



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## SERV PROGRAM

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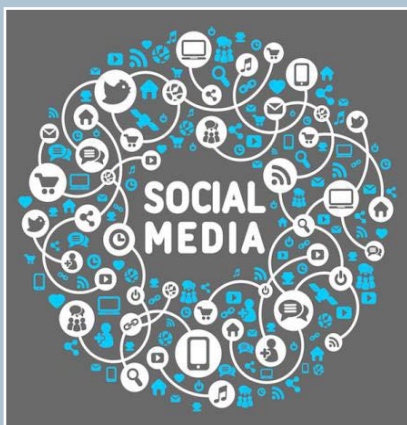
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### IN THIS EDITION

#### WINTER RESTORATION EVENTS

Check out our fun invasive plant removal events, great for any age!

#### EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Read about our Eco-Paddle, the Touch-A-Truck event, and Volunteer Wekiva.

#### FFL WORKSHOPS

Find out about upcoming Fertilizer Workshops, & Green Industry BMP training!

#### FEATURED VOLUNTEERS

Read about our "Inspiring Volunteer" of the season!

### PHOTOS FROM THE FALL



Soldiers Creek Park



N. Horseshoe Lake



### UPCOMING EVENTS



### LAKE HARNEY INVASIVE REMOVAL

Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2020, 9 am - 11 am: Seminole County Natural Lands & the SERV Program invite you to help us remove invasive plants from Lake Harney Wilderness Area to protect the biodiversity of this important natural habitat! RSVP: <http://bit.ly/Jan2020InvRem> or contact [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov), 407-665-2457. Kick-off: 2187 Osceola Fish Camp Rd, Geneva, FL 32732.

### ECO-PADDLE

Saturday, Feb. 1st, 2020, 9 - 11:30 am: Join us for a fun Eco-Paddle down a stretch of the Wekiva River! Participants should have some prior paddling (canoe/kayak) experience. RSVP REQUIRED: <http://bit.ly/EcoPaddleFeb1> or contact [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov), 407-665-2457. Kick-off: Wekiva Island, 1014 Miami Springs Dr, Longwood FL 32779.



### WEED WRANGLE

Saturday, Feb. 29th, 2020, 9 am - 11 am/12pm: Join Seminole County Leisure Services and the City of Casselberry in the Weed Wrangle! This is a one-day, statewide, volunteer effort through FISP to help rescue our public parks and green spaces from invasive species through hands-on removal of especially harmful plants. Click the following links to RSVP: Casselberry site, Seminole County site. Or, contact [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov), 407-665-2457.

The logo for 'weed:wrangle' features the word 'weed' in a bold, green, sans-serif font, followed by a small silhouette of a person standing next to a weed. The word 'wrangle' is in a similar font but with a more playful, slightly irregular feel. A green brushstroke underline is positioned below the text.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Saturday, Feb. 1st, 10 am - 2 pm: Touch-A-Truck is a family friendly event with hundreds of vehicles used during times of disaster. Children and families can enjoy seeing and touching fire engines, tower trucks, helicopters, police, Public Works vehicles, and other interesting equipment. The event takes place adjacent to Fort Mellon Park along the Riverfront in Sanford.

### VOLUNTEER WEKIVA

Sat. March 14th, 2020, 10 am - 2 pm: Join us for "Volunteer Wekiva - a Community Volunteerism Event"! Come meet representatives of local environmental volunteer organizations (including SERV!), and learn about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities that exist - in, on, around, and for the river. Event location: the Pavilion at Wilson's Landing on the Wekiva River, 379 Malekean Trail, Sanford FL.



### SAVE THE DATES

The SERV Waterway Restoration season is right around the corner! Join Seminole County Watershed Management Division biologists and the SERV Program in helping to restore our valuable waterways by planting beneficial native plants. Events will be held on Saturdays (9 am - noon) between the end of March and beginning of June 2020. For more information, email [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) or call 407-665-2457.



### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



### ADOPT-A-ROAD

Did you know that litter along our roadways can wash into nearby waterways, and harm wildlife? Make a difference by protecting our natural resources and beautifying your community! Adopt your own section of road in Seminole County (FREE sign!) and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (4 per year). Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov)) for more information.

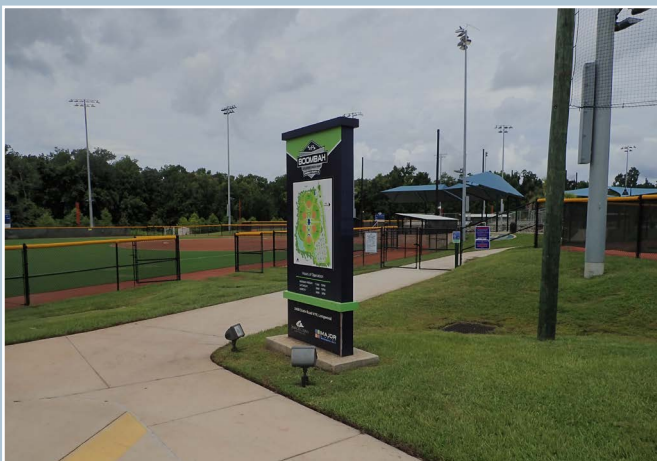
### ADOPT-A-RIVER

Do you have your own canoe or kayak? Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-River Program! Adopt your own section of river in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience (2 per year). Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto: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.



### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



### STORMDRAIN MARKING

Are you looking for an independent project to help protect the environment? Stormdrain marking is a wonderful way for volunteers to help educate the public about water quality, and protect our local waterbodies! Volunteers are trained, given a map and supplies, and then can track their progress over time. Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; [serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov)) for more information.

### 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/>, or contact Elizabeth Stephens ([serv@seminolecountyfl.gov](mailto:serv@seminolecountyfl.gov); 407-665-2457).



### 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



#### FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

**FERTILIZER WORKSHOPS:** Join UF/IFAS Extension in Seminole County for bimonthly workshops offered at various locations about “Fertilizing Effectively in Sandy Florida Soils.” Workshops will be held on Tuesday, Jan 7th, 2 - 4 pm, Thursday, Feb. 6th, 10 am - 12 pm, and Thursday, Feb. 20th, 10am - 12pm. Details are posted on Eventbrite: <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/fertworkshop>

**GI-BMP TRAINING:** Mar. 12th, 2020, from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Seminole County Extension Auditorium, 250 West County Home Rd, Sanford. The Green Industry Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) training is a science-based educational program for Green Industry workers (lawn-care and landscape maintenance professionals). This training teaches environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida’s ground and surface waters. CEUs Available! Cost: \$30.00. Seating is limited, pre-registration is required: [https://gibmp\\_seminole.eventbrite.com](https://gibmp_seminole.eventbrite.com)



#### INSPIRING VOLUNTEER

##### ERIC BOEHM

##### SERV HISTORY

Eric, pictured at far left above, has been a SERV volunteer since 2015 when he adopted a stretch of Tuskawilla Road. He continues to participate in the Adopt-A-Road Program, and has faithfully attended a great number of SERV shoreline restoration events and invasive plant removal activities.

##### HIS STORY

Eric says that he volunteers with SERV because “I love to make an active difference in the environment of our local communities and beyond. Putting in rewarding physical labor to create cleaner waterways helps not just us but downstream into our oceans.”

##### BACKGROUND

Eric was born and raised in Central Florida, and has resided in Winter Springs for the past 4 1/2 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Health Services Administration from UCF in 2011, and he works as a Health Services Care Coordinator. He likes to “spend time with our ecosystems at many of our trails, woodland areas, and parks that help to provide us with a first-hand view of nature.”