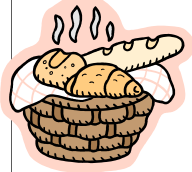




**HARVEST SUPPER/MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 17 - 6:15 PM**



Our annual Harvest Supper will begin on Thursday, October 17, at 6:15 pm, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte.

The main dish and beverages will be provided. Audubon members are requested to bring a vegetable, pasta, salad or dessert dish to serve 6-8 people. Also, please bring your own plate and utensils.

Following the dinner will be a presentation by Ralph Mitchell....

“BENEFICIAL BUGS”

Ralph E. Mitchell is the Director/Horticulture Agent for the Charlotte County Extension Service. In this assignment, he is responsible for administration, supervision, coordination and leadership of the total program and staff. His responsibilities also include effective working relationships with clientele, county officials, community leaders, media, related agencies and the general public.

Hailing from Watertown, New York, Ralph, his wife Sanita, and his daughter Nicole live in Charlotte County.

Prior to accepting this position, Ralph worked for the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, Watertown, New York as Consumer/Commercial Horticulture & Youth Plant Science/Natural Resources Educator.

Having an MA in Education, and a BS in Agricultural and Resource Technology, Ralph also served two terms with the US Peace Corps in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, West Indies.

Ralph's hobbies include gardening, fishing, travel, West Indian culture, natural history, paleontology, and archeology. Ralph can be reached at: ralph.mitchell@charlottefl.com

PRAS OFFICIALLY AGAINST PHOSPHATE MINING

Thank you to all members present at the September 19 membership meeting for **unanimously** supporting the Board's recommendation to go on record as being opposed to any further large-scale strip (Phosphate) mining in Florida. We will now start publicizing our chapter's position on this issue.

The Board appreciates your support.

Larry Linn, Conservation Committee Chairman

AUDUBON ASSEMBLY: OCT 24-27

If you want more information about the Audubon Assembly, please pick up one of the Audubon of Florida newsletters "Florida Naturalist" from the table in the back of the room at the next meeting.

Basics are:

REGISTER

Early Registration Price will be \$95. After September 9, late registration fee is \$125

LOCATION - Orlando Airport Marriott \$99 per night, single or double. Mention you are with Audubon of Florida to get this rate. Reservations: (407) 851-9000 or 1-800-766-6752.

POINTS DISCUSSED BY ELLIOT KAMPERT AT SEPTEMBER 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING (as requested by attendees):

Smart Growth - Development that balances the economy, the community, and the environment.

Mix land uses - In excess of 200,000 platted lots; commercial lands are restricted primarily to major road corridors; lack of industrial lands. Why mix land uses? Diversify tax base. Residential land uses often do not pay for the services they receive.

Create Walkable Neighborhoods – get to know your neighbors and get involved in your neighborhoods.

Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place – Develop Neighborhood Plans and involve residents.

Preserve Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty, and Critical Environmental Areas Environmental Lands Acquisition Advisory Council (ELAAC); 350-acre Tippecanoe Scrub; 180+ acres of Amberjack Slough; 486-acre Fairway Woodlands Tract; parkland through the Florida Communities Trust.

Charlotte County has also supported the State's efforts to purchase major tracts such as: Charlotte Harbor Buffer Preserve, Charlotte Harbor Flatwoods, Cape Haze/Charlotte Harbor project.

Scrub-jay Habitat Conservation Plan - Tippecanoe II FCT - Edgewater Mitigation

Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices: Dial-A-Ride, sidewalks, bike lanes, Cape Haze Pioneer Trail.

Encourage Community and Stakeholder Collaboration in Development Decisions - What kind of community do we want to be? General public involvement is essential - need a BCC watcher.



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