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## Next Meeting

The next G\$G (*Green Saves Green*) meeting will be on **Thursday, May 23 at 5:00 pm at the Witherspoon Library** in Elizabeth City. We are reporting our progress and working on our plans for our **2020 Green \$aves Green Expo, A Day on the River.**

*New members are welcome.* Click this link for more about **Green \$aves Green.**  
<http://www.albemarlercd.org/green-aves-green-group.html>



# Protect Our Coast

## *Don't Drill*

On March 28th, **Sharon Burtner** and **Phil Donahue** attended a riveting presentation by Ms. Peg Howell, a former engineer in the oil/gas industry. She now is an activist working nationally to fight “Big Oil”. Ms. Howell pointed out that the federal government is again weighing opening up the Southeastern coast to offshore oil and gas drilling, which would put our coastal businesses, communities and beautiful natural places at risk. The conference was led by four organizations active in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina that work to stop the oil companies from drilling on our coast. The organizations are:



- S.O.D.A. (South Carolina)

([www.facebook.com/StopOffshoreDrillingintheAtlantic](http://www.facebook.com/StopOffshoreDrillingintheAtlantic))

- Oceana (Virginia)
- Surfriders Foundation of Outer Banks
- North Carolina Coastal Federation

The presentation spoke to the truly dangerous damage that could be incurred with the advent of drilling and blasting. Seismic air gun noise can have significant and wide-ranging impacts on fish, shellfish, whales and sea turtles. According to the government's own estimates, seismic airgun blasting in the Atlantic could injure as many as 138,000 marine mammals, like dolphins and whales, while disturbing the vital activities of millions more.

The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Disaster in 2010 marked the worst environmental tragedy in our nation's history, with effects that will last years, if not decades. Despite claims made by oil companies that offshore drilling is safer than ever before, the fact remains that the technologies surrounding offshore drilling are relatively unchanged, and the risk of major spill is still a very real possibility.

*Offshore drilling is a forever decision. If we don't act now, the fate of our coast could be decided by the oil and gas industry instead of all the businesses who rely on healthy oceans.* 🌊



# Local Citizens Climate Lobby

*by Jim Sakolosky*

The local chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) will meet on Saturday, May 11 at 12:45 pm in the Community Room at the Witherspoon Library (100 East Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City).

**NOW IS THE TIME TO BE ACTIVE.**  
*Your participation is needed.* Please attend the meeting to learn what you can do to encourage Federal legislation to address climate change. If you have any questions, contact Jim Sakolosky at [jsakolosky@gmail.com](mailto:jsakolosky@gmail.com), or cell: 434-509-8112.

Be a nuisance where it counts.  
Be depressed, discouraged and  
disappointed at failure and the  
disheartening effects of ignorance,  
greed, and corruption by politics.  
But never give up.

—Marjory Stoneman Douglas

# Green Drinks

by John Stolarczyk

**Green Drinks** will meet on **Tuesday**, May 14th at **Big Daddy's Pizza** in Elizabeth City (103 Capital Trace—off Weeksville Hwy.) Meal at 6 pm; presentation at 6:30 pm. This month's topic will be a program by **Phil Donahue** and **Jim Sakolosky** of the Citizen's Climate Lobby. *You may have read a recent article by Jim in the Daily Advance on Climate Issues.* If not, it is worth a read, and this program is a chance to gather more info and ask questions on those topics.



*Green Drinks is taking a Summer Hiatus so please come out, or you will have to wait until September for another one!* Anyone interest in speaking at future **Green Drinks**, contact

John Stolarczyk at [jtstolarczyk@hotmail.com](mailto:jtstolarczyk@hotmail.com)

**Green Drinks** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at **Big Daddy's Pizza** unless otherwise noted.

Water  
yards & beds  
in the  
morning.

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# Other Events

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## **Paddle for the Border • Saturday, May 4** ***Dismal Swamp State Park***

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South Mills, NC 27976

Phone (252) 771-6593

[dismal.swamp@ncparks.gov](mailto:dismal.swamp@ncparks.gov)

[www.ncparks.gov](http://www.ncparks.gov)



## **Albemarle Conservation and Wildlife** **Chapter Meeting • Thursday, May 16**

***The Villa Restaurant***, Elizabeth City

The speaker will be **Sharon Meade** from

The NC Wildlife Commission Education

Center in Corolla. Her topic will be ***Nature***

***and Children***. 6:00 pm meal; 6:30 pm

program

Contact Tim (252) 335-0079

**Albemarle Conservation and Wildlife** meets on the 3rd  
Thursday of each month at **The Villa Restaurant** unless  
otherwise noted.

*Deadline for the next G\$G newsletter is*  
**Saturday, May 25**

Submit your entries (*please feel free to submit*)  
to the Editor at [editorgsg@gmail.com](mailto:editorgsg@gmail.com)

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# Cleaning Green

DIY Products are Good for the Earth & You

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**1. Wood Furniture Cleaner:** Put 6 t light olive oil and 3 cu distilled white vinegar into a one-quart spray bottle and blend well. Spray the cleaner onto wood, wipe with a damp cloth and finish drying with clean, lint-free cloth.

**2. Borax for the Bathroom:**

Sold in most grocery stores, borax is a water softener and sanitizer. For a good all-purpose bathroom sanitizer, mix 2 t of borax, 4 T of vinegar, and 3–4 cu of hot water in a spray bottle. For extra cleaning power, add 1/4 t liquid soap to mixture. To clean your toilet bowl, pour 1 cu of borax into the toilet before going to bed. In the morning, scrub and flush. For an extra-strength cleaner, add 1/4 cu vinegar to the borax.

**\*A Few Warnings:**

Don't mix chlorine bleach with toilet-bowl cleaner or ammonia as it could produce dangerous fumes. Don't mix bleach with vinegar. The combination increases the potency of bleach.

# Good News!

## **Pasquotank County Commissioners Pass a Proclamation in Support of Environmental Sustainability**

On April 1, 2019, the Pasquotank County Commissioners passed a **Proclamation in Support of Environmental Sustainability**. The City of Elizabeth City passed a similar resolution in January.

Thank you to G&G members **Lee Leidy** and **Phil Donahue**, who developed and proposed the resolutions. And thank you to our city and county leaders for their vision, and their support of environmental sustainability. 🌱

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## **Litter Sweep—a Great Success**

The Pasquotank County Litter Sweep ended on Saturday, April 27. With all teams reporting, here are our totals:

487 volunteers formed 76 teams to collect 625.5 bags of litter in our county in just **TWO WEEKS! *Way to go, Pasquotank!***

Keep scrolling to see photos of the volunteers.

# Photos of Litter Sweep





*Litter Sweep  
Pasquotank County  
2019*

