



ARCH CREEK NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF

ARCH CREEK TRUST, INC.

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MARCH MEETING

Monday, March 20th

7:00 P.M. MEET AT MUSEUM or
7:30 P.M. GREYNOLDS PARK at 22nd AVE. ENTRANCE
COST - \$1.00 ***** BRING FLASHLIGHT!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our February meeting, Bonnie Barnes and Lee Emerson shared their concerns for the Oleta River State Park area. Developers plan to build 200 townhouses and condominiums, a marina and tennis courts along the river. Slides were shown of the red mangrove trees, osprey and other animals that use this area for their habitat. It has been reported that manatee (sea Cows) are also using this area for giving birth to their young.

The Oleta River is the only natural meandering river left in Dade County. The planned construction would change all that.

Fourteen of us attended the North Miami Beach City Council Meeting in an effort to save the area. However, the Council voted to allow the construction as requested by the developer without any discussion by the Council members.

How can you help? Write your Congressman. Also, petitions are available for signing at the Arch Creek Museum. But HURRY!!! For more information, call Bonnie Barnes or Lee Emerson at 895-0787.

Carol Helene

Membership—Team Up With Us Now!

Are you a member? Lets all try and find friends, neighbors and acquaintances who feel like we do about our enviroment and bring them to Trust activities! Not a member? Come anyhow and see what we are all about. The 3rd Monday of the month is a General Meeting, with always an interesting event, and open to the public. The 1st Monday of the month is a Board Meeting, to which you are also invited to come. It will be the best \$10 (single/family membership) investment you will ever make. Make an investment for the future now!

ARCH CREEK FAIR FLYERS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

THE DUCKWEED PULL

CREATIVE EFFORTS OVER TOXIC CHEMICALS!
by LEE EMERSON

Sat., March 11th & 12th at ARCH CREEK PARK was a great learning experience for those in attendance. A long net, with lines tended from the bridge to the dam collected over 20 wheelbarrow loads of duckweed, cans, plastic and various other assorted debris. First of all, we learned that a manual system of removal could work with a little support from S. Fla. Water Management and a winch to pull the loads up. Also the duckweed itself is an excellent composting material and could be used in a composting program to educate people in this valuable recycling technique at the park.

Dates To Remember

March 20-Owl Prowl at Greynolds Pk.

April 3 -Arch Creek Board Meeting

" 17-Arch Creek General Mting

May 7/8 -Arch Creek Fair

Work Days at the Park. When and as often as we can! Call for information.

March 22-First General meeting of

Friends of the Oleta River

" 25-Protest march by Friends of the Oleta River

CALL: Lee 895-0787 or Bonnie at 891-0992 for more information!

Thanks to Edwin Reyes, a young man in the Park Saturday, during the duckweed pull for his help when our personel status got low. His assistants at this time was much appreciated.

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Taking on a difficult problem, such as the duckweed, and making a creative benefit arise from it shows several things. One is our community commitment and involvement in non-toxic techniques of clean up.

Another is showing that creative techniques for educating the public about conservation can emanate from a park such as ours.

Obviously this doesn't completely solve the problems in ARCH CREEK. A change must be made in the dam itself, increasing the surface water flow.

More support, more public awareness and more publicity of our efforts translates into appropriate actions!!!

The Trust was saddened with the passing of Claude S. 'Crusty' Drybread, long time member of the Arch Creek Trust and Dade county resident.

HERE & THERE

What are your views on recycling of trash at your house? You know it is coming. Would you separate paper, Aluminum, glass, compostable kitchen garbage? This can reduce costs and start getting rid of what is becoming a big problem here in Dade county, the rest of the country and the whole earth!

We need to change the desposeable society we live in. Packageing should be degraded and not let pollute for untold milliniums.



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