



Rainbow River Conservation, Inc.

Fall 2023 Newsletter

We hope you are enjoying these cooler days we've been having. The activity on the River is slowing for this year, especially for tubing.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING The 2023 Annual Membership Meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:00am. The location is the Rainbow River Club at 12450 San Jose Blvd. Light refreshments will be served. There will be an election for Board Members and officers for 2024. Board Member Linda Wilinski will present a short movie on the Rainbow River and tips on her photography.

Our first guest speaker will be Hailey Hall who works for Aquifer Watch. The second speaker will be Stasha McKnight from Friends of Rainbow Springs state Park speaking about the history of Rainbow Springs and the State Park.

RIVER CLEANUP On May 20, 2023 RRC conducted another successful River Cleanup. Over 150 interested citizens took part. The amount of trash continues to diminish thanks to vigilant River users year-round. We thank all that took part, and especially Rio Vista homeowners for their help and for the use of the park. We also thank those businesses that donated the prizes.

BLUE RUN PARK SIGN REPAIR PROJECT RRC partnered with Dunnellon Public Works, the Dunnellon Beautification Committee, and volunteers to complete a project in Blue Run Park to replace damaged interpretive signs and clean and wax all the park signs. New “Dunnellon Trail” signs were also installed, and five missing exhibits were replaced. Thanks to Bill Vibbert and all that participated!

9-ISLAND COVE The purchase of 9 Island Cove on the Withlacoochee River by Florida Forever has been delayed due to a lack of support by Dunnellon City Council. Rainbow River Conservation is disappointed by this turn of events. We hope in the future we will have more positive news.

RAINBOW RIVER PROTECTION ZONE RRC, through the efforts of Vice President Bill Vibbert and former State Senator Dennis Jones, brought an initiative to the State Delegation. They met with the Delegation on Sept. 13 and presented the Vessel and Shoreline Impact Study. In the next 3 months each of the Delegation members will be met individually in their district offices. This is to urge the State to limit river usage as has been done on Weeki Wachee River.

FACEBOOK Board Member Linda Wilinski has been posting frequently on our Facebook Group, which is Rainbow River Conservation, Inc. There are 2.8 thousand followers. If you haven't seen the postings be sure and follow the Group. Thank you Linda for your dedication!

RRC website member Karrin Gordon has been working very hard on re-organizing and updating our website: www.rainbowriverconservation.org. We are looking forward to the website being current and usable again! Thank you Karrin!

MEMBERSHIP DUES It's time for 2024 membership dues! Your annual \$15 dues, and any additional donations you may wish to make, help us to continue the good work “protecting and preserving the Rainbow River”. You may send a check or go online to the website (above). The process is fairly straightforward. If you are coming to the Membership meeting in December, you may pay there. A form is attached.