

### *Growing a Sustainable Community in Boca Raton*

#### **Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Green Living Alliance newsletter!**

Our organization formed as the result of over a year of planning by the Boca Raton Green Living Task Force, a group of volunteers appointed by city council to create suggestions regarding residential sustainability.

Growing a sustainable community rises on the list of concerns of most cities and the task force answered the call with the proposal of 83 initiatives along with a recommendation that the Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton (GLA) be established to implement the initiatives. In addition, the task force recommended that an ongoing Green Living Advisory Board be appointed by city council to advocate GLA initiatives.

By collaborating with area volunteers, environmental learning centers, non-profits, schools, businesses, and the city's new Green Living Advisory Board, the GLA plans to implement the initiatives proposed by the task force in addition to other ideas that arise from new participation in the alliance.

GLA initiatives include green neighborhood certifications, area cleanups, and promotion of policy changes, such as the expansion of the Dark Sky ordinance. Educational workshops are a key objective, including topics such as clean energy, rain barrels, gardening & composting, resource conservation, and

habitat preservation. The first workshop will be held at the Wyland Living Green Fair at Mizner Park on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Who can be part of the Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton? Everyone with an interest in growing sustainability in the city is invited to participate. Our first meeting is planned for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Boca Raton Community Center, which is adjacent to the City Hall. All ages are welcome!



On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the GLA teamed up with the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Saint Andrews School to take part in the 2011 International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful. Volunteers collected over 100 pounds of trash along the intracoastal waterway within James A. Rutherford Park.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GLA INCLUDING CONTACT INFO, UPCOMING EVENTS, AS WELL AS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE SEE PAGE 2.**



Like us on  
**Facebook**



FOLLOW US ON  
**twitter**

Please consider the environment before printing.

### *Growing a Sustainable Community in Boca Raton*

#### Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:
Green Living Alliance Meeting	October 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 7-8PM	Boca Raton Community Center	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/greenlivingalliance">www.facebook.com/greenlivingalliance</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Green Expo	October 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 10AM-4PM	PBSC - Lake Worth Campus	<a href="http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/GreenExpo.xml">www.palmbeachstate.edu/GreenExpo.xml</a>
Lantana GreenFest 2011	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 10AM-2PM	Town Hall - Lantana	<a href="http://www.lantana.org">www.lantana.org</a>
South Florida Green Drinks	October 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-8PM	The Dubliner @ Mizner Park	<a href="http://www.meetup.com/sthfloridagreendrinks">www.meetup.com/sthfloridagreendrinks</a>
Small Biz Green	November 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 8:30-4:30PM	Office Depot HQ Boca Raton	<a href="http://www.businessevents.com/small-biz-green">www.businessevents.com/small-biz-green</a>
Wyland Living Green Fair	November 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:30-6PM November 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 12-5PM	Mizner Park - Boca Raton	<a href="http://www.livinggreenfair.com">www.livinggreenfair.com</a>
International Coastal Cleanup	November 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 9-11AM	James A. Rutherford Park - Boca Raton	<a href="http://www.keeppbcbeautiful.org/lcc2011.htm">www.keeppbcbeautiful.org/lcc2011.htm</a>

\*Please see event websites for additional details.

#### Past Events (September 2011)

Below are some pictures from the International Coastal Cleanup held on September 17, 2011 at James A. Rutherford Park.



For all inquiries and event sponsorship opportunities for the Green Living Alliance of Boca Raton, please email us at [glabocaraton@gmail.com](mailto:glabocaraton@gmail.com)

You can also stay up-to-date with GLA news and events through:

[www.facebook.com/greenlivingalliance](http://www.facebook.com/greenlivingalliance)

[www.twitter.com/bocaratonGLA](http://www.twitter.com/bocaratonGLA)



New website  
coming soon...