



GREATER CHARLOTTE HARBOR NEWS

www.gchgroup.org/

Fall 2016



Some Welcome Election News

Greetings to our Group Members! Whether you are “yonder” or soon to be back in our piece of paradise, your interest, input and participation are all vital to the strength of our Group.

You don't have to declare a party affiliation. You won't be bombarded by the media or harassed with phone calls and junk mail. For this election, all you have to do is express an interest in joining a fun bunch of people for a good cause. (See some ideas below.)

By September 28th, you can email sreske@centurylink.net or send a snail mail to our PO Box or telephone 941-626-4919 to submit a name for consideration as an EX-COM member to our Nominating Committee. Those not chosen are still eligible to submit candidate petitions for nomination by Oct. 15th.

A Ballot Newsletter will be sent to all members by the end of October 2016 and all ballots are due by November 25th.

That's All Folks! We look forward to hearing from YOU !

PS: Even if you don't want to serve on EXCOM, let us know if you'd like to help.

Help Wanted Wish List. Looking for a Group Member who :

- ◆ Likes to share knowledge. When a story appears in the media that could be of interest to our membership, a Program Chair would make note of it and contact a speaker for one of our General Meetings. Short term job and very rewarding.
- ◆ Likes to travel a bit and is interested in the “behind the scenes” stories of the news. The Political Chair would attend local and state-wide meetings related to environmental issues.
- ◆ Has some basic computer skills and is willing to put them to use on a variety of projects.



COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN ON A SIERRA CLUB OUTING !

Sneak Preview to Fall Outings

Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club Group has become known across the state for the quality, variety and number of its outings. This year that reputation will grow even more as we have increased the number of our certified Outings Leaders and are fortunate to have so many Florida Master Naturalists among them.

Our Outings Chair, John Phillips, has recently released the schedule of outings for the period October to December 31, 2016. During this time, you have an opportunity to go on 14 paddles and 8 walks!

Please go to our website www.gchgroup.org/ for a complete description of each outing. Participation in many of the outings is limited and reservations for all outings is required. As in the past, all of our outings are open to the public and free of charge though voluntary contributions are gratefully accepted. For paddles, you must provide your own watercraft, PFDs and be able to swim. Since the outings are so popular, please phone the leader of each that you may wish to go on in order to register asap. "Explore, Enjoy and Protect", our Sierra Club motto!

PADDLES	TIME	PLACE	:PHONE
Tues Oct 11	8:30am-11am	Prairie Creek	303-868-8337
Thur Oct 20	9:00am-2pm	Shell Creek	941-637-8805
Sat Oct.22	9:00am-12pm	Myakkahatchee Creek	941-423-2713
Mon Oct 24	9:00am-1pm	Myrtle Slough	941-505-8904
Wed Nov 9	8:30am-1pm	Alligator Creek	304-642-8851
Sat Nov 12	9:00am-1pm	Myrtle Slough	941-505-8904
Wed Nov 16	9:00am-2pm	Shell Creek	941-637-8805
Tue Nov 22	9:00am-3pm	Lettuce Lake	941-637-8805
Sun Nov 27	9:00am-11am	Deer Prairie Creek	941-423-2713
Thu Dec 1	9:00am-2pm	Shell Creek	941-637-8805
Fri Dec 9	9:00am-1pm	Myrtle Slough	941-505-8904

In Memory of Ruth

Our community and our world has lost a vibrant and wonderful person, a committed and hard-working environmentalist.

Ruth Bromberg served not only as our Political Chair. She was Board President of Friends of Port Charlotte Library and Chair of the Env. Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee of Conservation Charlotte.

In support of environmental issues, Ruth wrote numerous Letters to the Editor, testified at many hearings state-wide and attended countless conferences.

We extend our deepest condolences to Ruth's family. Grateful to have had the privilege of working with Ruth, we can all strive to uphold her legacy by acting on beliefs we hold dear.



Ruth Bromberg

One individual cannot possibly make a difference, alone. It is individual efforts, collectively, that makes a noticeable difference - all the difference in the world !"

Dr. Jane Goodall

OUTINGS PREVIEW, cont.

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Thur Dec 15	8:30am-1pm	Alligator Creek	304-642-8851
Fri Dec 23	9:00am-1pm	Myrtle Slough	941-505-8904
Wed Dec 28	9:00am-2pm	Shell Creek	941-637-8805

WALKS

Tue Oct 18	8:30am-11am	Charlotte Flatwoods Pres.	941-639-7468
Thu Nov 3	8:30am-11am	Morgan Park	941-639-7468
Thu Nov 17	8:30am-11am	Shell Creek Preserve	303-868-8337
Mon Nov 21	8:30am-11am	Deep Creek Preserve	941-639-7468
Sat Dec 3	8:30am-11am	Prairie Creek Preserve	941-639-7468
Sat Dec 10	8:00am-11am	Slash Pine Trail	941-423-2713
Tue Dec 13	8:30am-11am	Prairie Shell Creek Preserve	303-868-8337
Mon Dec 18	8:30am-11am	Shell Creek Preserve	

There you have it.. Pre-pub info on our early outings schedule.. Take advantage ..have a wonderful time!



From our Senior Organizing Rep. for Sierra Club Florida: **What's Happening?** A HUGE EVENT in Florida!

The sugar industry's influence and impact on Florida and its citizens is felt from the Panhandle to the Keys. This is why we held the first ever Big Sugar Summit last year.

At last year's Big Sugar Summit, experts from around the country and the world gathered to pull the curtain back on the sugar industry and empower Floridians like you.

Now, Big Sugar Summit #2 is scheduled for **August 20, 2016** . It will give you a deeper look into the Big Sugar world and give you the information you need to cut Big Sugar down to size. Attend if you can!

Call Chris Costello: **941-966-9508** or visit www.sierraclubfloridanews.org for more info.

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Big Sugar Summit #2

- ◆ Our first General Meeting is October 18, 2016, 7pm, at the UU Fellowship Hall, 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. General Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, Oct. through April with the exception of December, same time, same place. See you there!
- ◆ Check our website for info updates on all events. Final Fall Outings Schedule will be posted early in Sept. www.ghcgroup.org/



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