



WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PLASTICS-FREE INITIATIVE (PFI)

One of our recent activities:

PFI members cleaning up plastic trash on barrier islands

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After a thorough tour, it was found that the island is heavily littered with all types of trash, although the overwhelming litter type is plastic. It was decided that it would indeed be a worthwhile project to spearhead cleanups of the area. This is a project that could involve many PFI members in the club as well as the Juniorettes and other volunteers. With minimal effort on the part of the PFI volunteers and the club, a large impact can be made

with the level of trash on the island and its removal.

The second trip of a group of four PFI volunteers was intended to test that theory. In just one hours' time, the crew was able to collect over 9 large bags of trash containing mostly small plastic pieces as well as bigger items such as boat parts, cushions, rope, wood, and coolers and to remove all from the island. During the cleanup, other people who were on the island at the same time expressed their gratitude for what we were doing as well as learning about PFI and the WCCG and our mission to preserve and improve our natural environment.

All in all, it was a very productive day and the PFI looks forward to future trips to the island to do even larger scale cleanups.



Billie Baldwin, founder of PFI, and Kat Sitton, co-Chair WCCG Environment Committee

Woman's Club of Coconut Grove Environment Committee Presents...

Earth Day 2024

Monday April 22, 2024

12pm-3pm

Learn How to make

Native Pollinator Habitats

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Native Pollinators

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RSVP required-scan link or CasaMojoApiaries@gmail.com

\$10 suggested donation to environment Committee for future projects.



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Today!**

If you are interested in having your projects or activities featured in the PFI newsletter, contact Becky: becky@plasticsfreeinitiative.org

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PFI is a coalition of local business leaders, civic organizations,

educational and faith institutions, and Florida residents all united in the fight against plastic pollution. PFI was founded by the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove (WCCG) and is administered by the Environment Committee of the club.

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