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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Doug Young

I am honored to be elected president of Broward County Audubon Society for 2006-2007. I am very excited about the coming year and really look forward to serving this chapter. Many thanks to outgoing president Barry Heimlich and the entire Board for 2005-2006 for the many hours of planning and coordinating meetings, field trips/bird walks, and other events.

We are fortunate to have an exciting mix of new and returning members on our Board of Directors for this year (listed in this issue). We are again planning a rich schedule of field trips/bird walks from September through May 2007. This year's goals include changes to our structure for programs and meetings. The biggest change is that we are planning fewer, higher quality programs featuring high profile speakers at various locations throughout the County in the hope of increasing participation. Again we will take part in Water Matters Day, and we are planning a Climate Protection Festival in April. (Schedule of Field Trips, Programs and Events enclosed).

This year, we are again focusing our conservation program on global warming and climate change. Barry Heimlich is spearheading efforts to encourage local government officials and private citizens to take positive steps toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions. (*Read more in his article*).

New board members Jonathan and Heidi Estrin have taken on the challenge of expanding electronic communications through our website, email distribution of *The Warbler*, and establishing the Broward County Audubon Society 'Blog' (See the related articles).

So this year **we are really trying to reach out to all 1,500 of you** as well as other interested and concerned parties. We are energized and eager to utilize the new talent on our Board of Directors and communicate in every way we can to inform, educate and encourage you to participate and become more active. Your participation will ensure that we have an extremely successful year as we strive toward our mission of '*Conservation, Community, Commitment.'* 

#### Global Warming Concert Cosponsored by Broward Audubon

Global Warming/Climate Change and the Uncertain Future of Hollywood, Florida and Broward County - A Concert/Teaching/Dialogue, on Tuesday,

September 19, 2006 at the Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center, 1770 Monroe Street & U.S. 1. The <u>free</u> event begins at 7:30pm.

The event features an inspiring environmental concert by Earthman Lanny Smith, a Climate Change Journey by Barry Heimlich, Vice President, Broward County Audubon Society, and a panel discussion with special guests. There will be giveaways and info tables set up by environmental organizations.

Sponsors are South Florida Water Management District, City of Hollywood, Earthman Project, Broward County Audubon Society, Broward Sierra Club, and South Florida Association of Environmental Professionals.

Read the article about this event in Entertainment News by clicking:

http://entnews.com/?c=140&a=1232. Meet the Earthman online at http://www.earthman.tv.



### **Global Warming Initiative Targets County's Mayors**

#### By Barry N. Heimlich, Chair-Global Warming Initiative

lobal Warming presents a formidable threat to our planet's future well-being. Recognizing the need for global cooperation, 141 countries ratified and committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol on February 16, 2005. Unfortunately, the United States was not among these nations due to the shortsightedness of our leaders in the White House and Congress, even though the U.S. accounts for over 25% of world's emissions of greenhouse gases. Without the political, economic and technical leadership of the United States, it is unrealistic to expect that Global Warming will be reversed. That is why Seattle's Mayor Greg Nickels challenged mayors across the country to join his city in taking local action by signing onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

This program is a genuine grass roots effort to take the first steps needed to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It was unanimously approved by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in June 2005. As of August 16, 2006, 284 mayors across the country have signed onto the Agreement and more are signing on every month.



Under the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, participating cities commit to take following three actions:

• Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities through actions ranging from antisprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns;

• Urge their state governments and the federal government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol, i.e. 7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012; and

• Urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation, setting emission reduction goals and establishing a national emission trading system.

The primary goal of Broward Audubon's Global Warming Initiative is to persuade a supermajority of Broward County's 31 mayors to sign onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. In so doing, Broward County's mayors will send a message loud and clear to our state and the nation that Broward County is concerned about Global Warming and is serious about taking significant steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Then our County will set an example that we hope will be followed by many more cities regionally, statewide, and nationwide.

Already, 9 Broward cities (Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Lauderhill, Miramar, Parkland, Pembroke Pines, Pompano Beach, Sunrise, and Tamarac) have signed on.

Parkland recently added its name to this growing list as a direct result of our efforts and several other cities are considering doing the same.

Broward Audubon will present commendations to each mayor that signs on, and we will bring attention to these efforts through the media and other publicity. We have received assistance from Audubon of Florida, the Smart Growth Partnership—Southeast Florida, VisionBroward, and the Realtors Association of

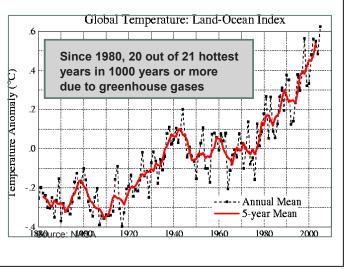


**Glaciers Melting Worldwide** 

Greater Fort Lauderdale, and we are seeking endorsements influential organizations and leaders in both the private and public sectors.

We also intend to expand this program regionally and statewide. In October, this initiative is being presented at the Audubon Assembly where Audubon of Florida and the other Florida Audubon chapters will be asked to follow our lead in their communities.

We hope that you will join us in these efforts. For more information, click onto <u>http://</u> <u>www.browardaudubon.org/globalwarming/</u> or email me at <u>barrynh@browardaudubon.org</u>.



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## Birdwalks and Adventures 2006-2007

## FIELDTRIPS – (Multiday trips in bold italics)

For information	n, call Paddy at (954) 926-54			
Date	Birding Site	Fee/ Donation	Meeting Place and Time	Leader
Sat. 9/16/2006	Hugh Taylor Birch SP Fort Lauderdale	\$5 donation	Beach parking Area 8:00 AM	Mark Foley
Sat. 10/7/2006	John U. Lloyd SP Hollywood	\$5 donation	First parking area 8:00 AM	Paddy Cunningham
SatSun. 10/14-15/2006	Florida Keys Hawk Watch Adventure	\$\$ Fee Reservation	Contact Paddy (954) 926-5458 birdpaddy@yahoo.com	Adventures in Birding
Sun. 10/29/2006	Hugh Taylor Birch SP <i>Harvest Night Hike</i>	\$\$ Fee	Beach parking area 8:00 PM	Mark Foley
Sat. 11/4/2006	Easterlin Park 1000 NW 38th St., Oakland Park	\$5 donation	First right parking lot by farm bldg 8:00 AM	Gloria Cashin
FriSun. 11/10-12/2006	Gulf Coast Adventure	\$\$ Fee Reservation	Contact Paddy (954) 926-5458 birdpaddy@yahoo.com	Adventures in Birding
Sat. 12/2/2006	Broward Everglades Snake Warrior Wetlands, Silver Trail Wetlands	\$5 donation	Snake Warrior parking lot 8:00 AM	Paddy Cunningham
Sat. 12/2/2006	South Florida Exotic Species Kendall	\$5 donation	Baptist Hospital, east end of parking lot 1:00 PM	Tropical Audubon Society
Sat. 12/9/2006	Stormwater Treatment Area #5	\$5 donation	Sheridan Street TriRail, Hollywood at 6:30am	Paddy Cunningham
Sun. 12/17/2006	Annual Christmas Count Throughout Broward	\$5 donation	Call for team assignment 7:00 AM	Bryant Roberts
Sat. 1/13/2007	Loxahatchee NWR Nature Photography Workshop	\$5 donation	Marsh Trail parking area 7:30 AM	Jon & Heidi Estrin
Sat. 1/20/2007	Everglades National Park	\$5 donation	Coe Visitor Center parking lot 9:00 AM	Barry Heimlich
WedSun. 1/24-28/2007	Space Coast Birding Festival	<i>\$\$ Fee Reservation</i>	www.nbbd.com/fly/	In Titusville
Sat. 2/3/2007	Hugh Taylor Birch SP Birdwalk & Birding Workshop	\$15	Beach parking area 8:00 AM	Paddy Cunningham
Sat. 2/10/2007	Everglades Holiday Park Southwest Ranches	\$5 donation	Parking lot pavilion 7:00 AM	Bryant Roberts
SatMon. 2/17-19,2007	Forever Florida Adventure Three Lakes WMA, Zellwood, Emeralda Marsh	\$\$ Fee Reservation	Contact Paddy (954) 926-5458 birdpaddy@yahoo.com	Adventures in Birding
Sat. 3/3/2007	Green Cay & Wakodahatchee Wetlands – Boynton Beach	\$5 donation	Green Cay parking lot 8:00 AM	Jon & Heidi Estrir
Sat. 3/17/2007	Corkscrew Swamp Naples	\$15 includes \$10 entry fee	Entrance Visitor Center 9:00 AM	Barry Heimlich
Sat. 4/7/2007	Easterlin Park 1000 NW 38th St., Oakland Park	\$5 donation	First right parking lot by farm bldg 8:00 AM	Gloria Cashin
Sat. 4/14/2007	Hugh Taylor Birch SP Fort Lauderdale	\$5 donation	Beach Parking Area at 8:00 AM	Bryant Roberts
4/20-22/2007	Dry Tortugas Keys Adventure	\$\$ Fee Reservation	Contact Paddy (954) 926-5458 birdpaddy@yahoo.com	Adventures in Birding
Sat. 5/5/2007	Gumbo Limbo Nature Center/ Spanish River Park Boca Raton	\$5 donation \$5 entry fee	Gumbo Limbo parking area 8:00 AM	Jon & Heidi Estrir
Sat. 5/12/2007	Tree Tops Park/Pine Island Ridge Davie	\$5 donation	First parking area by lake 8:00 AM	Park Naturalist

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## Meetings and Events 2006-2007

For details, go to <u>www.browardaudubon.org</u>						
Date and Time	Meeting Place	Subject/Speaker	Fee/Donation			
Tues. 9/19/2006 7r30 PM	Hollywood Art and Culture Center 1770 Monroe Street, Hollywood	Global Warming Concert Earthman Lanny Smith	FREE			
Sun. 10/8/2006 2:00 PM	Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie, FL	Flamingo Gardens	\$5 Donation plus Entry Fee			
ThursSat 10/19-21, 2006	Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach	AUDUBON ASSEMBLY	\$99 if register by 9/27/06			
Thurs. 11/16/06 7:30 PM	Borders Book Store 2240 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale	What can be done about Global Warming? Barry Heimlich	FREE			
Thurs. 1/18/2007 7:30 PM	Borders Book Store 2240 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale	<b>Stuart McIver, Author</b> Death in the Everglades	FREE			
Thurs. 3/15/2007 7:30 PM	Borders Book Store 2240 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale	Marine Wildlife Artist Guy Harvey	FREE			
Sat. 3/24/2007 10 AM - 5PM	Tree Tops Park 3900 S.W. Nob Hill Road, Davie	Water Matters Day	FREE			
Sat. 4/14/2007 10 AM – 5 PM	Anne Kolb Nature Center 351 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL	Give Thanks for the Environment – Climate Protection Fair and Symposium	FREE			
Sat. 4/21/2007 10 AM - 5 PM	Beach at Deerfield Beach S. Ocean Way, Deerfield Beach	Earth Day Celebration	FREE			

#### Save Trees!! Save Trees!! Save Trees!! Save Trees!! Receive The Warbler by E-mail By Jonathan Estrin



If a tree didn't have to fall in the forest, wouldn't you like to hear about it? The Broward County Audubon Society is now offering its members the option of receiving *The Warbler* by e-mail. Receive Chapter news more quickly and help us reduce our environmental impact. Visit the Broward County Audubon Web site at:

www.browardaudubon.org or our blog at:

browardaudubon.blogspot.com

BLOGSITE

To sign up today at:

e-warbler@browardaudubon.org

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### BCAS Establishes

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Share your thoughts on birding, nature and the environment with the Audubon member community. Joining the conversation is easy; visit the Broward County Audubon Society's online blog at **browardaudubon.blogspot.com**.

The blog is an interactive Web page where you can read about conservation issues and birding-related topics important to Broward Audubon and the local community. Then, use the site's comment feature to add your own insights and personal perspective.

Visit soon, visit often. It's your Audubon!

#### **Broward County Audubon Society Board of Directors 2006-2007**

Doug Young	President			
Devin Avery	Director			
Lisa Baumbach-Reardon	Conservation			
Paddy Cunningham-Pascatore	Fieldtrips			
Leslie Dobbs	Publicity			
Heidi Estrin	Communications			
Jonathan Estrin	Communications			
Hedvah Shuchman	Director			
Barry Heimlich	Vice President Global Warming Initiative Acting Treasurer			
Peg McPherson	Programs			
Fred Rehage	Secretary			
Marti Reynolds	Education			

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### Of Interest

#### Referendum on Mass Transit on **November Ballot** By Devin Avery

Anyone who drives on Broward's interstate highways knows that the County is having growing pains. Can you imagine what it will be like when there is an additional million people in Broward as projected by 2025? Our community is becoming a major metropolitan area and it needs much bigger and better mass transit.

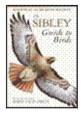
The proposed system will have much expanded intercity and community bus service and new light rail lines - one along the FEC corridor connecting the downtowns from Hallandale Beach to Deerfield Beach and another that will go east-west from downtown Fort Lauderdale to the University Center in Davie to the Sawgrass Mills area.

In order to qualify for federal and state matching funds needed for expanding mass transit, the County must have a dedicated funding source. That is why the County Commission approved a referendum on November's ballot for a 1% County sales tax dedicated to fund mass transit.



Broward County Audubon Society supports this referendum as necessary to assure a better quality of life in our communities.

Field guides, binoculars, scopes, birding supplies, birdfeeders , software and more.



**Broward Audubon's** Online Nature Store

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Audubon Assembly Goes to the Beach!! Saving Birds and Special Spaces October 19-21, 2006, Cocoa Beach

Relax and enjoy the casual, beachfront atmosphere of the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort.

Join Audubon of Florida for engaging programs that highlight Florida's coastal environments and issues that affect their wellbeing. Get inspired and sharpen skills for advocating for birds and their protection. Hear scientists share insights on global warming and its consequences for Florida's extensive coastal areas. Our Barry Heimlich will speak about Broward Audubon's Global Warming Initiative and we will have an information booth. Col-

laborate with other environmentalists and birders from across the region to shape policies and take an active part in saving our birds,

wildlife, and habitats. Enjoy one of Florida's best beaches while you catch up with friends, colleagues, and fellow Audubon members. Field trips will take in some of Florida's birding hot



For more information, call Audubon of Florida at (305) 371-6399 or go to their website at:

www.audubonofflorida.org/ conservation assembly.html

spots, so don't forget the binocu-

lars!

Register by September 27 and pay \$99 for all receptions, meals, programs, and workshops.



After September 27th, all inclusive package is \$125.

Book hotel accommodations directly with the Holiday Inn, and take advantage of the special rate for Audubon Assembly participants. For reservations, call Holiday Inn directly at 1-800-206-2747 or log into www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/ en/hotel/coibe? requestid=1777539

## Adventures in Birding



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We are expanding on the web! Be sure to check out the following options: www.browardaudubon.org browardaudubon.blogspot.com e-warbler@browardaudubon.org Broward\_Audubon@yahoogroups.com

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### Hollywood Art and Culture Center

1770 Monroe Street & U.S. 1, Hollywood, Florida Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. *Global Warming Concert and Dialogue* 

<u>Global Warming/Climate Change</u> <u>The Uncertain Future of</u>

Hollywood, Florida and Broward County

featuring Earthman Larry Smith and Barry Heimlich

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