and the surrounding coastal areas.

Shells Seafood Restaurant, 725 E. 3rd Avenue, is again offering its Happy Hour and Early Bird Specials for Sierrans

all evening on August 2nd,

so that you can enjoy a meal before or after the meeting.

Just mention that you are with the Sierra Club!

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING IN DAYTONA BEACH

**Daytona Beach Regional Library
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Louise Chapman,

Environmental Teacher on Assignment for Volusia County Schools, will discuss environmental service learning and environmental monitoring being conducted by Volusia County Students. She will tell us about the community partnerships and student stewardship of the environment, and also provide ways that Sierrans can volunteer and participate in the Volusia County Schools Environmental Service Learning Legacy Project.

Car pools from outlying areas for the meetings will leave at 6:00 p.m.:

DeLand meets at Wendy's parking lot, corner of 17/92 and U.S. 92. For information, call **Dennis Elster** at **386-943-9415**

New Smyrna Beach arrangements for the September meeting to be made on an individual basis. For information, call **Pam Powell** at **386-428-9312**.

Flagler/Palm Coast arrangements TBA.

Daytona Beach meets August 2nd at Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island Library Center), 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach. For information, call **Marsha Lewis** at **386-258-1605**.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? SIERRA CLUB!

When there's a crisis, people look to the Sierra Club for help. It's especially grand when the caller is a member who has not been active before!

Publicity about the imminent live entombment of hundreds of gopher tortoises in their burrows for the Plantation Oaks subdivision of SAVE THE LOOP infamy in Ormond Beach awakened the environmental activism in all of us. Thanks to public pressure, including from children, the developer is looking at relocating the animals instead.

Reaching Out and Getting Organized

We plan to participate in **Port Orange Family Days** in October, running DVDs and petitioning the public to sign (AGAIN!) the **Florida Hometown Democracy** state-wide amendment and our county initiative to prevent sprawl in the hundred-year flood plain. Family Days is an interesting event to visit, to see the crowds as well as the exhibits, and a great opportunity for educational out-reach. We found in the past that the public welcomes our discourse and involvement. So why not consider joining us for a half hour at our booth? If every member got 10 signatures, our goal to get on the ballot would be within reach! In the meantime, you can download, print, distribute and return both petitions by going to their web-sites,

FloridaHometownDemocracy.com
and *responsiblegrowth.net*.

“An Inconvenient Truth” came to Volusia County.

The nation is beginning to grasp the extent of the global warming crisis, but government will be slow to change. Our nation still resists signing the Kyoto Protocol. There's a large gorilla in our planetary living room we ignore at our extreme peril. All other battles are lost if this one defeats us. I hope those with offspring and greats and greats will step up to the plate. There are many simple actions to address the Global Heating world-wide environmental crisis.

Sierra also has a Cool Cities campaign

Let's get together and plan a strategy to get our points across with a lively, entertaining approach. The facts are on our side. We need to prepare posters and skits to educate the public,

young and old, and widen our circle. Join me! Call me at **386-295-1615**.

Mike Thompson, Political and Verifiable Elections chair, and I joined dozens of other Sierrans from across the state for the first Leadership Development meeting at Eckerd (soon to be CVS?) College in St. Pete. When is it not a drag to have rain in your tent? When it's as hot as it was camping at Fort deSoto!

Presenter Marshall Ganz, a veteran of the United Farmworkers' and other struggles, told us the actions of a few thousand workers led millions of consumers to boycott grapes in solidarity. We need to reach out not only to the public but our own membership. Look for a telephone call from a Board member, asking your interests and encouraging your participation.

Consider joining other Sierrans for a weekly strategizing meal. Call me! **386-295-1615**.

September 8-10: Outings Leader Training Workshop at Camp Dorothy Thomas in Riverview, FL (near Tampa). This two day leader training event will provide new and veteran trip leaders (from Inner City Outings, Group and Chapter Outings and National Outings) the opportunity to learn and grow their leadership skills. Our Outings program has been withering on the vine, down to two participating leaders. Commit yourself to healthful exercise and get outside this fall to remind yourself of what it's all about. Call me at 386-295-1615 for more information, or to suggest outings or outdoor projects.

How Smart was Smart Growth?

New mega-development projects are invading our conservation corridor from all directions. Planning thousands of houses where there are no services, utilities, schools or roads is classic sprawl, and without **Florida Hometown Democracy** or 100-year-floodplain protections in place, there's not a lot we can do but hope the various permitting agencies will deny the applicants, or the economy will tank.

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL? (Continued)

So far Volusia County Council has resisted our Washington representative's quest for more paved roads in the middle of nowhere. Mike Thompson and other Southeast activists spent weeks in the hot sun getting enough signatures on a local petition for a ballot initiative to limit building heights to curb the coming condo-ization.

The Charter Review gang has worked hard to propose a batch of initiatives that would protect the National Resource Management Areas for ten years only. Then what? In the opinion of long-time environmentalists, the Volusia County Charter already has the language for environmental standards but has failed to implement them. Therefore they oppose amending the Charter.

Recycle those old cellphones and cartridges and benefit Sierra!

EcoPhones is a pioneer in the large-scale collection of electronic waste through its innovative turnkey recycling fundraising program. Our Volusia-Flagler group foregoes annual appeals, but we can still help our Club by doing the right thing. EcoPhones' Cell Phone and Ink Jet Recycling Fundraiser pays community groups up to \$300 per cell phone and \$5 per ink jet printer cartridge, cash for every cell phone and cartridge guaranteed - even broken and unlisted models. Ask your family, your neighbors and your co-workers, even local businesses to donate and recycle their used cell phones and ink jet cartridges. Since its founding in 2001, EcoPhones has collected over a half a million used cell phones and earned community groups, schools and churches in excess of \$1.5 million, while simultaneously safely disposing of more than 100 tons of potentially hazardous cellular waste. EcoPhones is a proud member of the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (CERES), the International Association of Electronics Recyclers and the National Recycling Coalition. Save your cartridges and cellphones for the next meeting. Look for more daytime weekend social outings with food in our wonderful parks. Volunteers always needed to meet and greet and plan a better future.

■ *Alexa Ross, Conservation Chair*

Take Stock – and take a seat at the Super Bowl!

Volusia-Flagler Sierra has partnered with local blues legend Mark Hodgson to provide a college tuition scholarship for a Volusia County high school student through the Take Stock in Children program. Take Stock raises funds not only through the generosity of individuals and community organizations concerned with educating and supporting our young people, but also through fundraising events. Right now Take Stock has a fantastic statewide fundraising program underway that will be of great interest to members (and friends) who are football fans. For \$25 you can buy a chance to win 2 tickets to Super Bowl XLI PLUS 2 nights for 2 at the InterContinental Hotel in Miami PLUS a 2007 Mustang convertible. Such a deal! Even if you're not a football fan, if you win, you can sell the tickets and nights in Miami and keep the car!

As an incentive to enthusiastic ticket sellers, each individual who sells 25 tickets gets a FREE ticket for themselves. If just ten Sierra Club members sold 25 tickets, not only would each of them get a free ticket, but enough money would be raised through the Club that we would be able to exclusively sponsor a new Take Stock student for next year — with no money out of our treasury! For more information on how you can get in on the action, call **Marsha Lewis** at **255-6475 x20241** or **258-1605**.

CALL FOR MARINE MONITORS

The next Marine Debris Surveys will be held **Saturday, July 29th** and **August 26th** 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.

Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club Welcomes New Members and Transfers

Astor

Janet Jackson

Daytona Beach

Curtis Hatcher

Robin Hood

Lydia Schnee

Allyn LeVeille

Elise Leroux

Marge Rovegno

Lorain Halsall

Laura Schwartz

C. Harbison

Ann Beier

Patti Weiss

Leah Wellman

Laura Berqoust

Don Hanna

Blakely Booth

Andrew Bontempo

Marilyn Park

Frank Forrest

Paul Costello

Stephanie Wilson

Richard Peterson

Edgewater

Mary Maurer

Frank Laslow

Judy Corn

Suzanne Genthner

Kassandra Blissett

J. Showers

Vincent Callahan

Ray Jetton, Sr.

Priscilla Berge

H. Brohinsky

Flagler Beach

Karen O'Leary

William Woods

Josephine Polan

Oak Hill

Bobbie Jean Knight

Donna Coble

Killarney

John Starkovich

Port Orange

Sarah Richard

Sue Johnson

Chris Jones

Charles Hill

Sue Allen

Tracy & John Shaw

Rosalind Swanson

Alex Peaks

Barbara Bond

Lois Turner

William Norton

Peggy Hopes

F. Campbell

Jon Roberts

Penny Miller

Christophe Voit

Richard Goldstein

Jennifer Perrin

Larry Kaplan

Margaret Palmieri

Michelle Lilavois

Debby Reddick

Elta Cooke

Robert Munroe

Dale Tremblay

Palm Coast

Rosemary Fischer

Vicki & Daniel Malueg

June Walker

Victor Washkevich

C. Elaine Baytala

Kathryn Weed

Doris Marek

Pamela Strama

Richard Hellmer

George Studley

Charles Sellick

Marion Rocco

Barbara Goss

Carol Lunn

Murray Berns

B. Surawicz

Jean Thomson

Mary Lou Mion

New Smyrna Beach

Ginger Miller

Walter Norton

Joey Schmidt

Brenda Perry

Charles Hartung

Charles Shellhorn

Kay Barnard

Virginia Heidenreich

Larry Self

Charles Adams

Linda Hoffmeister

George Thrower

Olga McCosh

Elizabeth Harrison

Trudy Duffy

Riley Burch

Robert Hammond

James & Sherry Evans

DeLand

Dr. Florence Chapman

A. Edler

R. J. Macak

Shirley Montie

Nancy Gear

Jean Skinner

Marjorie Stingley

Charles Gear

Preston Johnston

Robert Sitler

Margaret Shotton

Shannon Davies

Mary K. Rabb

Jean West

Laura Ridings

Penny Conlan

Margaret Simmons

Wayne Buhk

Clark Drumm

Clifton Toothaker

Jack Pocil

Robert Burozsk

Orange City

Marjorie Behrens

James Donahue

J. Edwards

C.M. Finnigan

Ormond Beach

Kathy Dunlop

Elizabeth Richards

Kenneth Sipes

Glenna Jillson

Nancy Howard

Ramon Wrend

Bob Elton

Margie McCready

Andrea Marks

Doris Cronin

Margaret Leone

Lucille Clark

Patricia George

Len Lessmiller

John Holder

Robert Pepper

Sue Donnino

Charlotte McBride

Geoffrey Dey

Rosalind Swanson

Mark Budiansky

Mary King

Mildred Schaefer

Robert Brock

Clara Jenkins

Gordon Butler

Evon Ruzecki

Misty Moore

Kristina Moore

Deltona

Dan McKenna

April Carpenter

Sandy Gallagher

Jeanette DeLuca

Hoyt Yeatman

F. R. Forsythe

Deborah Reighn

Audrey Ostwald

Dr. Jose Ruiz

German Bernal

Kimberly Eastin

Janice Baker

(New Members continued
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Minneola

Hector Segui
Heloisa Block

Holly Hill

Linda Nigro
Polly Hodges

South Daytona

Edna Schumann
Jean Klune

Lake Como

Charles Hendrix

Pierson

Joey McCredie

DeLeon Springs

T. E. Nasbe
R. Breene
Carol & Willy Waltens
Melissa Borghorst
Kate Gaines
Dr. Albert Wilson

Hollister

Jim Doyle

Cassadaga

Suzanne Dewees

DeBary

William Orr
David Mederer
Frank Dragoun



PADDLE POWER!

Ben Friday, Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club Outings eader Emeritus, has a 16-foot fiberglass canoe for sale for \$185.00. Call Ben at **(386) 767-6931** to learn the details on this non-polluting, manatee-friendly vehicle.

Farewell to Carrie

Although she had been trying to warn us for some time that the sad day would be coming, still it was a shock in June when **Carrie Stewart**, our Group's great leader for the past two years and one of Volusia County's best friends, really did leave. In addition to doing a terrific job of running our ExCom meetings and co-chairing the Group with **Marsha Lewis**, Carrie was most recently the chair of the **Volusia Forever** land acquisition committee. She was the chairman of the Halifax River/Indian River Task Force for many years, where she did a great job pushing programs to protect the manatees, water quality, and our area's spectacular and delicate environment -- perhaps such a great job that eco-unfriendly interests were worried enough to have the Task Force disbanded.

While trying to educate elected officials on the importance of environmental protection was sometimes daunting, Carrie never lost her enthusiasm for teaching reading and writing and ecological values to the next generation, in Flagler County Schools.

Her departure has created a huge vacuum that will be hard to fill (perhaps a dozen or so members can step in to take up some of the slack), but we wish her and husband Steve all the best in their new home in Arkansas -- where they are already members of their new Sierra Club chapter. Good luck!