



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to everyone who has "liked" our SERV Facebook page! Your support has put us over 500 likes!

IN THIS EDITION:

GET SOCIAL

Have you visited our social media channels lately? Click on the links to the left to see what we've been up to!

SAVE THE DATE

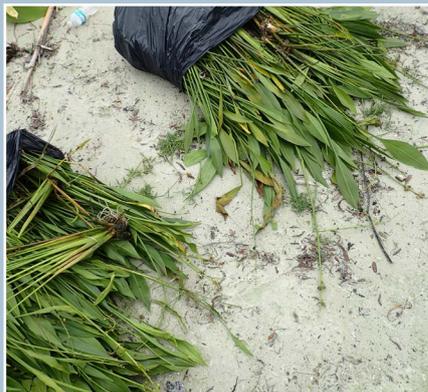
See our fall restoration events below. More details will be coming soon (including a link to RSVP), but be sure to save these fall dates on your calendar in the meantime.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Read about our ongoing opportunities to protect the environment and make a difference in the community.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER

Check out our new section on "Inspiring Volunteers"! We'll feature a different SERV volunteer in each newsletter.



Buttonwood Pond Event
Saturday 10/15/2016



Myrtle Lake Event
Saturday 10/22/2016

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



STORMDRAIN MARKING

With sixteen drainage basins in the county, and thousands of stormdrains to mark, we need your help! The goal of this county-wide project is to educate everyone that stormdrain systems carry not only water, but also anything else (excess nutrients, trash, and other waste) that runs off into the streets, and ends up in our lakes and rivers. Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ROAD & WATERWAY CLEAN-UPS

Help protect wildlife, water quality, and beautify the community by joining us for a roadway or waterway clean-up! These activities are great for a 1 day event; volunteers can spend a few hours collecting litter and immediately see the fruits of their labor! Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.



INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Invasive species are a serious threat to our waterways and natural areas because they harm native plants and animals, and decrease water quality. We work to remove them in order to protect our precious natural resources. Invasive species removal activities, usually along shorelines or in the water, are great for group-tailored events! Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



ADOPT-A-ROAD / RIVER

Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-Road and River Programs. Adopt your own section of road or river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (roads: minimum 4/year, river: 2/year). Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information.

ADOPT-A-PARK

The Adopt-A-Park Program facilitates the monitoring, clean-up and enhancement of parks, natural lands, trails, and trailheads maintained in Seminole County. For more information and to join this great program, contact Seminole County Leisure Services at 407-665-2001.



LAKEWATCH

Do you live on a lake? If so, consider joining LAKEWATCH! This citizen volunteer lake monitoring program facilitates “hands-on” participation in the management of FL lakes, rivers, & coastal sites through monthly monitoring activities. For more information, please visit: <http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/whatflw.htm>, or contact Elizabeth Stephens (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov; 407-665-2457).

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FYN / FFL CLASSES

COMPOSTING & MULCHING

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home
Rd, Sanford.

LET'S BUILD A RAIN BARREL

Friday, July 29 at 2:00 – 4:00 pm or 6:30
– 8:30 pm, Extension Auditorium, 250
County Home Rd, Sanford

THE NINE PRINCIPLES OF FL-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

Saturday, Aug 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home
Rd, Sanford

OUR LAKES

Wednesday, Aug 31, 6:30 – 7:30 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home
Rd, Sanford

BACKYARD HABITATS

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm,
Extension Auditorium, 250 County Home
Rd, Sanford

ECO-PADDLE ON THE WEKIVA WILD & SCENIC RIVER

Saturday, September 24, 9:00 – 11:30 am,
Wekiva Island, 1014 Miami Springs Dr.,
Longwood



INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

HIBAH RAHMANI

SERV HISTORY

SERV volunteer since 2009, site captain
since 2014.

HER STORY

"In 2009 I was looking at local organizations to volunteer as a way to give back to the community and I happened to come across the SERV website. As soon as I read about the SERV lake restoration projects, I knew that this is where I would be volunteering. I love spending time in nature and volunteering with SERV is a great way to do just that while making a positive impact on the environment. This amazing volunteer experience has taught me teamwork and leadership skills along with how to use planting tools effectively and how to identify various native and invasive plants. I would highly recommend the SERV lake restoration events to anyone who loves nature and is looking for a way to give back to the environment."

BACKGROUND

MS in Electrical & Computer Engineering (Georgia Tech), BS in Computer Engineering (UCF). Currently: Avionics & Flight Controls Engineer at NASA (Kennedy Space Center).