

News and Updates



We Had a Blast at the Wilcox Nursery Spring Festival!

Happy April, everyone!

This is the first round of our **new newsletter cycle**! In this edition, I'll be updating you on our upcoming events, recapping the last month's activities, and sharing our volunteer needs with you!

We had an amazing March and early April - the remaining tour dates of the property are full and we will be sharing additional dates soon. It will be getting hotter, so please be mindful of your personal needs when registering. Each tour has a limit of 10 participants. Many thanks to **Brad Husserl** for leading these tours, and **Jeanne Smith, Kay Carter, and Marie Eide** for coordinating everything on the backend!

Wilcox Nursery's Spring Festival was an amazing day, and one of the WKPG's most successful single days of fundraising to date, with **over \$4,000 raised**! We are **so grateful to the team at Wilcox** for their ongoing support and commitment to our mission of **saving slices of paradise** for future generations, and to everyone who came out to show their support!

In case you missed it, we were featured on [Fox 13 after the Spring Festival](#) - many thanks to **Stephfon Ward**, photojournalist; **Lloyd Sowers**, journalist; **Cindy Cockburn, Marie Eide**, and **Tex and Kay Carter** for making it possible!

We have two events coming up that you'll want to mark your calendars for - our **Earth Day Pinellas Trail Cleanup on April 22** and the **Baywood Village Market on May 6**! The Trail cleanup will be at the corner of Alternate US 19 and

Curlew Road, and Baywood Village Market is in, you guessed it, Baywood Village! More details are below - we'd love to see you out there!

We are actively looking for a grant writer to join our team of volunteers - if you or someone you know has expertise in this area, and a few hours each month to contribute, we'd love to hear from you! Please reply to this email and we'll get a chat scheduled.

Don't forget to share our [Green deFence campaign](#) with your neighbors, teachers, Amazon delivery drivers, hairdressers, doctors - if you're talking to them, tell them about WKPG's mission to save green spaces! **Every dollar counts** in our push to protect WK Preserve and other small slices from development!

In the next installment of the newsletter, I'll share our **progress on our fundraising goal**, as well as any additional news that might pop up between now and then. Ideally, the "event and volunteer needs" newsletter will arrive towards the end of the month, and the "fundraising update" newsletter will arrive towards the early middle. Thanks for your patience while we sort through our new timing and for being my accountability buddies on this goal!

Happy Monday!
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More Ribbons on de Fence!

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated to our [Green deFence campaign](#), and to our deFence Champions, **Cheryl and Larry Putnam**, for taking on the challenge of maintaining a ribbonable fence and for adding the ribbons from this campaign! When you drive by the gate to the property, take a minute to observe the new ribbons and see how our community of support keeps growing, thanks to folks like you and the Putnams!



Our First Public Tour!

Brad Husserl led our first public tour of the WK Preserve property on April 7! Many thanks to everyone who came out to show their support and learn more about natural Florida's wild spaces!

Though the remaining tours in April are full, we'll open registration for more dates soon - please be aware that you must acknowledge our safety guidelines and sign a waiver before embarking on a tour with our team. The most updated information can be found on our website, [on our Events page](#).

Out and About

Baywood Village Market Spring 2023

Saturday, May 6

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

309 Westwinds Drive, Palm Harbor 34683

We're jazzed to be invited back to the **Baywood Village Market!** This local market, a free and family-friendly event, brings together local entrepreneurs and businesses in one easy-to-navigate experience! We're so pleased to support Baywood Village, as they have supported us quite a bit over the years. **Come on out to grab some WKPG gear, say hi, and shop local - it is sure to be a wonderful day!**

Volunteer Corner

We are so very grateful to all of our volunteers - this entire organization has been developed by volunteer efforts.

For our active volunteers, the link to report service hours is just below.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, I will be sharing our needs as they arise - **currently, we are looking for a grant writer, community ambassadors, and volunteers to assist with events.**

If you have an area of expertise, or would like to become more involved, please reply directly to this email and we can chat!

[Report Volunteer Hours](#)

Monthly Hour Count

Hours for March: **241**

Hours for February: **204**

Hours for 2023 (to date): **655**

Hours for 2022: **3630**

Share the WKPG Story

Our Origin Story: #SAVEtheWKP

Take a moment to watch [this wonderful documentary](#) about the creation of the WKPG, and our efforts to save the West Klosterman Preserve! This excellent overview was produced by aspiring filmmaker, **Caden Colver**, at the beginning of 2022. We remain as dedicated as ever to the preservation of natural lands in Florida!

Share the link with your friends and family, neighbors, and local officials!

Learn More on the WKPG Website and Social Accounts

Visiting [our website](#) and following us on social media are some of the best ways to stay up-to-date on the progress we've made, next steps, and our upcoming events! We have an Instagram account ([@savethewkp](#)), a [Facebook page](#), a [Facebook group](#), and we're on [LinkedIn](#)! If you have questions, you can always reply to this email, or submit your inquiry through our "[Contact Us](#)" form on the website!



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