

OCTOBER PROGRAM & GENERAL MEETING:

When: Wednesday October 8 2014

5:30 pm Growth Mgmt Committee

6:30 pm Social Time and New Member Orientation

7:00 pm Program: Imagine 2040 Part 2

Location: Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711 Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave. and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)

All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kent Bailey Kent.Bailey@florida.sierraclub.org. Like us on FACEBOOK!



on a joint effort to update our county's Comprehensive Plan and our countywide Long Range Transportation Plan. Please join us for a review of several scenarios for the year 2040's growth and infrastructure have been drafted and circulated for public comment.



And also, Ed Turanchik will present and review details of the proposed High Speed Ferry that will link the Ruskin/ River-view area of South Hillsborough county with Mac Dill Air

Force Base. Designed to take at least 1500 commuters from our highways twice each day this project will reduce traffic congestion and pollution in Tampa Bay.

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Vote for Sierra Club Endorse Candidates - Amendment 1

Mid-term elections will soon be decided by those who vote.

Voting is more convenient now than ever before, yet surprisingly, research tells us that about one-third of Sierra Club members don't always vote! We can and must do better.

Please take the time to look over your sample ballot, do your research, and vote for Sierra Club endorsed candidates and others who will support and promote environmental protection, a sustainable future for the planet, social justice and human rights.

When all of us vote, it strengthens the Club's capacity to elect pro-environmental candidates at every level of

government.

Vote Yes on Amendment 1, Florida's Water and Land Legacy: Gives Florida voters a direct opportunity to keep drinking water clean, protect our rivers, lakes and springs, restore natural treasures like the Everglades, and protect our beaches and shores-without any increase in taxes.

How the funding works: The amendment creates stable and long-term funding by directing that one-third of existing fees on real estate transactions be allocated to water and land conservation.

Background: Fees on real estate transactions, aka "doc stamps", have been allocated



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To participate in the Sierra Club's Outings, you need to sign a liability waiver, call: (415) 977-5630 or www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/



OUTINGS



Sat. Nov. 8 Canoe/kayak

Day Canoe/Kayak trip on the Hillsborough river, Tampa, from 9 am to 4 pm. Easy 5 hour canoe trip down the beautiful Hillsborough river. Learn about the wildlife and the area. Cost will be determined depending on rental or privately owned canoes/ kayaks. Leader: Rudy Scheffer, 727-542 -6403, or rudy@adventuresworldwide.com. (Suncoast Group)

Join our **MEETUP PAGE** online where all outings are posted. Go to www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ and click on Join Us! Anyone can join the Meetup page to get regular notices when new outings are added. Or for outings throughout the state go to florida.sierraclub.org/outings_browse.asp

Florida Seller of Travel Reference No. ST37115

Seeking 2015 Ex-Com Candidates! The Nominating Committee is now seeking four candidates to run for election to Tampa Bay Group's Executive Committee. The Candidates must be Sierra Club members, are expected to promote the mission of the Sierra Club, participate in meeting, goal setting and planning activities. Terms are two years. Call Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@Florida.Sierraclub.org for more information.



Sierra Club National has changed the name of Inner City Outings to Inspiring Connection Outdoors. This was done to make us more inclusive. We will be called **Tampa Bay ICO**

We had a leaders meeting and have a few announcements about our group. **Anita Wash** is now the Outings Coordinator. **Emilie Joyce** is the Volunteer Coordinator. **Bob Rice** announced our web site is getting a complete makeover.

If you have any questions, please contact the Agency Lead for the particular agency. The Agency Lead is our one point of contact for all of our outings. They have the pertinent information needed for each outing. Sometimes they make adjustments on travel, times, food and other arrangements based on the agency and students needs we are serving. It could cause confusion to contact the agency or anybody else involved on an outing. The Agency Leads are as follows:

Academy Prep of Tampa, Karen Kress, kress_loy@hotmail.com

Boys and Girls Club of Brandon and Riverview, Pat Clark, patricia.clark@gerdau.com

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You can find us at the following: <http://ico.sierraclub.org/tampabay/> or **Meetup:** www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ or **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/127734240576461/.

Rocky Milburn, Chair Tampa Bay Inner City Outing.

Continued: Vote for Sierra Club Endorse Candidates - Support Amendment 1



to water and land conservation since 1968, but since 2009, these fees have been diverted to the state's general revenues while funding for water and land conservation projects has been slashed by more than 95 percent!

Endorsed Candidates:



Patricia "Pat" Kemp: We are excited that Pat Kemp is running for Hillsborough County (county-wide) Commissioner because she has the qualifications, experience and skills needed for the job. She knows the issues and cares deeply about protecting our environment and improving our quality of life.



Pat's background prepares her for this role. She's lived in Hillsborough County for 30 years during which time she's been civically engaged, working alongside her neighbors to preserve the character of historic Seminole Heights, and attract small local businesses. She's been a talk show host on WMNF 88.5 Community Radio, Tampa.

Pat worked as a legislative aide for then County Commissioner (now Congresswoman) Kathy Castor and for former State House legislator, Sara Romeo. She earned a law degree from Stetson College and has worked at Bay Area Legal Services and in private practice.

Kemp has a good relationship with Sierra Club. She's served on Tampa Bay Group's Executive Committee & Growth Management Committee.

Helping Pat get elected is important because going forward, decisions with long lasting implications will be made by the Board of County Commissioners on transportation, future land uses and water quality.

Mark Danish: We are pleased to announce Sierra Club's endorsement of Democratic incumbent, Mark Danish who is running for



re-election to Florida State House, District 63 which encompasses the Tampa communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, University, Lutz and Pebble Creek.

Danish graduated from City University of New York with a B.S. in Earth & Environmental Science and a secondary in Education; then moved to Tampa where he has been a middle school Science teacher and later served as a union representative for the local teacher's union, advocating for teachers' rights. He is energetic, intelligent and personable. His background in science allows him to speak with authority on environmental issues and he has been a strong proponent for adequately funding education.

During the last legislative session, Danish was instrumental in organizing enough votes to kill a pro-fracking bill during committee. Hydraulic fracturing is known to contaminate drinking water, pollute the air, and cannot be done without destroying landscapes and endangering the health of families. Instead of Florida's continued reliance on fossil fuels Danish would like to see Florida shift to clean renewable energy and says "Florida has enough sunshine to power thousands of homes and create thousands of jobs."

Help Elect Good Leaders and Protect

Our Environment! Your vote is important, but you can do more. Contribute time and/or money to our endorsed campaigns - whether you can give an hour or a day, \$20 or \$200, or if you'd like to support the cause with a yard sign - these grassroots campaigns need our help. Contact these campaigns to see how you can help:

Amendment 1: The Water and Land Conservation
Amendment voteyeson1fl.org (850) 629-4656
campaign@floridawaterlandlegacy.org

Pat Kemp for Hillsborough County Commission
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LIMITED INCOME	\$25	\$35

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Growth Management Committee: The next meeting of the **Sierra Growth Management Committee** will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday **October 8**, at the **Seminole Heights Library, 4711 Central Ave., south of Hillsborough Ave., in Tampa.**

The High Speed Ferry Proposal has run into administrative delays which Sierra is hoping to help resolve. This project will prevent more than 6000 tons of carbon pollution per year, which makes it very important as regards Climate Change. There is no lack of support from the public for this project. But our local government is hesitating. Waiting until the November elections to gauge the broader public attitude towards transit in general is not a good idea. We will keep a close watch on this issue moving forward.

The referendums on the November ballots in Polk and Pinellas will certainly be a guidepost for Hillsborough County. Sierra believes they would like to enter the 21st century when it comes to transit options in general, including secure bike lanes and walking paths, but as usual, they will wait for the election results before they get really serious.

Ex-com member Bob Howell is continuing to fight the good fight against the miners in Brooksville.

Our Group Chair, Kent Bailey just came back from NYC, where he had the unique opportunity to join with 400,000 plus people participating in the Climate March. This is certainly bold testimony to the rising tide of public pressure for sustainable energy policies, including open spaces, transportation options, and walking and bicycle friendly neighborhoods.

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