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A Message from Elisa Jones, New Executive Committee Chair



Dear Broward Sierra Group Members,

It is an honor to begin serving as elected Chair of the Broward Sierra Group Executive Committee and to introduce myself to you as we begin this next chapter together. I know I have big shoes to fill following Leah Weisburd, our outgoing Chair, who has led this group with immense dedication for more than six years.

Leah's leadership helped strengthen our relationships with nonprofit partners, environmental organizations, community leaders, and elected officials throughout Broward County. One of her many lasting accomplishments was helping to create and support the Broward Sierra Group Junior Team with youth leader Anagha Iyer, to build a growing environmental leadership program for middle and high school students that is poised for expansion statewide.

As I step into this position, I want our members to know that [we want to hear from you](#). The Broward Sierra Group should be a place where members feel heard, welcomed, and connected to meaningful opportunities to learn, participate, and take action.

Whether your interest is zero waste, habitat protection, climate change, environmental justice, protecting natural areas from development, or simply learning how to take small steps toward sustainability in your own home and community, there is a place for you in this work. We are all stewards of this land, and each of us has a role to play in protecting people, wildlife, clean water, clean air, and the natural spaces and ecosystems that our very survival depends on. [Read More...](#)

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2026 CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

The Sierra Club is dedicated to electing leaders who share our values. For example, water protection, wildfire prevention, clean energy job creation, or community transition efforts. Since our founding in 1892, we have worked to protect wild places, safeguard public health, and ensure that every community enjoys clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment.

The following candidates have been approved by our Broward Sierra Group Executive Committee to receive the Sierra Club's endorsement. We are very proud to support their campaigns in recognition of a demonstrated commitment to protecting our environment and advancing clean energy solutions.

Incumbent Endorsements - Updated 6/29/2026

- [Christine Hunschofsky](#) for Florida State Representative, District 95
- [Mitch Rosenwald](#) for Florida State Representative, District 98
- [Robin Bartleman](#) for Florida State Representative, District 103
- [Nick Sortal](#) for Mayor, City of Plantation
- [Denise Horland](#) for Plantation City Council, Group 2
- [Don D'Arminio](#) for Wilton Manors City Commission
- [Nora Rupert](#) for Broward School Board, District 7
- [Allen Zeman](#) for Broward School Board, District 8
- [Maura McCarthy Bulman](#) for Broward School Board, District 11

More to come! Find the most recent updates here.



JULY BSG GENERAL MEETING

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED - BRING YOUR FILLABLE BOTTLE - NO PLASTIC BOTTLES

****IN-PERSON ATTENDEE PRIZE QUESTION****

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER: Richard Ramcharitar of [Broward Clean Air](#)

DATE/TIME: Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in-person and 6:45 PM online

LOCATION: [Veterans Park, 7600 NW 50th St, Lauderhill, FL 33351](#)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Part I: Presentation

Why Zero Waste? Advancing Zero Waste Solutions in South Florida.

Part II: Zero Waste Station

A hands-on demonstration showing how to properly sort waste into reuse, recycling, compost, and landfill categories.

JULY BSG GENERAL MEETING (Continued)

ECO ACTION: Take the [Solid Waste Authority Pledge](#) and let your city commissioners know you stand behind the work of the Authority.

MINI ZERO WASTE SWAP: Bring some items you have around your home or garage that are in good and usable condition that you no longer want for other members to take home and reuse. Examples: kitchen, office, or art supplies, textiles, books, small appliances, electronics, garden supplies, etc. Any swap items leftover from the evening will be packed up and donated. *Let's work hard to keep nice things out of the landfill!*



AUGUST BSG GENERAL MEETING

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED - BRING YOUR FILLABLE BOTTLE - NO PLASTIC BOTTLES
****IN-PERSON ATTENDEE PRIZE QUESTION****

OUR HOSTS: Elisa Jones & Robert Bouyer III, Chair & Vice Chair, Broward Sierra Group

DATE/TIME: Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in-person and 6:45 PM online

LOCATION: [Veterans Park, 7600 NW 50th St, Lauderhill, FL 33351](#)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Member Gathering: *Connecting People to Purpose: Nature, Community, and Action for 2027.* Elisa and Robert will review the **Sierra Club Florida: 3-Year Strategic Plan (2026-2028)** and then open the floor to members for feedback and short brainstorming activities.

Our 2026 member gathering is an opportunity to **explore how we strengthen our mission** moving into 2027 by identifying group priorities, strengthening member engagement, exploring new ways of reaching more diverse audiences, and developing practical ideas, programs, and outreach strategies that help grow long term community involvement and leadership.

ECO ACTION: We'll take a look at the Broward Sierra Group table setup that we use for events and ask everyone to weigh in with suggestions for revamping our look and presentation to the public.

OTHER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES – JULY 2026

- **Know any college students looking for an internship?** The Broward Sierra Group's **Digital Marketing & Volunteer Activation Internship** gives students the opportunity to apply classroom learning in a real nonprofit setting while helping Broward Sierra Group strengthen how we communicate, engage members, reach new audiences, and inspire more people to take action. **Applications accepted until July 15, 2026. The internship begins on August 24th, 2026, and ends on December 11th, 2026.** [LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE.](#)
- **Urban Farming and Gardening at Dania Beach PATCH.** Hosted by The Fruitful Field in Dania Beach. **7/1-31/2026, 8:30 AM.** Multiple dates available in July. [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Hunting for Plastic Nurdles; Advocate Using Citizen Science** by Grassroots Network Zero Waste Issue Team / Single-Use Plastic Subteam / Loma Prieta Chapter. Plastic pollution is a global environmental crisis, but everyone can play a vital role in documenting and combating it. Join us for a conversation with [Jace Tunnell](#), Director of Community Engagement at Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University and founder of Nurdle Patrol, a citizen science initiative tracking plastic pellet pollution around the world. **Monday, July 13, 4:30 – 5:30 PM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Itching To Know**, presented by UF IFAS Extension Broward Urban Horticulture. Ready to learn how to choose the right mosquito bite protection that works for you? Join us for an engaging workshop on mosquito bite prevention and learn simple ways to protect yourself and your family. **Online free webinar, Thursday, July 16 @6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Eastern.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Markham Park Butterfly & Bird Garden Cleanup.** Organized by Broward County Parks & Recreation Division in Sunrise. **7/11/26 @8:00 AM.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **Volunteer Opportunity - Audubon Society Garden** - We will be volunteering with Tropical Audubon Society to help them maintain their Bird-friendly garden. This is a terrific opportunity to help them support the local bird populations that rely on these now scarce indigenous plants, as well as learn more about how we can help restore Florida flora in our own lives and build connections with another great local group. Organized by Sierra Club Miami Group. **Saturday, July 18, 2026; 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Sunset Dr, South Miami, FL 33143.** [REGISTER HERE.](#)
- **2026 Everglades Invasive Species Summit (ECISMA).** Join us at the 2026 Everglades Invasive Species Summit to learn how to protect our ecosystem from harmful species. **Wednesday, July 22-Thursday, July 23, 9:00 AM-12:50 PM.** [PURCHASE TICKETS HERE - \\$17-\\$28, 1-2 days](#)

BROWARD RESIDENTS TREE GIVEAWAY

FREE TREE GIVEAWAY
For Broward County Residents

PLANT A TREE. HELP US CREATE SHADE. IMPROVE AIR QUALITY. EXPAND TREE CANOPY.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Plantation Seventh-day Adventist Church
400 NW 118th Ave, Plantation, FL 33325



Dwarf Mango



Green Buttonwood



Soursop



Wild Tamarind

Proof of Broward County residency required.
Two trees per household

While supplies last.



SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 2, 2026 Honoring Our Volunteers & Leaders

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2026 @7PM

2026 GALA CELEBRATION

TICKETS ON SALE AUGUST 1ST!

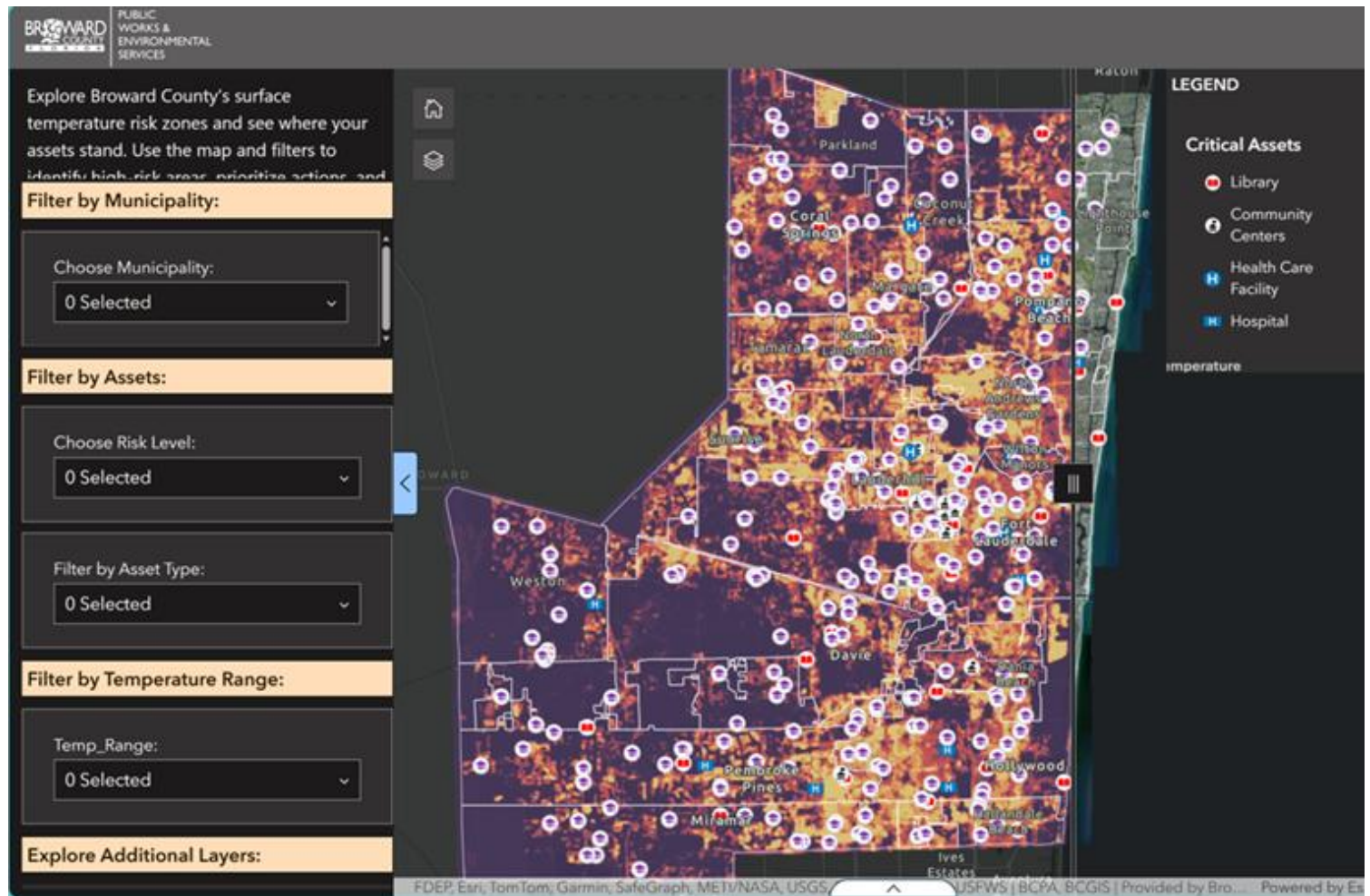


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BEAT THE HEAT BROWARD

Summer is almost here and Broward Public Works & Environmental Services has put together an extreme heat resource for Broward residents called "Beat the Heat Broward" where you can learn more about extreme heat risks across our county and look up local hotspots, use the Heat Dashboard to see the heatmaps for your own neighborhood and find local Cooling Centers that offer relief!

Visit the [Beat the Heat Website](#) for more information.



Check out the Sierra Club Daily Ray of Hope!

<https://www.sierraclub.org/other/authors/daily-ray-hope-team>

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The Future of Recycling and Solid Waste Management in Broward County - Your Public Support Is Needed Now Before It's Too Late!

On April 17, 2026, the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) of Broward County Governing Board approved the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Master Plan triggering a 120-day window for the 28 member cities and Broward County to vote on continuing the work of the SWA past August 14, 2026.

As a Broward Sierra Group member, we strongly encourage you to attend your city's scheduled commission meeting and request their support and approval for continuing the Authority!

Upcoming Commission Meetings to Vote on the SWA "Master Plan" (Facilities Amendment)

You can find the most up-to-date city commission voting information here:

[Master Plan Voting Schedule - Broward Solid Waste Authority](#)

Fort Lauderdale - July 2, 2026, time TBD

Hollywood - July 7, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Parkland - July 8, 2026, at 6 p.m.

North Lauderdale – July 14, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Lighthouse Point - July 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – July 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Oakland Park - July 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Davie - July 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Deerfield Beach - July 30, 2026, at 7 p.m. (workshop)

Miramar – Voting Date TBD

UPCOMING GROUP OUTINGS

Broward Sierra Group invites you to join us in the Great Outdoors!

The BSG Outings Committee has been busy at work planning out some engaging and exciting events for us all! A concerted search has now brought our total Outings Leaders up to seven for the BSG, but we are always looking for more. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in leading a group of club members in an activity that they are passionate about, please reach out to Jordan Holaday at outreachbrowardsierra@gmail.com.



Parque Nacional Biscayne: Paseo en Barco EN ESPAÑOL

Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Leader: Jordan Holaday

Este recorrido se **ofrecerá en español** y está diseñado para brindar una oportunidad inclusiva para que participantes de diversos orígenes se conecten con la naturaleza y aprendan sobre el extraordinario entorno costero del sur de la Florida.

Únase a nosotros para una aventura única explorando la belleza natural, la historia y la importancia cultural del Parque Nacional Biscayne en colaboración con **Latinos Salud**. Latinos Salud is a South Florida nonprofit organization dedicated to providing culturally competent health education, wellness services, and community support. Desde 2008, trabaja para mejorar los resultados de salud y fomentar espacios seguros y acogedores donde las personas puedan conectarse, aprender y prosperar. Realizaremos una caminata para conocer la historia natural de Elliott Key, sus primeros pobladores y su papel dentro del parque nacional. Tendremos tiempo para explorar el área, tomar fotos y disfrutar de un picnic (traiga sus propios refrigerios) rodeados de la belleza de los Cayos de Florida.



Beach Snorkel in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

Sunday, July 26, 2026 @ 9:30 AM

Leader: Eddie Conforme

Datura Avenue, just south of Anglin's Fishing Pier in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, provides easy access to arguably the best shore diving and snorkeling in the county. The Shipwreck Snorkeling Trail, located on a shallow reef only 500 feet (152 meters) from the beach, includes several cannons, a ship's anchor and a ballast pile. Nearby is an abandoned coral restoration project known as the biorock.



Bonnet House Tram Tour

Saturday, August 1, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Leader: Camila Vallejo

Cost: Bonnet House \$25.00, Please bring exact change.

A docent-guided tour will lead you through the rooms of the Main House where you will learn the history of the Birch/Bartlett family and discover the charm and whimsy of this beachfront estate. Following a guided tour of the Main House, a Nature Trail Driver will take you on a 15-minute ride around the trail to share information about plants, animals, and ecosystems of this 35-acre coastal wilderness.



Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing Party

Saturday, August 15, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Leader: Max Goldstein

Cost: \$3/ members \$5/non-members

Come chill for an evening at Markham Park with marshmallows and sit back and enjoy the dark night sky as the showiest meteor shower appears! Feel free to bring a tent and wait for when the show really gets started around 2:00 AM!

GET READY FOR THE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS!



Visit LWV's Vote411 now!

Check Your Status: [State of Florida Voter Lookup | Search](#)

Register to Vote: [Florida Online Voter Registration System](#)

Broward County: [Voter Information Lookup](#)

What You Can Do:

- Vote in every election—from local races to statewide contests
- Check your voter registration status and confirm your current form of ID is still acceptable.
- Encourage your friends and family members to verify their registrations.
- Sign up to vote by mail if eligible but note the postmark requirements for your ballot to count!



BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM

The Broward Sierra Group - Junior Team is a group of students in grades 7-12 who are passionate about

- sustainability and preservation
- climate and wildlife advocacy
- environmental education

JOIN TODAY!



Awarded by the Broward
County Commission

*Lobbied representatives and
senators in Tallahassee*



*Collected petitions for the Right
to Clean Water in Florida*



*Written and published letters to
the editors in newspapers*



Spoken at commission meetings



*Tabled at events and reached
1000+ community members*



*Supported candidates in their
campaigns through canvassing*



*School service hours are available, and active
members get free Sierra Club membership!*



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