

Mission Statement

To implement civic action and to promote the common good of residents of the community with a focus on public awareness and responsible stewardship of regional water sources; the basis for all the natural systems that define Florida's Nature Coast

Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc
A 501 (c)(3) Corporation

The WAR Report

Join In OUR Effort

November 2009

A few years ago I was doing some yard work and one of the neighbors approached with a computer disc. After the exchange of pleasantries I was asked if I had any interest in coming to a meeting to discuss community action regarding an application by Dixie Hollins to create an overlay district on his land. I knew nothing about Mr. Hollins or overlay districts, but I did know something about the incessant tremors caused by blasting that struck our home on a weekly basis. So yes, I was interested. The disc was the key to a new world.

This was how I came to join WAR, Inc. and it was a fateful event in my life as well as for Marty, my wife and very understanding friend. Any who have preceded me as an officer in the organization will tell you; it takes a certain degree of dedication and focus to keep this ship on course. It takes certain determination to see the projects we involve ourselves in through to conclusion, because little we engage is resolved in a day or week of consideration.

There are days which require a lot of phone time and others requiring attention to the computer. I do not resent this burden for there are rewards from time to time. An example came with the first issue we were involved in. We spoke up and in the end, the Hollins application was withdrawn in the face of certain rejection by the Board of County Commis-

sioners. Do we win them all? Of course not. Do we prevail from time to time? Absolutely.

Now there is a message to you in the middle of this ramble. You will get out of this organization what you put into it. Saying with all sincerity that we need donations and membership dues, I offer another point to consider. We only get so far on money. The real results



come from direct involvement in our projects and it is that effort upon which we sink or swim. We have lost because of a shortfall of such contribution, and we have won because some have shouldered a burden. The objective is and has always been; protection of our resources. It is either important to you that we preserve these things for future benefit, both for ourselves and future generations, or not.

The opposition is unbridled greed, facilitated by people no brighter than you.

Not to long ago I knew water flowed downhill. Today I know a little more. This journey has been interesting and extraordinarily educational. It is a reward that is yours for the taking.

Please help us do a little more.

Dan Hilliard, Executive Director
WAR, Inc



WAR Fundraising

Quarterly Meeting and Turkey Dinner

The past quarter has been a very quiet and slow period for fundraising, however our first quarterly meeting with guest speakers, Dr. Noll and Dr. Tegeder discussing their book *Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida's Future* is starting to garner more attention and interest. Press releases have been sent to the Citrus County Chronicle, Newscaster, Levy County Journal, Chiefland Citizen, Gainesville Sun and Ocala Star Banner and UFT, WJUF FM radio. Additionally an email campaign to area environmental groups and Levy & Citrus BOCC. Local politicians from Yankeetown, Inglis, Crystal River, Dunnellon, and Inverness will also draw attention and participation....besides who could pass up a book discussion and a turkey dinner all for a \$10 donation. We have many members participating with food donations and their labor, thanks for such strong support from our members.

Canoe and Kayak Race

We will move the date this year in order to capture more snow birds before they flee the summer heat. The tentative date is February 27, 2010. We will need member support to assist in capturing corporate/business sponsors, posting of flyers and general promotion of this event. The course will change this year and will possible start at the Inglis Locks and end in Yankeetown.

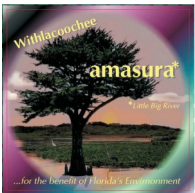


Jeff Comer / Mike Montrall / Chris Leamy

Winners of the first
Canoe and Kayak race held
May 2, 2009 at Bird Creek

Last year we had approximately 26 participants. Based on information from other races held, a first year response of 20 is considered a success. With the earlier dates we should set a goal of 40 -50 participants.

CD'S and Shirts

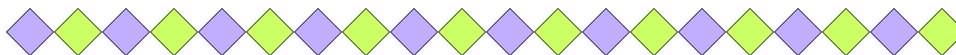


We still have about 500 to sell, now is a good time to start to suggest them as gifts for the holidays. If you need more CD'S let me know and we'll get them to you. Remember CD's sell for \$10 a piece. We also are hoping that we can get some air time on WUFT. Their shows *Across the Prairie* and *On the Bridge* feature local, regional and national musicians. This may be a way to promote the CD'S and also our organization.

Our polo shirts are still available, mainly in woman's sizes. What is left will be available at our meeting along with CD'S. Shirts are \$5. Don't forget to renew your membership (application on back).

Thank you all for your support.

Jack Schofield



About the Withlacoochee Area Residents

Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc is a 501(c)(3), not for profit charitable organization incorporated in 1984. Our underlying principal is promoting the social welfare and common good of the residents of our communities. Current focus is on coordinating with other public advocacy groups that share our interests in preserving and restoring the quality of the Withlacoochee River and associated ecosystems. Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc. is engaged in improving state decision making oversight practices that continue to contribute to degradation and depletion of increasingly scarce potable groundwater that is the foundation for the survival of our communities.

Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc. is responsible for the designation of the Withlacoochee River as an "Outstanding Florida Waterway", and contemplates future actions to provide an umbrella of Federal protection over the river basin and associated estuary.

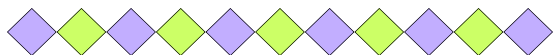


Corporate Status

Tax Deductions Now Possible

It is my pleasure to announce to all members and supporters of W.A. R. Inc. that we have achieved official 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS. Why is this important? With 501(c)(3) status all contributions to our Corporation are now deductible from federal income tax. Because we achieved this status prior to the year-end 2009, all donations to W.A.R., Inc. received during 2009 will be tax deductible for 2009. The IRS requires receipts from the non-profits for deductions of \$250 and up. You will need to see Jenny to obtain the proper documentation. Now we will also qualify for numerous grant programs that require 501(c)(3) status to participate.

With the 501(c)(3) designation goes new responsibilities and limitations. I will not go into all the issues but there are a couple of very important items. First, record keeping needs to be accurate and up to date as it relates to voting and financial matters. I don't believe this will be an issue as the appropriate officers have anticipated the need. The process of qualification required us to provide a statement of our goals as they relate to nonprofit status. We have declared that our main objective is to "educate" the public on issues of environmental and social relevance in our Nature Coast area. We will need to monitor our activities to assure that the ma-



A Little Fun

There was once a very influential farmer in a remote part of China, who had a problem. His chickens were losing their feathers and dying. He sought the counsel of the two wisest men in town - Hing, who was scientist, and Ming, who was a sorcerer. Hing, who has had many advanced course hours in poultry science, consulted the classic text in poultry disease, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Diseases of Chickens, But Were Afraid to Ask." In the book Hing found a reference to the report of a study showing that feeding the chickens with an infusion of gum tree leaves is often a remedy for chickens losing their feathers. Meanwhile Ming read obscure writings of ancient wise men, he meditated, and he even examined the

...jority fit this definition. The operating limitations for a 501(c)(3) corporation place drastic limitations on lobbying of legislators and attempting to directly influence legislation. For instance, dealing with members of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners or members of the Florida Legislature while attempting to influence specific legislation falls under this limitation. Spending more than 5% of our efforts as a corporation in the above areas could void our status. **Under no circumstances should any member speak to legislators as a representative of W.A.R., Inc. unless directed to by the Board of Directors.** We are free to spend as much time as we want dealing with agencies of government and the public concerning the issues we are addressing. Finally, we, as a corporation cannot endorse or contribute to the campaign of any candidate for public office. **If you are unsure how to proceed check with the Board.**

John Fuchs, Director



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A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

"Dedicated to responsible stewardship of the Nature Coast"

Membership Application

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

Please Print

NAME _____

BUSINESS _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

YOUR PRIVACY WILL BE PROTECTED, ADDRESSES ARE NEVER SOLD

Please Indicate Membership Level

Individual \$20

Family \$25

Merchant/Group \$100

Life \$1000

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Special Events

Fundraising

Publicity

Research

Area of Expertise _____

Make Checks Payable to: Withlacoochee Area Residents, Inc. or W.A.R., Inc.

MAIL TO: PO Box 350

Inglis, FL 34449-0350

Additional Contributions Welcome!

General Fund: \$ _____ Cemex Task Force: \$ _____

River Task Force: \$ _____ Tarmac Task Force: \$ _____

Thank you for your support!

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entrails of a pig. Getting no inspiration he used his old standby, reading tea leaves. In a spark of discovery, it comes to him that an infusion of gum tree leaves is the cure.

So the two wise men report back to the influential Chinese farmer. Ming says, "As gum sticks to tables and chairs, so shall an infusion of gum tree leaves make feathers stick to chickens." Hing agrees, saying "Studies show that infusions of gum tree leaves alleviate feather loss in chickens." The influential Chinese farmer is ecstatic, for the two wisest men in town are of a single mind. He quickly follows their recommendation. It does not work. His chickens lost feathers and died
Moral of the Story: "All of Hing's courses and all of Ming's ken couldn't get gum tea to feather a hen."

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