

# The Flow

April 2008 Newsletter  
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## Special Events & Meetings

- Apr 19 - Spring Native Plant Sale
- Apr 26 - Earth Day Event
- Apr & May - Public Information Meetings
- May 7 - CRCA vs The Vue Hearing
- May 17 - Kayak Fishing Classic
- Jul 28 - GEER 2008

For more river news visit the CRCA web site at [crca.caloosahatchee.org](http://crca.caloosahatchee.org)  
Also, you can renew your membership online



*CRCA Earth Day Events in LaBelle on Apr 26 and Koreshan on Apr 19*

### Art Print Gifts



Members joining CRCA at the Friends level or higher receive a Caroline Krieger Comings print - Everglades or Maid of Matlacha. You can join online. [\[Everglades\]](#) [\[Maid of Matlacha\]](#) [\[Join Us\]](#) [\[Request Print\]](#) [\[Art Web\]](#)

### CRCA-Riverwatch Cookbook



Caloosahatchee Cookbook invites you to share some of your favorite recipes, including picnic & boating favorites. Your culinary secrets will be included in the fundraising cookbook. The sooner you submit, the better your chances of being included. [\[Form\]](#)

### CRCA vs The Vue Hearing



A court hearing has been scheduled for May 7 at 9:30am in Lakeland on Ft. Myers' appeal of the court ruling to halt The Vue, a 27-story tower partly on illegally transferred Centennial Park. Riverwatch & others filed the challenge to the project. [\[Notice\]](#)

### Earth Day at Koreshan



Join the Sierra Club, Calusa Chapter Sat, Apr 19 from 10am-3pm celebrating Earth Day in the historic Koreshan settlement along with music, food, and many demonstrators' and exhibitors. For more information call the park: (239)992-0311. [\[Koreshan Site\]](#)

### Joint City-County Meeting



Opposition continues against The Vue, a proposed 27-story building on Centennial Park land. A joint city-county workshop will take place on Apr 10 at 2pm in the Lee Co Admin Bld. Please consider attending the meeting. [\[Details\]](#) [\[Letter\]](#) [\[Shared Plan\]](#)

### Earth Day 2008



Join us for the Earth Day 2008 event to be held on Sat, April 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the LaBelle Nature Park, (Hardee St. and Fraser St.) LaBelle, Florida. For more information contact Margaret England at (863)517-0202. [\[Flyer\]](#) [\[Map\]](#)

## Boat Lift Project Halt

### LEE COMMISSIONERS



### HALT BOAT LIFT PROJECT

Lee Commissioners halted Cape Coral's plans to remove the Ceitus Boat Lift. The commissioners say removing the lift would allow canal water to contaminate water in the nearby Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve & the Gulf. [\[News-Press\]](#) [\[Daily Breeze\]](#) [\[News-Press 2\]](#) [\[New-Press 3\]](#)

[\[Daily Breeze 2\]](#)

## LaBelle Heritage Museum



Riverwatch thanks the LaBelle Heritage Museum for assisting CRCA in the Swamp Cabbage Festival exhibit & cruise. Special thank to Mr. Joe Thomas who narrated the cruise, sharing stories and history of LaBelle and the river. [\[Support the Museum\]](#)

## Eco Groups Oppose Removal



CRCA together with other eight regional environmental groups & two Pine Island residents filed a joint petition against the City of Cape Coral & the FL DEP to stop the city from removing the Ceitus Boat Lift and the canal block it straddles. [\[Petition\]](#)

## Action Alert



The latest version of the Fertilizer bill has several amendments but it's still bad legislation. SB 2352 is scheduled for Senate Com. on Env. Preservation & Conservation this week. Your voice is needed NOW to stop the bill in committee! [\[Letter\]](#)

## Shenanigans Afoot



Uncontrolled growth is what got Florida into its present fiscal mess. Now developers are using current problems as a rationale to be permitted to create even more problems for Florida. Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice,.... [\[The Tampa Tribune\]](#)

## Action on State Preemption Bill



SCCF has joined with Riverwatch & other groups opposing the fertilizer rule preemption bill now being considered in Tallahassee. It would prevent local governments from implementing urban landscaping fertilizer limits. [\[Letter\]](#)

## Good & Bad Bills in Tally



Linda Young of the Florida Clean Water Network suggests you keep an eye on bills being considered in Tallahassee that are important for our waters and our ability to have a voice in policy decisions. [\[Bills\]](#) [\[Clean Water Network\]](#) [\[Contact\]](#)

## Lee Water Quality Web



Karen Bickford of the Lee County water quality office has two web pages providing information about the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), Fertilizer Ordinance, and other issues. [\[Fertilizer Updates\]](#) [\[Lee Water Quality Web\]](#)

## EPA Seen Under Attack



The language control, No.1 dimension of the "orchestrated attack on federal employees" by the Bush administration has resulted in the EPA's most recent decision to deny California a Clean Air Act waiver to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. [\[Truthout Report\]](#)

## Kayak Fishing Classic



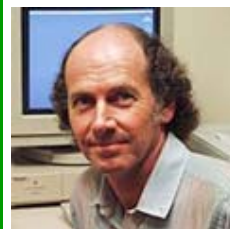
The Southwest Florida Boy Scout Council will hold the 3rd Annual Kayak Fishing Classic on May 17, 2008 in southwest Florida waters. There will be great prizes in both the adult and youth divisions! Get registered today! [\[Details\]](#) [\[Web Site\]](#)

## Sewage Failures High in Lee



Raw sewage has spilled from at least a quarter of Lee County's wastewater plants over the past five years. Environmentalists say the polluting plants are poisoning tributaries that drain into the Gulf of Mexico. [\[Article 1\]](#) [\[Article 2\]](#) [\[Article 3\]](#)

## Red Tide on the Increase



At the Charlotte Harbor Watershed Summit held on Mar 25, Dr. Larry Brand of the Univ. of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine Biology, presented his case for the human factor in red tide blooms. He says red tide increase is caused by people. [\[NaplesNews\]](#)