



# THE PAWPAW PRESS

*Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: March 2020*

## Coronavirus impacts on chapter, FNPS events

In order to protect our members, their families and our community during this Covid 19 pandemic, all April events that the Pawpaw Chapter had planned on participating in have been canceled.

We will have a monthly meeting, but instead of meeting physically at the Piggotte Center, we will meet online. Our speaker for April is Valerie Anderson, director of communications and programming for the Florida Native Plant Society, who will give a presentation on “Conservation and the Role of FNPS.” You can participate in the meeting via a service called GoToMeeting. To join the meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/419116693>

You can also dial in using your phone: (571) 317-3122

If you're intimidated by the idea of an online meeting, Valerie has created a guide that explains everything step by step. (*See page 4 of newsletter.*) If you're planning to use your smart phone or a tablet, get the app now and be ready when the meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/419116693>

Also, since the spring plant sales were canceled, a curbside pickup plant sale is being planned so that some of our petal pushers don't have to store plants indefinitely. *See below for more details.*

We will learn about our school grants from R.J.Longstreet in Daytona Beach, Indian River Elementary in Edgewater, and Creekside Middle School in Port Orange sometime during the next school year

The Park of Honor work day is also canceled, but those regular volunteers who want to stop by at their convenience (at different times) are encouraged to help keep it tidy.

When the Master Gardeners canceled the Plant Faire, they announced the intention to try and reschedule later in the season. If and when that happens, the Pawpaw Chapter will probably participate.

The 40th annual FNPS conference has been rolled over to next year. It will be at the same locations: University of North Florida (conference venue) and the Embassy Suites Hotel (hotel rooms and socials) in Jacksonville from May 13-16, 2021—*Paul Rebmann*

## Bulow State Park grows

Not long after I moved to Florida I was on a Sunday Drive on the Ormond Scenic Loop and turned my VW beetle down a long dusty road with deep dry holes. That was Pump-House Road near the Fairchild Oak. It went out into an area unlike anything this new arrival to Florida had seen before. And this was before I had any more than a casual apprecia-



tion of—or any real knowledge about—any of the uniquely Florida environments or the plants and animals that inhabited them.

Thirty-five years later I found myself again driving down Pumphouse Road to visit the newest addition to the Bulow Creek State Park. According to Philip Rand, park manager of Tomoka Basin State Parks (Tomoka, Bulow Creek, Bulow Plantation Ruins, Haw Creek Preserve and Addison Blockhouse State Parks) this purchase of 47 acres “was the last privately owned piece of shoreline in the Tomoka Basin.” The property is excellent habitat for diamondback terrapins, which are the only species of turtle in the U.S. that inhabit brackish waters of estuaries, tidal creeks, and salt marshes.

Paul Haydt, president of the Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park, led me on this current visit as he was very familiar with the area, having conducted diamondback terrapin surveys there in the past. Walking past a huge patch of *Borrchia frutescens* (bushy seaside oxeye or sea oxeye daisy), we watched a northern harrier, commonly called marsh hawk, swoop down from a tree and circle around on the hunt for a mid-morning snack. Turning around we were greeted by the plants of a salt flat: *Batis maritima* (saltwort), *Salicornia ambigua* (perennial glasswort) and *Distichlis spicata* (saltgrass). The property is cut with man-made ditches, remnants of mosquito control, and there are some invasives, notably Brazilian pepper, in the uplands. There is also some non-native *Lantana camara*, but at least the many great southern white butterflies were making the best use of it.

Rand noted that plans include removing the Brazilian pepper and documenting a known cultural site. He added, “The biggest aspect of this purchase is protection of the Tomoka Basin and the knowledge that this unique property will always belong to the people of the State of Florida.”—*Story and photo by Paul Rebmann*

## Chapter has a beautyberry of a day at DeLeon Springs

The chapter’s March field trip included a scavenger hunt at DeLeon Springs State Park’s native plant section, where Park Ranger Jeff Kneisley introduced us to many natives we may want to try in our own gardens such as *Conradina grandiflora*, largeflower false rosemary. We also observed lubber grasshoppers in their early stage as they munched on a coontie, *Zamia integrifolia*. Along the nature trail, we were treated to many interesting species. The wetness of the area allowed us to discover Lizard’s tail, *Saururus cernuus*, and green dragon, *Arisaema dracontium*. After lunch at the picnic tables, we celebrated Sonya Guidry’s St. Patrick’s Day birthday with cupcakes.—*Sande Habali (photo by Sonya Guidry)*



## Petal Pushers offer socially distanced plant sales

Our propagation group has been very successful. In lieu of the canceled events this spring, growers still have many plants on hand ready to share with members, and friends and family of members. On the next page of the newsletter is a list of plants each grower has. Of course the list may change as people purchase plants. The names, phone numbers and emails of the growers are listed below. You may contact them with your choices, and a price will be agreed on between the grower and customer. Most 4-inch pots will be about \$3, but some plants are more unusual or take longer to grow, or the plants may be bigger, and may be priced higher. The grower will place the plants in an agreed upon place in her yard. The buyer will pick up the plants and send a check to: FNPS Pawpaw Chapter, P.O. Box 250516, Holly Hill, FL 32125.—*Sonya Guidry*

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Plant Sale Plants							
		Sonya	Karen	Cathy	Dot	Sandy	Carol
<b>Trees</b>							
Loblolly Pine			1				
Red Buck eye	Asculus pavia	1	1		1		
Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	5			1		
Red Mulberry	Morus rubra	2					
Southern Magnolia			1				
Wild Cherry	Punus serotina	1					
<b>Shrubs, Small seedlings</b>		Sonya	Karen	Cathy	Dot	Sandy	Carol
Beautyberry	Callicarpa americana	5			2	2	
Bird pepper	Capsicum annum var. glabriusculum	1	24		3		
Blue porterweed	Stachytarpheta jamaicancis	1			4	2	
Dotted Horsemint	Monarda punctata	6	4				
Elderberry	Sambucus nivea ssp canadensis						
Firebush	Hamelia patens	1	3			2	
Giant Ironweed	Vernonia gigantea	4					
Necklacepod	Sophora tomentosa					3	
Oak Leaf Hydrangea			1				
Prarie Hibiscus			4				
Rouge plant	Rivina humilis	3	1				
Scarlet Hibiscus			8				
Scorpion Tail	Heliotropum aniospermum	4			1	6	
Simpsons stopper	Myrcianthes fragrans	1			1		
Varnish Leaf	Dodonaea viscosa					1	
White Crown Beard	Verbesina virginia	2					
White plumbago	Plumbago zeylanica	1					
Wild Coffee	Psychotria nervosa	11			1		
Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria						
Yellow Anise	Illicium parviflorum	1					
<b>Wildflowers and vines</b>		Sonya	Karen	Cathy	Dot	Sandy	Carol
Atamasco Lily	Zephyranthes atamasca	1			1		

## Chapter meetings and speakers

April 13: Valerie Anderson, FNPS communications coordinator, **ONLINE**  
 May 11: Linda Wilinski, Florida nature photographer  
 June 8: Nash Turley, UCF ecologist, on Lawn to Wildflowers  
 July 13: Jenny Nazak, sustainability educator, on Soil 101  
 Aug. 10: Linda Walters of UCF on Tomoka State Park restoration

## Upcoming field trips, events

April 18: Mala Compa Trail, **CANCELED**  
 April 20: Park of Honor work day, **CANCELED**  
 May 9: Hickory Bluff Preserve, Osteen  
 May 14–17: FNPS annual conference, Jacksonville, **CANCELED**  
 May 18: Park of Honor work day  
 June 13: Haw Creek Preserve State Park, Seville  
 July 19: Black Point Wildlife Drive, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

# Everything You Need to Know About GoTo

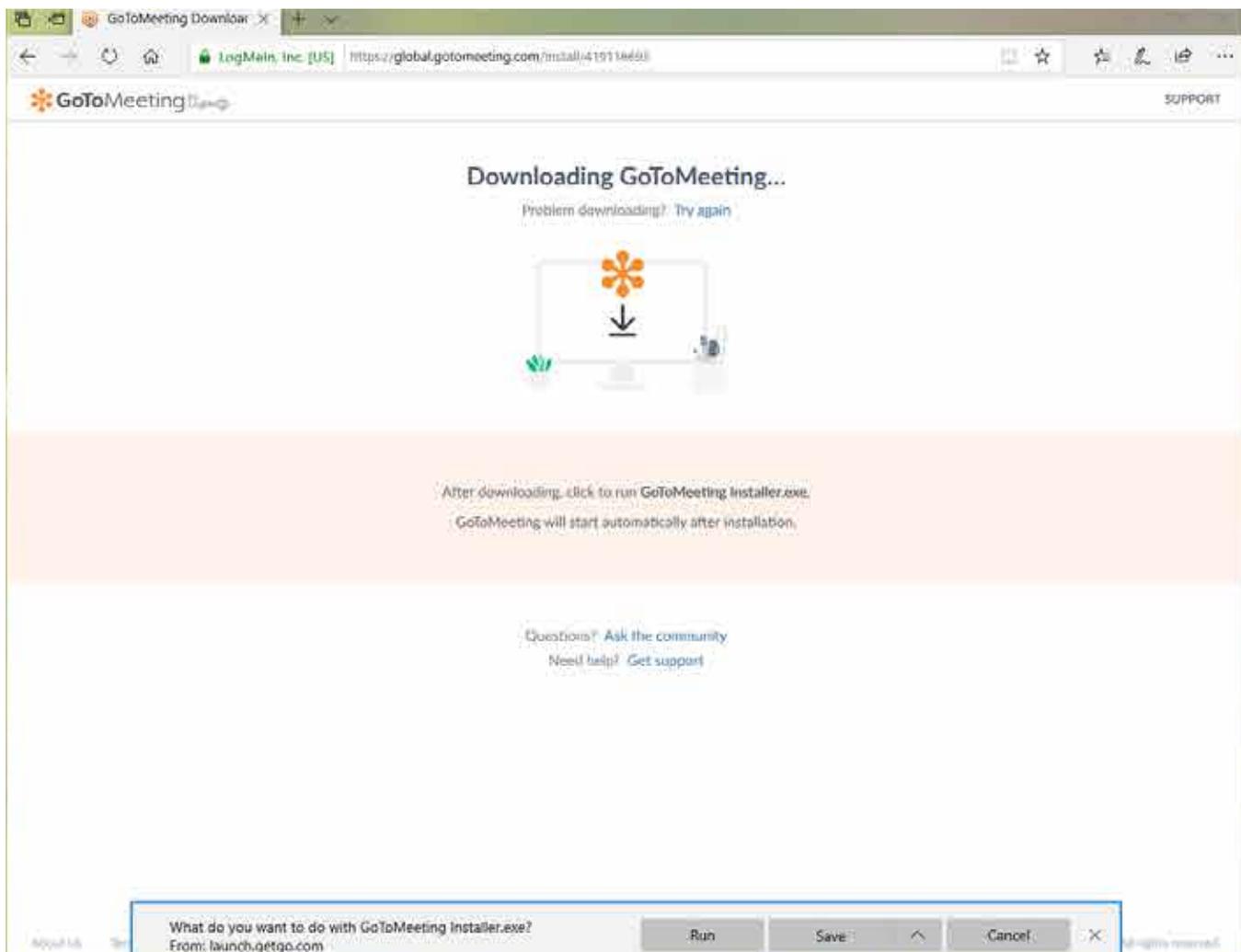
First of all, do not fear. GoToMeeting is made for you. It definitely works on your computer. You can even do it on your phone – which will work better if you have one of those little kickstands or you don't mind holding your phone up for an hour. The same is true for your tablet, if you have one – yes both iPad and Android. If you have all three you can try it on all three as a backup plan, or so you can join the meeting thrice, your call.

Let's get this bad boy installed on your computer real quick so you don't have to do it before the meeting starts. Don't get excited just yet, there's no meeting to join so nothing fun is going to happen at this point. Click this link -> <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/419116693>

Now, I know you might be using any number of different web browsers, and I don't mind, I can post screenshots of what it'll look like on all of them. I'll even include the browser logos in case you're not familiar with the name of the browser you use. Skip down to the browser you recognize – Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Chrome

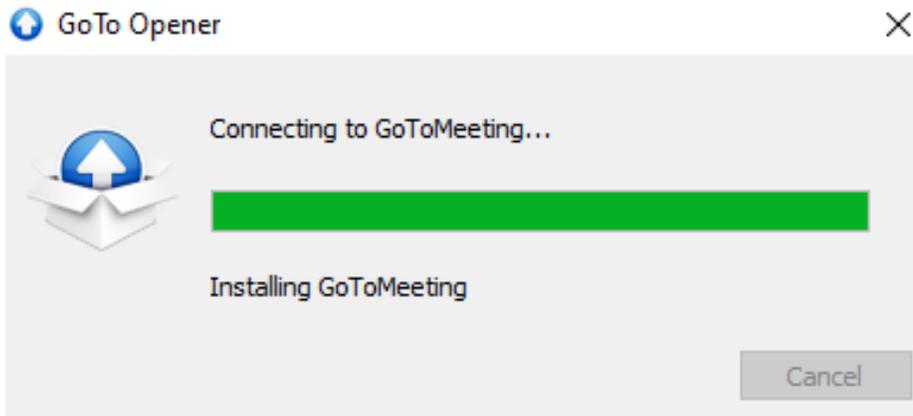


## Microsoft Edge

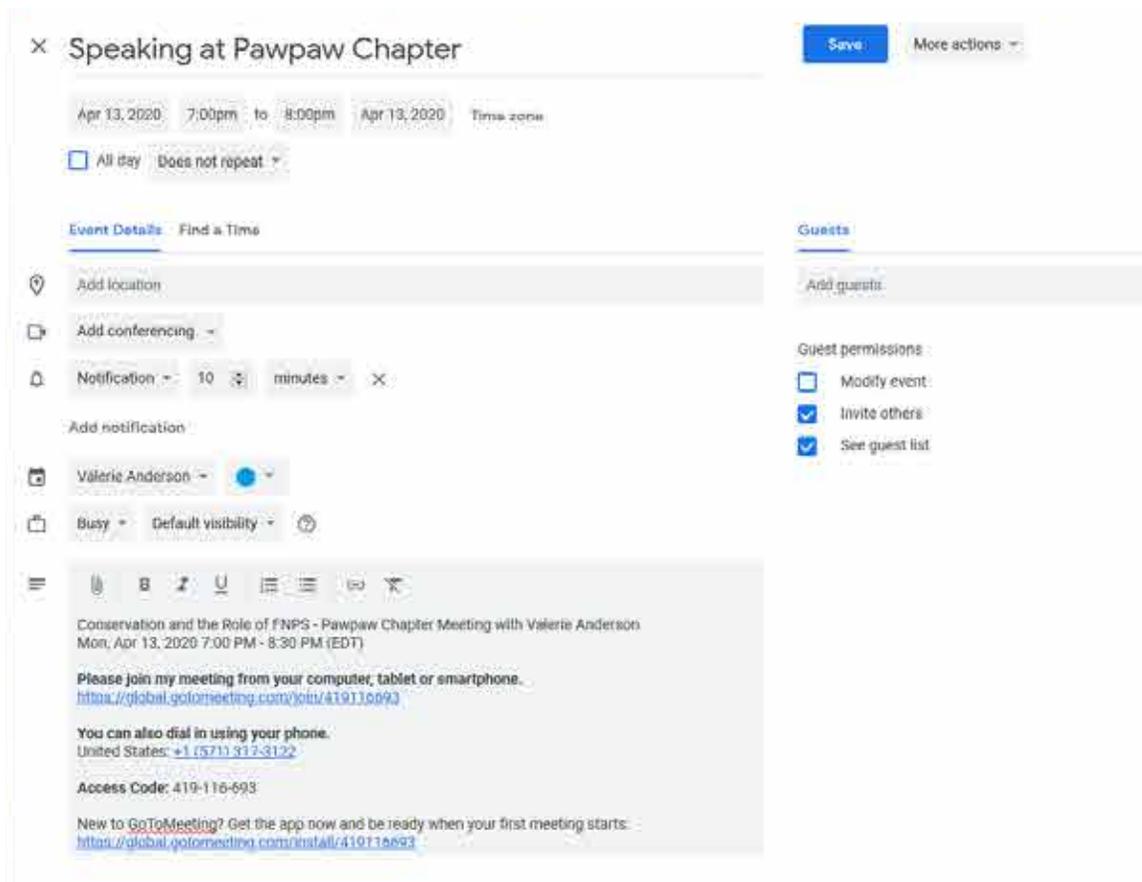


See that grey bar at the bottom? Ignore it at your peril. If you don't tell Edge that you want to run GoToMeeting, literally nothing is going to happen and you clicked that link above for no reason.

So, you're going to want to click 'Run' and a new window with a status bar will come up



This is good. It's installing the GoToMeeting software now. When it's done, a new window will pop up inviting you to start a meeting or join a meeting. Now is not the time. Now would be a good time to find that join or meeting link that was emailed to you or is on the Facebook or Teamup event or in the newspaper. I like to put that link somewhere super easy to find in case I panic right before the meeting – my Google Calendar event for the meeting is one such place.

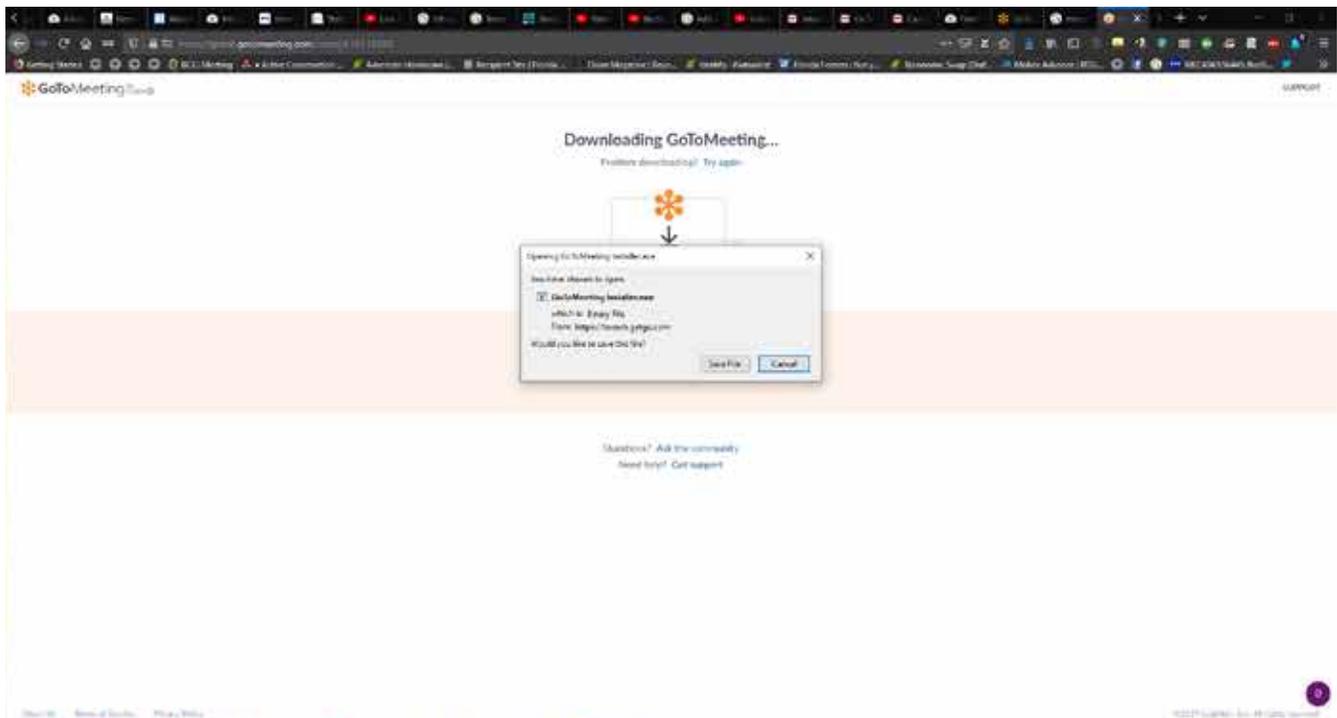


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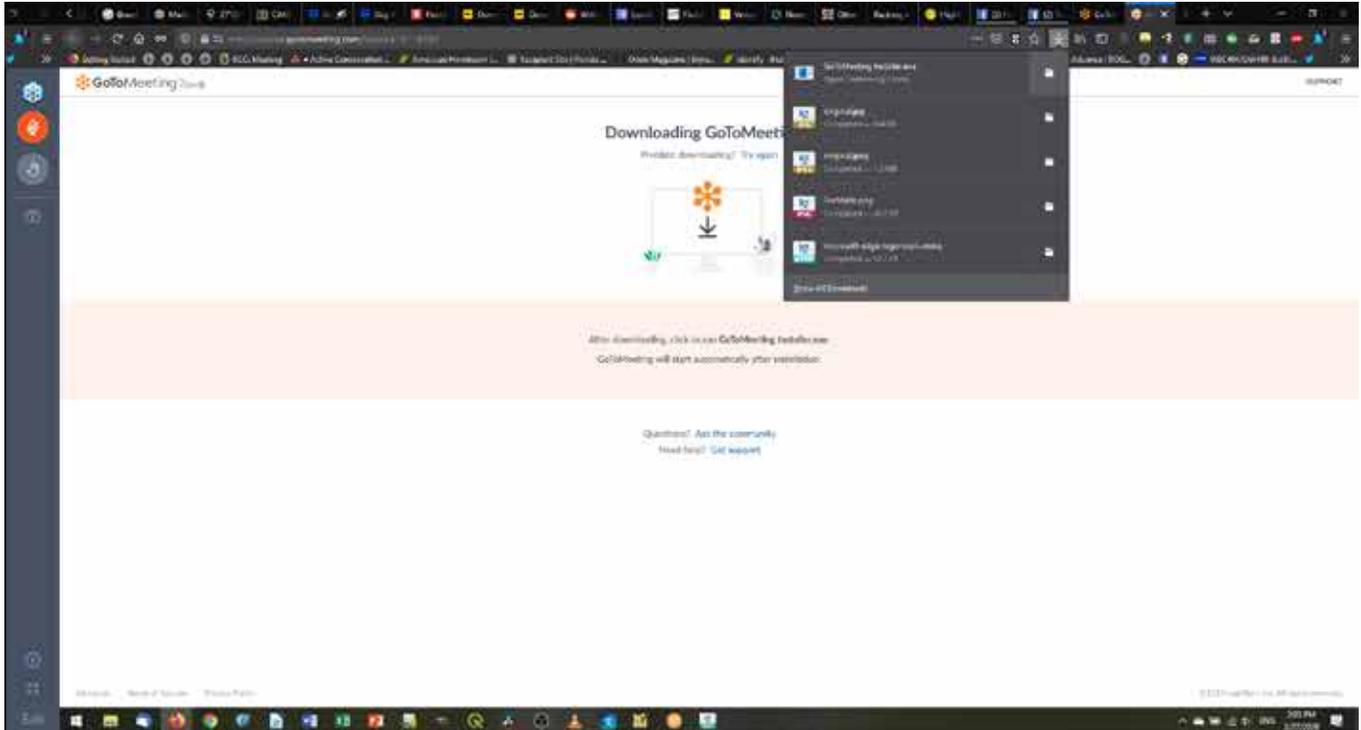
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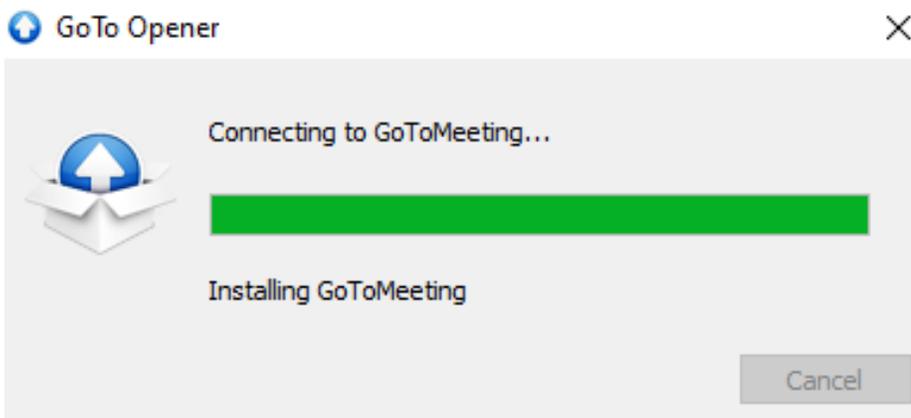
This is my favorite browser. Unfortunately, there's a few more steps to git'er done than in Edge.



So here you get a popup, and you have to save the program somewhere (Downloads is fine). Then you have to go back up to your downloads (should be highlighted in a pretty blue color), click it, and then click the GoToMeeting Installer.exe.



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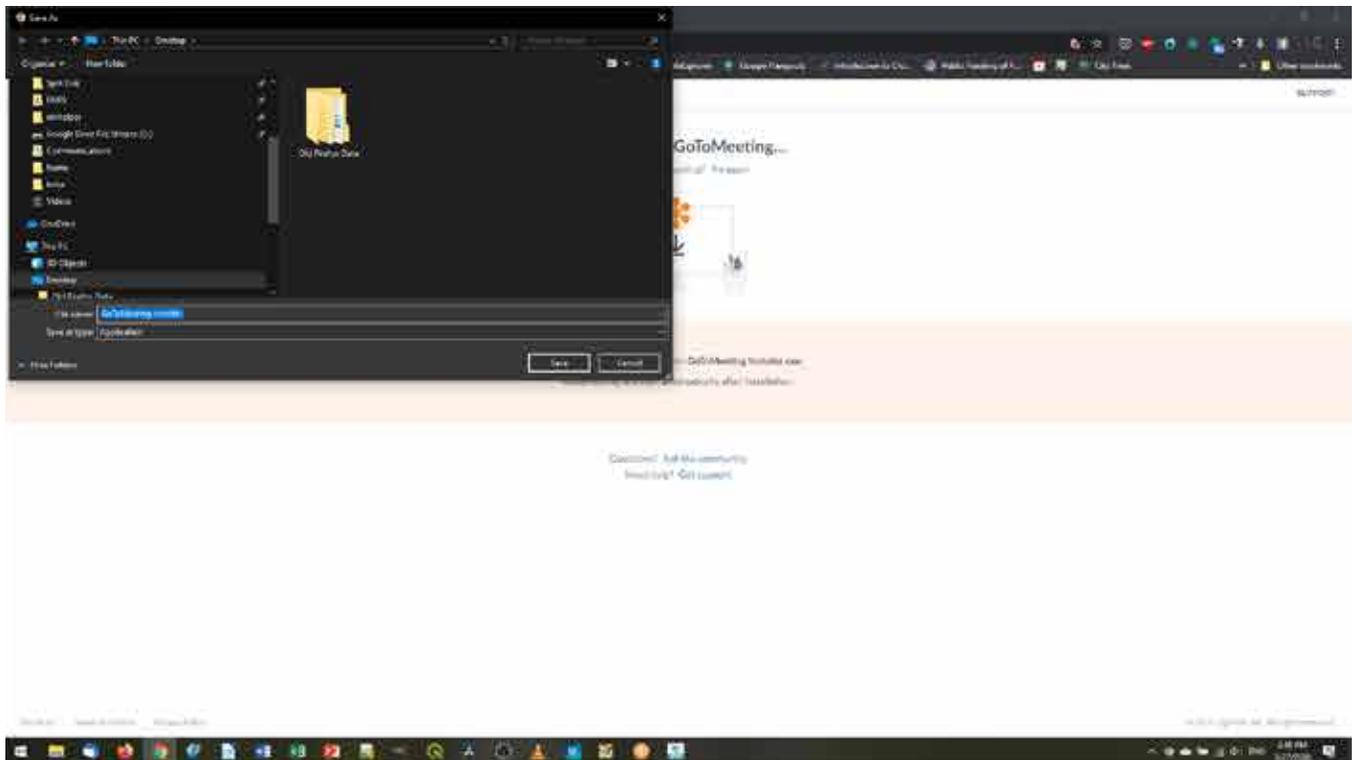
The screenshot shows a Google Meet event creation interface. At the top, the event title is "Speaking at Pawpaw Chapter". The date and time are set to "Apr 13, 2020" from "7:00pm" to "8:00pm" in the "Time zone". There is a "Save" button and a "More actions" dropdown menu. Below the date and time, there is a checkbox for "All day" and a dropdown for "Does not repeat". The "Event Details" section includes fields for "Add location", "Add conferencing", "Notification" (set to 10 minutes), "Add notification", "Valerie Anderson" (with a blue profile picture), "Busy" status, and "Default visibility". The "Guests" section has an "Add guests" field and "Guest permissions" with checkboxes for "Modify event" (unchecked), "Invite others" (checked), and "See guest list" (checked). A preview of the meeting invitation is shown at the bottom, including the title "Conservation and the Role of FNPS - Pawpaw Chapter Meeting with Valerie Anderson", the date and time, a link to join the meeting (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/419116693>), a dial-in number for the United States (+1 757 113 3122), an access code (419-116-693), and a link to the GoToMeeting app (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/419116693>).

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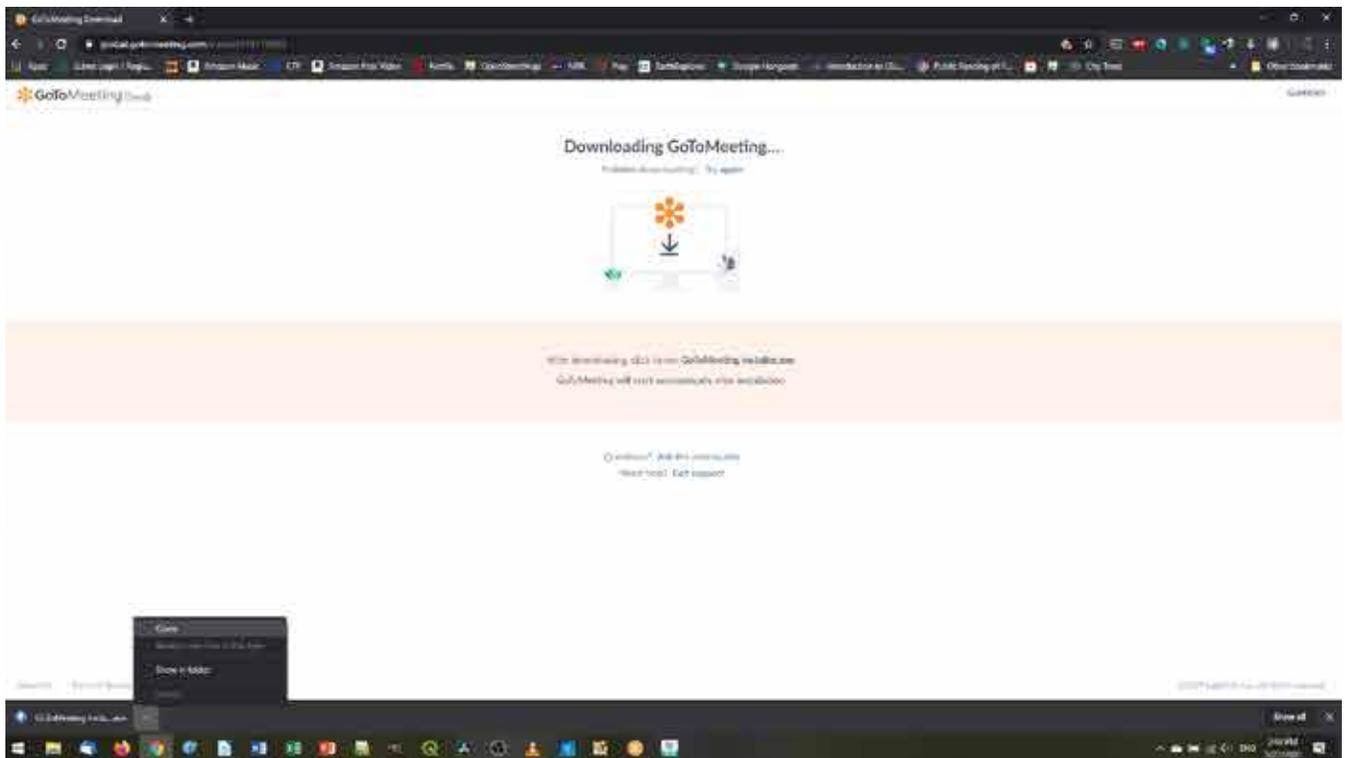
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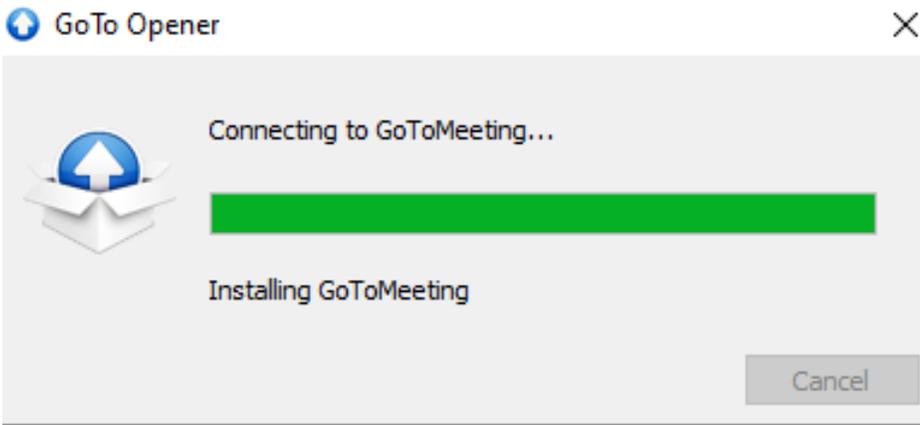
Now, Chrome makes it nice and easy – you just enter the web address and you get to save the installer somewhere – Downloads or Documents is fine. Hit Save.



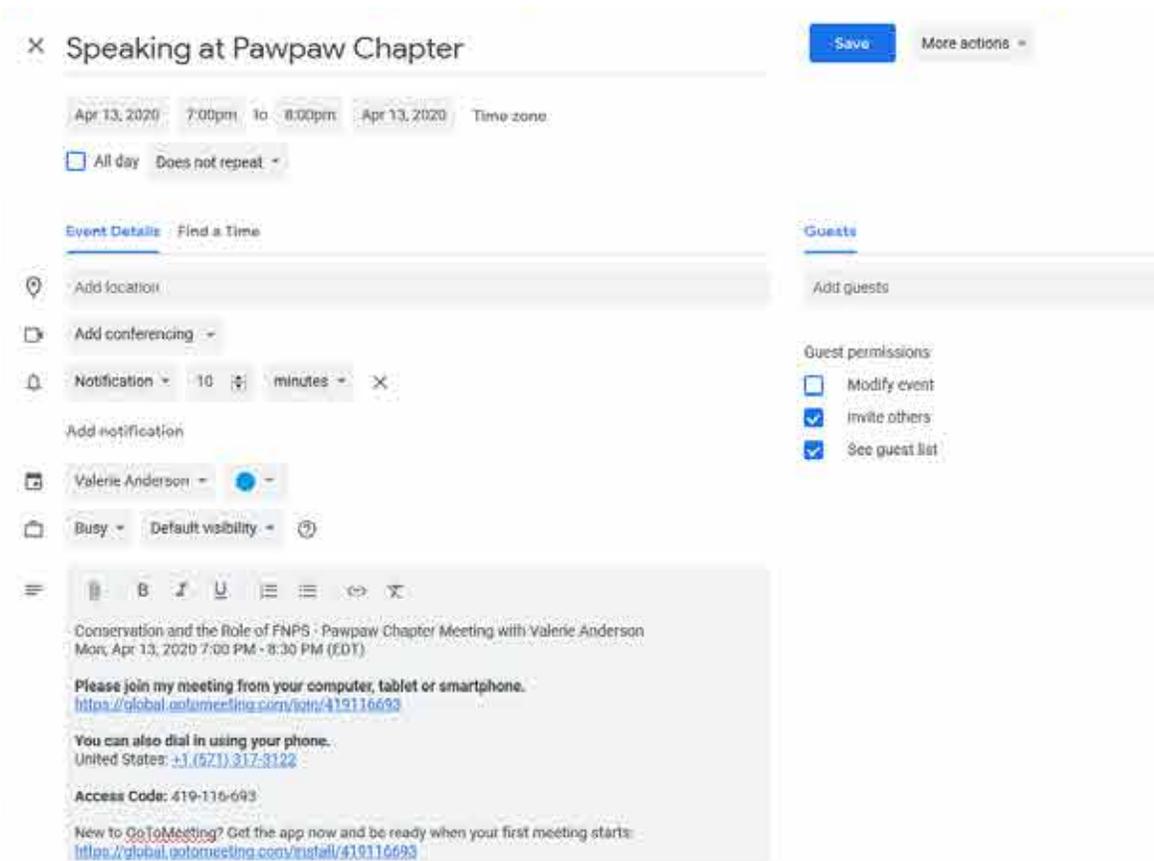
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## **Meeting Time**

Go find your link. Got any headphones? Nice speakers? Plug them in. Do you want to be heard in the meeting? Now's the time to check to see if you have a microphone or to dig out that webcam and make sure it's plugged in. Two to five minutes before the meeting's supposed to start, click your link and get in that meeting. You should be able to see a little mic/video check as you get on. If you don't have a mic/camera connected then you won't see anything.

**“See” you all on April 13!**