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*Virtual Earth Day Challenge*  
by Jalydney Brown





Last weekend, the Young Leaguers held their virtual Earth Day challenge in honor of Earth Day that was on 4/22/2021. The Young Leaguers encouraged their members to take part in picking up trash in their communities and documenting their activities via photographs. All members were also encouraged to challenge their family and friends to participate as well. The hashtag that was created and used for the event was #trashfreepbc . The goal of the event was to keep our local communities clean and celebrate the Earth together.

According to the National Geographic, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency.

We would like to thank all those that participated in this event. A special thank you to the following: Rachelle Wechsler, Angela Cruz, Jill Abbey, Nick Green, Penny Butler-Schillinger, Ashley Cacicedo, Reed Surdovel, Jeff Abbey, Rebecca Freeman, Melanie

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Tolchin, Charity Lewis, Kevin Baker, Molly Daly, Bryce Pierce, Alexandria Ayala, Paige Drake, and Darlene Kostrub.

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## ***A Taste of the League*** ***by Darlene Kostrub***

**CIRCLE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR...MAY 15**

**Our Spring Taste of the League Orientation will be held online Saturday, May 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m. All newer members who have not attended an orientation, as well as non-members interested in the League, are invited to attend. To register, click:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUIdOutqjMpE9M4OWZHIK6\\_K0oP06ih3ILs](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUIdOutqjMpE9M4OWZHIK6_K0oP06ih3ILs)



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## *Hot Topic*

*by Events Committee*


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**HOT TOPIC**

***Urban Context Matters: Environmentally  
Responsible Affordable Housing***

Please join us in welcoming Chicago Architect Peter Landon as he discusses the importance of balancing context, technology, environment and economy when designing mixed-use and affordable housing developments.

***May 19, 2021***  
***12:00 PM via Zoom***



***Peter Landon***

Award winning architect, Peter Landon, specializes in public interest design. Peter is recognized for providing creative and human-centered solutions to the challenging task of building affordable housing. His knowledge and expertise as a leading practitioner in this area have been influential as he taught in architectural programs in Chicago and presented at conferences throughout the world.

[Register](#)

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*Florida Senate braces for elections overhaul. But what are the major changes?*

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*by Lawrence Mower*



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## *FL Legislators are Making it Harder to Vote* *by Voting Rights Coalition*



**The 2021 Legislative Session ended April 30. Voting Rights was a hot topic. What legislature passed? Where do our voting rights stand? Come to the Voting Rights**

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**Coalition meeting Thursday May 6, 2 pm on**

**Zoom.** <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/87951140092?pwd=eVQrMFpiTzlCTWFjU3BTNEF6bElvQT09>

**Former Florida State Senator Jeff Clemens will discuss voting rights legislation passed this session.**

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Kate Renchin      262 242 4144      [kater0914@gmail.com](mailto:kater0914@gmail.com)

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*Spotlight on the Environment*  
*by Events Committee*





***Spotlight on the Environment:  
Tackling Climate Change in Palm Beach County***

**FEATURING**



*Katelyn Cucinatta, M.A.*  
Environmental Analyst  
Palm Beach County Office of Resilience



*Rebecca Harvey, M.S.*  
Sustainability Coordinator  
City of Boynton Beach





*Lindsey Roland Nieratka, M.S.*  
Sustainability Manager  
City of Boca Raton

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021 via Zoom Webinar  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**REGISTER HERE!**

Join us to learn about the results of a climate change vulnerability assessment recently completed by the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County (CRP), a group consisting of the County and seven jurisdictions along the coast. The CRP studied 12 specific climate change threats in order to provide a baseline understanding of the potential risks to these communities and to identify possible adaptation strategies.

We'll discuss why and how the group formed, summarize the methodology and regional study results, and discuss how these municipalities and the County might move forward based on the findings of this important initiative.

   [LWVWSC.org](https://www.lwvpsc.org) Visit our Facebook page to view our events.



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### Panel Presenters



Katelyn Cucinotta is an analyst for Palm Beach County's Office of Resilience with a background in coastal conservation, wildlife policy, renewable energy, and environmental science. Katelyn holds a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy with a minor in Geospatial Science from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and an M.A. in Marine and Coastal Studies from Nova Southeastern University. Throughout her studies, Katelyn focused on anthropogenic impacts on the marine environment, climate change, and how to effectively communicate science to inspire others.

After working for the federal government, a non-profit organization, academia, and the corporate sector, Katelyn is thrilled to be putting her knowledge and passion to work in the County she calls home. For the Office of Resilience, Katelyn focuses her efforts on coastal adaptation, developing a countywide Resilience Action Plan, and geospatial studies. She is the County lead on the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County.



Rebecca became the City of Boynton Beach's first Sustainability Coordinator in 2017. In this role, she leads the City's environmental sustainability and resilience efforts, which include reducing carbon emissions and helping the City and its diverse residents and business owners adapt to the impacts of climate change. Rebecca has 20 years of experience as an environmental researcher and communicator and has published peer-reviewed articles on environmental attitudes, invasive species management, carnivore conservation, and Everglades ecology. She is a California native and holds two Master's degrees in Sociology and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is also a trained Climate Reality Leader.

Rebecca has recently updated the City of Boynton Beach's Climate Action Plan with aggressive targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2035 and achieve net zero by 2050. She has also been a driving force in the Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County, a coalition of municipalities working together on climate change adaptation.



Lindsey started with the City of Boca Raton in 2018 as the Sustainability Manager of the newly created Office of Sustainability. Prior to joining the City, Lindsey served on Boca Raton's Green Living Advisory Board and as the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Hollywood, FL. As the Sustainability Manager for Boca Raton, Lindsey wrote the first Sustainability Action Plan and also conducted the first greenhouse gas inventory. She develops policies and programs for the City and its residents and businesses as they adapt to climate change and become better stewards of their environment.

Originally from Illinois, Lindsey moved to South Florida in 2003 where her career has included field biology, environmental education, and sustainability. Lindsey currently lives in Boca Raton with her family.

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*Hispanic Outreach*  
by Pam Maldonado





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## *Member Spotlight - Brent Schillinger*

*by Rebecca Freeman*



**Brent Schillinger offers his expertise and knowledge to the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County (LWVPBC). He is an MD, FAAD at Dermatology Partners in Delray**

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**Beach. He completed medical school and residency at Down State University in Brooklyn, New York, and became interested in dermatology during medical school rotations. He practices many aspects of dermatology such as disease, surgical, pathology-and cosmetic.**

**Brent is co-chair and excellent addition to the LWVPBC healthcare committee, due to his medical expertise and wealth of knowledge. In this role, he hopes to make a difference by focusing on health care issues high on the priority list of LWVPBC. He is able to provide unbiased credible information to members and others who may be uncertain on certain health care issues.**

**Brent has held many roles with community health-based organizations. He was past president of the Palm Beach County Medical Society and chair of the opioid task force. In addition, served on the medical ethics community at Palm Beach State College.**

**In his free time, Brent enjoys taking painting lessons and participating in virtual conversations with the League of Women Voters.**

**Brent has two sons; one who works for Bloomberg Media and the other is an entrepreneur who has started a nonprofit organization for Darfur.**

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## *Solar Co-op to Close May 31,2021*

*by Diane Marks*



# Want to Go Solar?

JOIN THE  
SOLAR UNITED  
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**PALM BEACH COUNTY CO-OP**

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JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION  
SESSION ONLINE


Thursday, May 13 at 12pm  
Wednesday, June 16 at 6pm

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REGISTER & MORE INFO  
[SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach/Events](https://SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach/Events)

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**The Solar Co-op has been extended until May 31, 2021. Anyone interested in investigating getting solar panels on their roof, should do it during the Solar Co-op in Palm Beach County.**

**To allow new people to learn about PV Solar on the roof, Solar Co-ops and financing Solar conversion, An additional Information Meeting has been set up for May 13, 2021 at noon. If you are at all interested, register for the Information Meeting. If you want to receive lots of other information, sign up for the Co-op. Both things are done at [solarunitedneighbors.org](https://solarunitedneighbors.org).**

**Link to register for Info**

**Meeting:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6Xhs7dFpSiCxlH0RM5FjKw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Xhs7dFpSiCxlH0RM5FjKw)

**Link to join Solar Co op:**

<https://coops.solarunitedneighbors.org/coops/palm-beach-county-solar-co-op/>

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*State League Convention  
Interested in Being a Delegate?*


*by Karen Wilkerson*

## Florida League's 38th Biennial State Convention

Every two years our League of Women Voters of Florida holds a convention to elect the state board, adopt a budget, and identify focus issues for action. This year's digital convention will be held on June 4 and June 5.

If you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate for this convention, please submit your name to Lori Dool [atlori.lwvpbc@gmail.com](mailto:atlori.lwvpbc@gmail.com) no later than May 7, 2021. If you are chosen to be a delegate or alternate, you will receive a letter of confirmation from either Lori Dool or Karen Wilkerson who are coordinating our participation for this event.

All chosen delegates and alternates **MUST** be able to attend the digital training session planned for Thursday, May 20, 2021 that is set for 6:30 p.m. as well as all the convention sessions.



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*LWVPBC Member Spotlight*

**Click the image below to nominate a member to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.**



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The Civics Education Committee presentation scheduled for May 7 is canceled.

**CANCELED**

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## *Welcome New Members*

*by Membership Committee*



**PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO OUR LEAGUE:**

**Marion Bailey (Lake Worth); Shayna Koner (Boca Raton); Susy Diaz Piesco (West Palm Beach). Contact information is available in the Member Directory at [lwvpsc.org](http://lwvpsc.org).**





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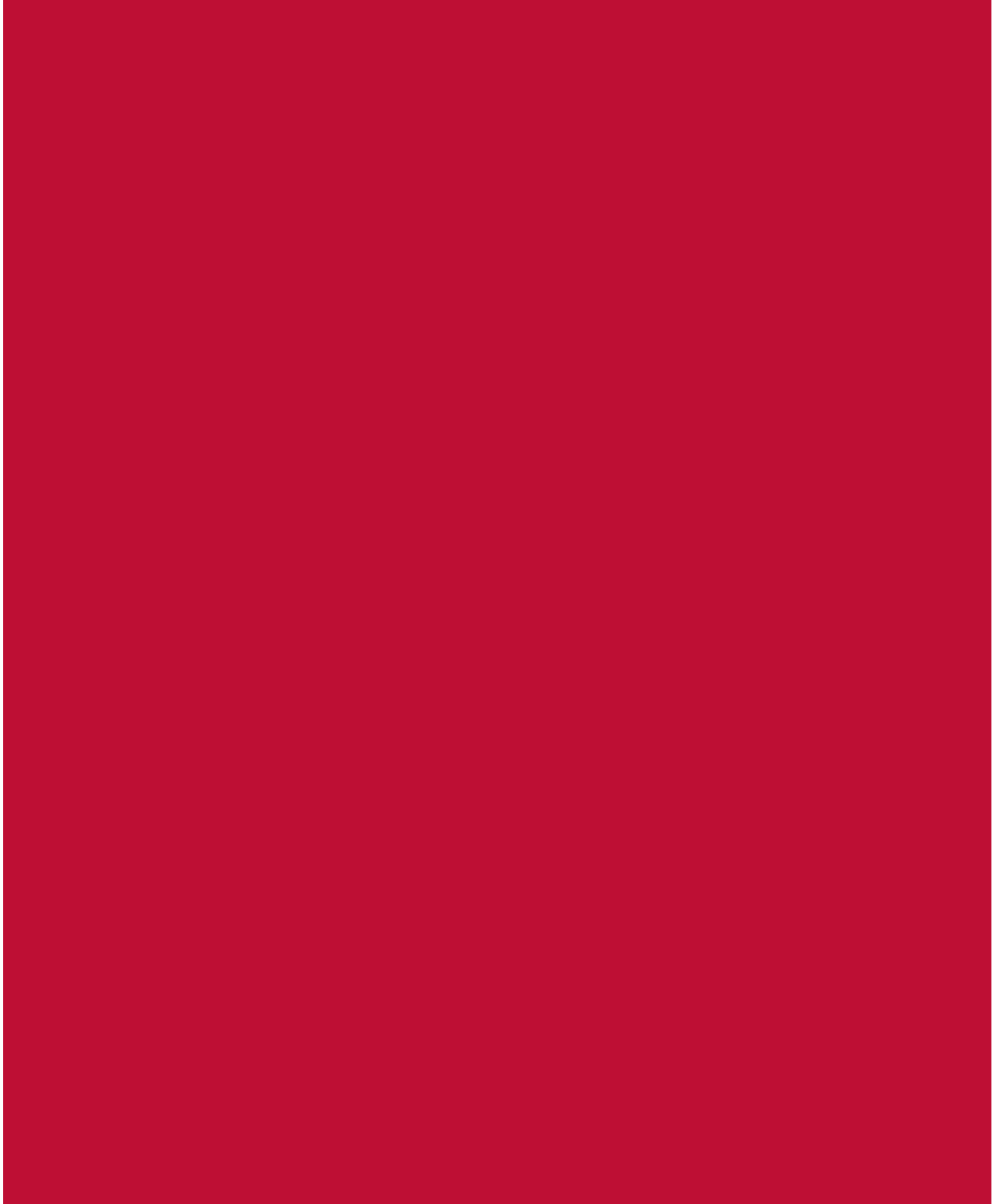
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