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We greatly appreciate our followers and visitors! Thanks for liking, commenting, and sharing.

PHOTOS FROM THE FALL



North Horseshoe Lake



Lake Proctor WMA

UPCOMING EVENTS



INVASIVE SPECIES RAID

Saturday, January 20th, 2018, 9 am - 11 am: Join Seminole County Natural Lands, the City of Casselberry, & the SERV Program in a fun event to protect our natural areas! We will be removing invasive plants from two locations. To sign-up, email serv@seminolecountyfl.gov, call 407-665-2457, or click one of the following links: Seminole Wekiva Trail, Casselberry.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

In honor of Severe Weather Awareness Week, Touch-A-Truck / Public Safety Day will be held on January 20, 2018 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at Fort Mellon Park in the City of Sanford. This is a FREE family-friendly event! See and experience vehicles and equipment from agencies that respond during / after severe weather events & disasters.



PLANTING EVENTS !

Join Seminole County Watershed Management Division biologists and the SERV Program in helping to restore our valuable waterways by planting beneficial native plants. We will be working on Saturdays between the end of March and beginning of June 2018 (each event: 9 am - noon). For more information, email serv@seminolecountyfl.gov or call 407-665-2457.

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.



ADOPT-A-SHELTER

This Program is an opportunity for any non-profit, faith-based, or private organization to demonstrate community involvement and support for the County's emergency shelters and citizens in a disaster. The American Red Cross and the Office of Emergency Management will provide free training for all volunteers wanting to assist in a shelter. For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact 407-665-5102.



WINTER FEATURE



FYN / FFL COORDINATOR

Interested in working with the public to promote conservation of our natural resources? Consider applying to be our next Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) / Florida Yards & Neighborhoods (FYN) Coordinator! These programs educate homeowners about how to design, install, and maintain healthy landscapes that use a minimum of water, fertilizer, and pesticides. If you could see yourself as our next FYN / FFL Coordinator, please click [HERE](#) for the job posting! You can also contact Barbara Hughes (bahughes@ufl.edu) with questions about the position. The job number is 505776, and the opportunity closes January 11, 2018.



INSPIRING VOLUNTEERS

MIKE SPALDING & MARTY RITTER

SERV HISTORY

Mike (on left above) and Marty (Martha, on right) have been participating in SERV volunteer events since SERV was Watershed Action Volunteers (WAV), and have recruited members of their Junior Optimist (JOI) Club to join them. Mike notes: "I enjoy the SERV events because it is a means of showing our youth the importance of being good shepherds of our environment. The members of our JOI Clubs help the community in many different ways, but with the guidance of SERV they learn what a valuable asset they can be in caring for our earth." Marty shares that "it's lots of fun to be able to help our JOI members learn more about our environment, and about giving back to their community."

THEIR STORY

Mike and Marty are both residents of Winter Springs. Mike grew up in central Kentucky, and Marty was born in Jacksonville, Florida.

BACKGROUND

Mike retired in 2008 after teaching at Milwee M.S. for 31 years. Marty works for Builders First Source selling building materials. They have both worked with JOI for over 25 years.