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March Meeting

The Importance of Being Outdoors

Charley Amos

Wednesday, March 4, 7 pm
Fielder House Museum



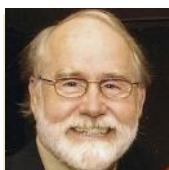
Many of us already know Charley and his passion for nature. For those who don't, here's how he describes himself:

I'm a 2015 graduate of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. I've been birding for almost 30 years and have always spent time in nature.

I'm a two-time past president of Fort Worth Audubon Society, and I have led birding trips all over the state. Despite birding trips to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Europe, and Canada, my favorite destination is Big Bend National Park.

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From the President

Dick Schoech

Getting More Volunteers

In Texas, March is a month where a lot of environmental work needs to get done, mostly by volunteers. Involving volunteers in environmental and sustainability activities is sometimes compared to herding cats. You can't make either cats or volunteers do anything they don't want to do. But if you create an environment they like, they will keep you company as long as you want. This is especially true of older volunteers whose free time is scarce given commitments to family, friends, and health issues. Those managing volunteers often fall back on traditional business practices where money for working is a motivating force. While volunteer situations usually involve a lot of work needing to get done, money for work is not an option. The trick is to treat volunteers as special guests rather than as paid workers. Below is advice I found on the web and from talking to our own great volunteer magnet, Molly Hollar. As you can see from my findings below, most volunteer management skills are basic human relationship skills.

Know your volunteers' passions

It's important to know what your volunteers are passionate about and their reason for volunteering. For some volunteers, the motive is to receive praise and appreciation, especially from those at the top of an organization or those with celebrity status. Others may volunteer for the personal reward of seeing a task accomplished. Still others volunteer to learn new things or make new friends. For new retirees, volunteering may be a way of adjusting to retirement. That is, they need something meaningful to do that requires mental or physical exercise rather than sitting at home with nothing to do. Many people volunteer to get out into nature, which research shows improves mental health and overall well-being. One survey found the two most commonly cited reasons for volunteering were "the desire to feel valued and useful" and "the desire to feel vital and physically active".¹

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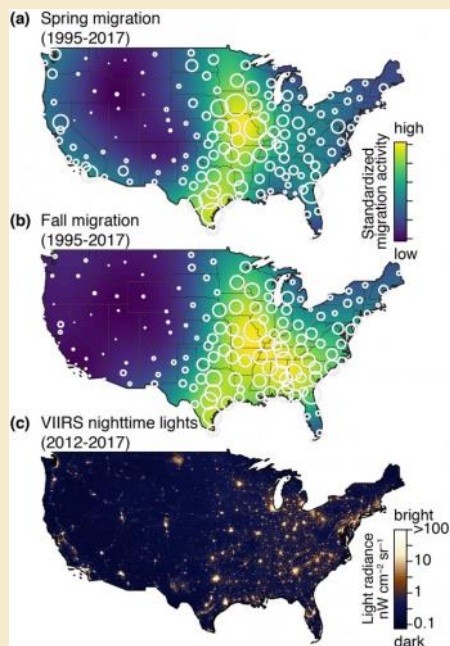
Bits & Pieces

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Most dangerous bird cities

From the Cornell Chronicle website: An estimated 600 million birds die from building collisions every year, and our area is among the worst during both spring and fall migration. The reasons are light pollution and geography. Learn more [here](#).

Early crane flies?

Seems like crane flies are coming out early this year, or is it just that pesky global warming? No easy answers on the Internet, but here's something that would be very odd in the editor's house: "Crane fly in your home? Dial Joe Bob's Pest Control!" (Made up the Joe Bob part, but you know the adults lack mouth parts and they live about three minutes. No crane fly panic in the editor's house.)



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Question Corner Grace Darling

Q: I have installed low-flush toilets, flow-control shower valves, take 10-min showers, shut off water when brushing my teeth, run dishwasher only when full and in eco cycle, etc., but my water bill is still too high for my budget. What else can I do?

A: Arlington's Water Utilities (AWU) rates went into effect in January 2019 but remain among the lowest in North Texas. The increase for the average residential customer was about 7 cents per day, or about \$2.28 a month, and includes the cost of water, sanitary (trash and recycling pickup), and sewer. To track your water usage over time in relation to average temperature and precipitation, go to Know Your H2O and create an account, <https://waterbilling.arlingontx.gov/app/login.jsp>. You

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H*ave something for everyone to do that meets their needs*

Try to have some way that both the highly skilled volunteers and those with limitations can do things that give them a sense of accomplishment. For example, a difficult task such as pulling privet may attract only the hardest volunteers, but less hardy volunteers may conclude that they cannot work that hard and will not come back. Molly suggested always dividing volunteer work into several levels of difficulty. Heartier volunteers could remove bigger privet plants with clippers, shovel, etc., while less hardy volunteers could pull newly sprouted privet or drag removed privet to piles for later pickup.

O*nly use the skills and expertise of volunteers when it meets their needs*

Everyone has skills and expertise in many areas. Knowing the skills and expertise of your volunteers can help you make their time with you a more satisfying experience. If your volunteer is motivated by learning new things, then having them do things which they already know how to do may feel more

like work than a learning opportunity. For some people, working with people different from themselves in age, status, or ethnicity may make their volunteer experience more meaningful. However, for others, avoiding differences and working with people like themselves is more rewarding. Some volunteers are rewarded by camaraderie or being part of a group, so working with a buddy or on small, friendly teams could be very rewarding. Other volunteers may prefer to work alone, so if you assign them to work with others, you may quickly lose them to a less social volunteer opportunity.

A*lways go for the Win-Win route*

Having the volunteer experience feel like a win to both the volunteer and the organization hosting the volunteer is always preferred to lose-win or win-lose situations, and lose-lose is obviously a disaster. There are variations of feeling like volunteering is either a win or lose, but the principle remains that when both volunteers and the recipient organization both have needs met, the likelihood of more volunteer activity increases. While the concept of

win-win is easy to understand, it is hard to practice as the following list of volunteerism advices illustrates.

- For some people, the term volunteer refers to someone with low status. Other terms can be more volunteer-friendly so have your volunteers suggest the term they like to be called.
- Always be well prepared for volunteers before they arrive. Warmly welcome volunteers by name if possible. Show interest in who they are.
- Value volunteers' time and never waste it. Not having enough for volunteers to do can suggest that you do not respect their time and expertise.
- Asking volunteers to do something they are not trained to do can drive them away unless they are seeking new challenges.
- Molly suggested pairing your witty and fun volunteers with new cautious or shy volunteers to make the new ones quickly see themselves as part of a team.
- Work alongside your volunteers so you understand them and their work better.

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- Provide feedback on what the volunteer effort means to a project even if success is not obvious.
- Have short celebrations to recognize volunteer efforts publicly and consider rewarding volunteers with a small gift such as a T-shirt, gift card, or entertainment ticket.
- Seek feedback and suggestions that volunteers may have about ways to improve their volunteer experience.
- Keep in mind that the volunteer recruiter/coord-

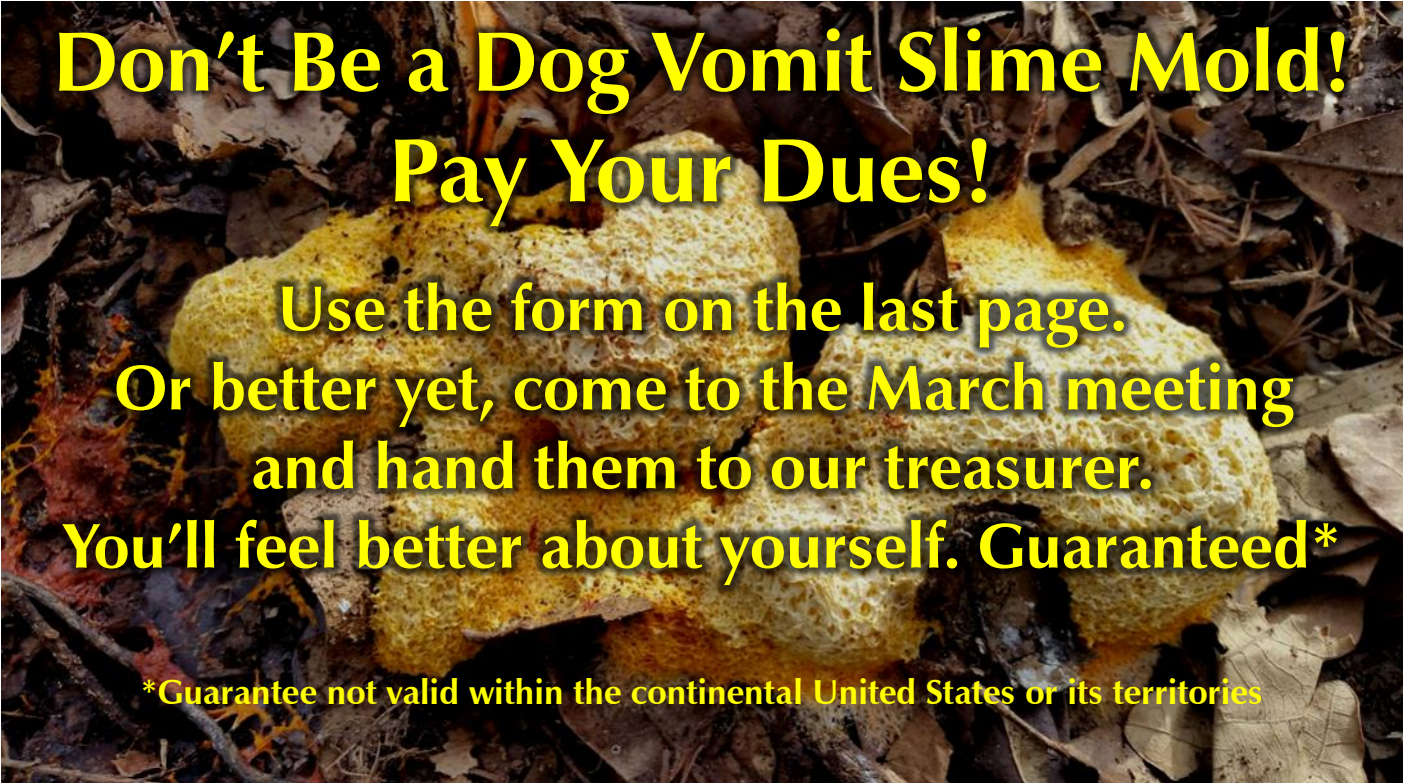
inator/manager role is more difficult than managing paid employees. However, the volunteer manager position is usually the least paid and given to the least experienced person in an organization.

Conclusion
The volunteer advice above seems to be common sense, so why is it often not followed? One reason is that when someone is touting common sense, they typically mean “what’s common to me makes

sense.” Rather, volunteer managers should view common sense as what emerges from the contributions of all volunteers working together. While the skills needed to work with volunteers are hard to practice, once they become a habit, they pay off handsomely.

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More Bits

Thanks to Our Last Speaker

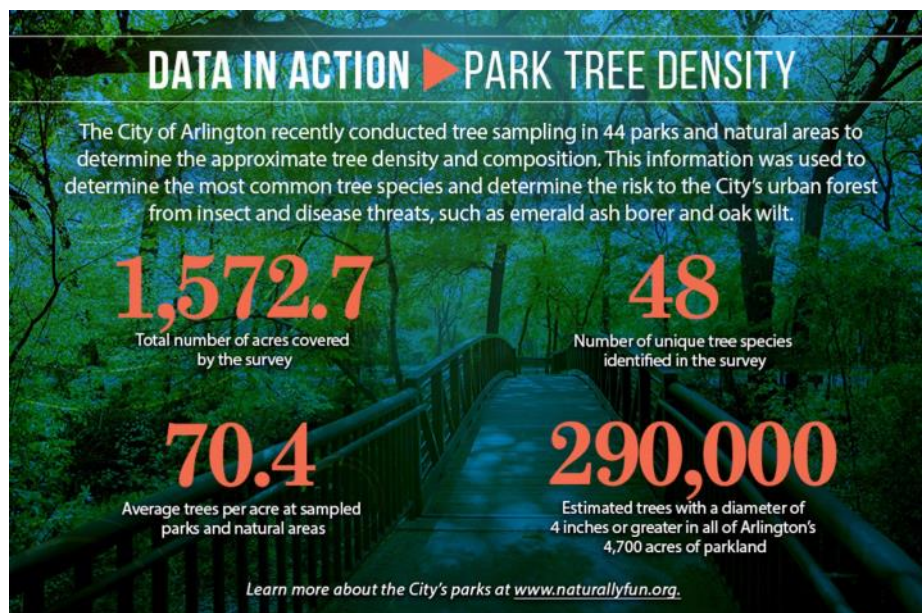


Dr Ignacio Nuñez, left, with ACC President Dick Schoech

Our February meeting featured Dr Ignacio Nuñez, Arlington City Council Member from District 5. His intended topic was “Erosion mitigation and more,” but Dr Nuñez very quickly received so many questions on so many topics that his main message evolved into lessons on working effectively with city government.

We learned the importance of approaching council members, in our case particularly those serving on the Environmental Task Force, with clear, organized requests. We also learned that Dr Nuñez was enthusiastic and well informed on issues that we in the environmental community are concerned about. We’re grateful to him for his talk, and for his interest in our concerns.

New Data on Arlington’s Urban Forest



From [MyArlingtonTX, February 7](#): Last summer, the City conducted tree sampling in 44 of the 99 parks to determine and analyze tree density and the composition. The research found that 95 percent of the estimated 110,740 trees in the sampled parks were native trees, and that the three most common trees are sugarberry, post oak and cedar elm. You can read much more about this [here](#).

Charge!

Sign of the times: a charging station for electric cars at a UTA parking lot. Now if only that lot were covered with solar panels, we'd be in business.



Mealworm Pizza



Your ACC president wants us to know that in March 2018, Google served mealworm pizza to its employees in Zurich, Switzerland. PoACC is a serious person, so this is probably related to insects as our future protein source.

More Bad Air from Midlothian Cement Kilns?



Here's a press release and an update from a new group fighting an old fight, the one we once associated with Downwinders at Risk. Why should we care? Much of the time Arlington's downwind and we're breathing whatever those big cement plants are putting out.

Local Moms Oppose Cement Plant's Plan to Dramatically Increase Air Pollution

LafargeHolcim Midlothian plant is already one of the most polluting plants in Texas

Midlothian, TX, January 27

— Midlothian Breathe, a group of ordinary moms seeking clean air for their children, announced today it will actively oppose the approval of LafargeHolcim's permit to dramatically increase its output of carbon monoxide, particulate matter (PM) and other pollutants into our air.

The Swiss-based conglomerate owns the most polluting plant in Texas for PM 2.5 situated in Midlothian and has applied to increase production and burn 100% petroleum coke. The Texas Council on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is on track to approve the permit

request without first requiring test burns to validate emissions against industry claims.

"We are organizing the citizens of Midlothian to stand up to Lafarge-Holcim and prevent the company from increasing the hazard to our children and our families," says Abigail Slye, a member of Midlothian Breathe. "We ask everyone to join us in person or online at the city council meeting on 1/28/2020 where we will present our action plan to oppose the permit in its current form," she adds.

Burning 100% petroleum coke will result in adding over 2500 tons per year of carbon monoxide to the air residents breathe and triple the release of dangerous particulate matter (PM) 2.5. PM 2.5 emissions are associated with immediate adverse health effects, such as exacerbation of mental health and respiratory

conditions and long-term effects such as birth defects, pregnancy loss, dementia, cancer, asthma, autism, and cardiovascular disease.

"While the Swiss company claims it is at the forefront of the low carbon transition and is planning on installing carbon capture technology at a similar plant in Colorado, its permit request for the Midlothian plant proves it values profit over the health of this area's most vulnerable population — children and seniors," says Slye.

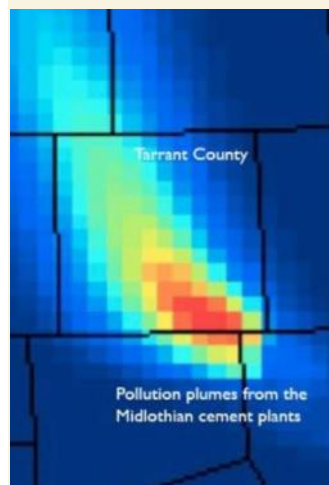
The group has spent months seeking information on air quality issues and presenting that information to all elected officials.

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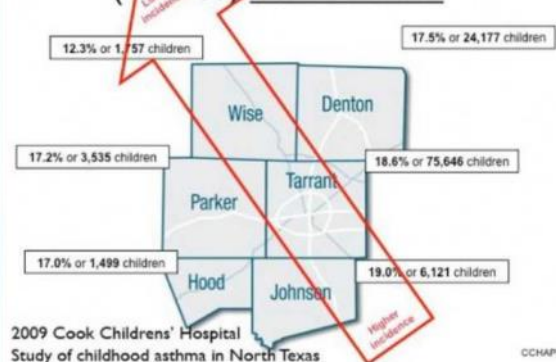
www.midlothianbreathe.org

and follow the Midlothian Breathe Facebook group for additional

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County community: 110,867 children
(18.1%) with asthma



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information and ways to help. For more data on the plant's pollution, visit [Midlothian Breathe Cement Plant Files](#)

Update:

We made several requests of the City Council at the 1/28/20 Council meeting, one being that we would like them to match our funds, \$3,000, to hire Dr. Ron Sahu as an expert to review the permit. We got no response from the meeting or the days following. An article was published on 2/15/20 in the Fort Worth Star Telegram about Midlothian Breathe. The City Manager of Midlothian, Chris Dick, gave a comment to newspaper that read, "We don't have any jurisdiction over that permit," Dick said. "Midlothian has already been heavily tested for decades, and every time they've concluded we are in compliance with EPA and state standards." He also told the newspaper, "Midlothian city manager Chris Dick told the Star-Telegram the city is not interested in meeting with the group or partnering with it for an independent study."

Since the City of Midlothian has refused to partner with us, we have decided to take a "leap of faith" and hire Dr. Ron Sahu to do the expert review in the hopes that our citizens will help us raise the remaining funds needed by donating to our Go Fund Me campaign, link below.

[Go Fund Me for Midlothian](#)

Still More Bits



Randol Mill Park

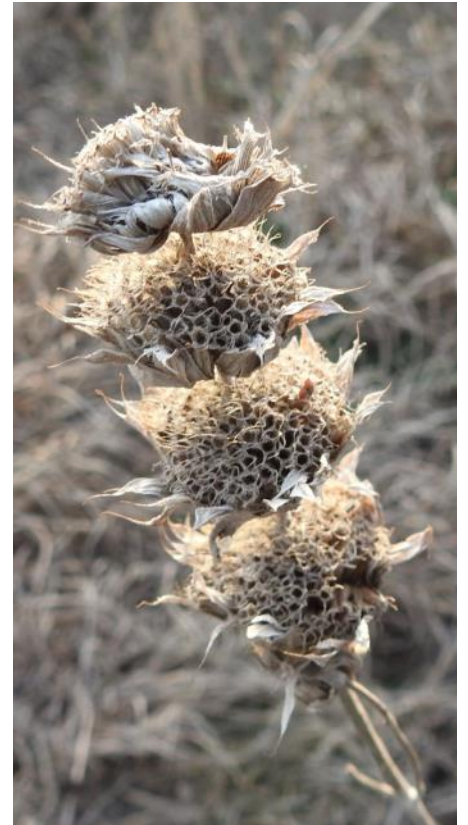
From Carol Marcotte: The park is getting a new parking lot to service Doug Inman Miracle League Field. It will contain 17 van-accessible spaces with a total of 43 spaces for players and their families. The lot should be finished by early spring 2020.

Miracle League is a free program for special needs kids and their families. Kids are paired with buddies who help them on the field.



Every Bottle Back

From the [Fort Worth news website](#): "DFW selected as first region to receive investments under beverage industry's new initiative." DFW will get \$3 million to increase bottle recycling, but there's one huge question. Every bottle should be clean and dry, so what happens to all those wet, sometimes sticky bottles tossed in recycling bins?



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can set up alerts to warn you of excessive, unexpected spikes in water consumption that may signal a broken pipe or hidden leak. You can also try to conserve B:water in the winter, when AWU uses water billing from December through March to C:establish each residential customer's maximum sewer charge for the following fiscal year. For example, saving 3,000 gallons on your sewer charges can result in \$14.25 in monthly savings for the next 12 months. But consider this: Outdoor watering accounts for most water use in DFW during the warm months. In fact, a recently released report shows that Region C, the

water planning region that includes North Texas, uses far more water outdoors than any other region, a whopping 35% of Texas' total single-family outdoor water use.

Changing to a low-water landscape using native plants and DIY irrigation can make a huge difference in your water bill. More information can be found here: <https://savedallaswater.com/blog/blog-3/>, <https://plano.gov/318/Saving-Water-Outdoors>, <https://texaslivingwaters.org/water-conservation/seven-ways-texas-cities-could-reduce-outdoor-water-use/> and Mow Foes(c) on Facebook.

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As long as I recall
Every spring
On this bare spot of soil

A clump of green
Then a grand spray
Of gold blooms appears.

Other seasons
Nothing's here
But rough grass.

This February sight
Is full of joy,
Reassuring me

Life returns.

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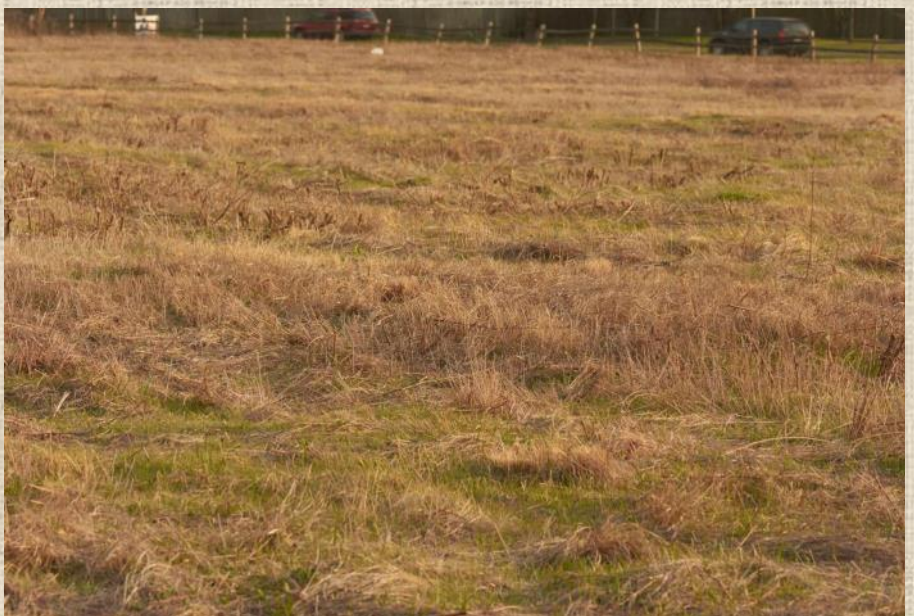
The Arlington Environmental Hall of Shame

Spotted in passing. Despite popular controversy, scientific studies haven't answered all our questions, especially about long-term effects in the soil. One of the biggest questions: Why do our urban green places have to be perfect?



Blackland Prairie Preserve

Photos by Wes Miller



Speaking of Prairies

Broadcast Hill: ~~Call to Action~~ SUCCESS!

Note: Although the land described below is in Fort Worth, its possible loss to developers is too important for us to ignore. Many of us have enjoyed the wonders of Tandy Hills Natural Area, and we can help save the land next door. Your ACC board has already voted to pledge funds for the effort, and some members have contributed, too. If you're in a position to help, please consider doing so. This is a battle that we have lost again and again in Arlington. Maybe together we can win this one.

From ACC President Dick Schoech: ACC's \$1000 pledge to support this 51-acre addition to Tandy Hills Natural Area helped persuade the city of Fort Worth according to my conversation with Don Young yesterday evening. See below.

From Don Young: I bear good news. Last night I received word from Mayor Price that the city has purchased the 51 acres on Broadcast Hill. She will be making the first public announcement at her annual State of the City address today (February 28).

Needless to say, this has been a long time coming. I'm proud of all the good things that have come out of our original campaign that began in 2004. The recent Call to Action helped deliver dozens of letters to the Mayor from many of our allies. It also inspired pledges and donations approaching \$64,000. That chunk of change was apparently the tipping point that got the city's attention.

The land is part of the Tandy Hills Greenbelt which runs between Beach Street and Oakland Boulevard south of I-30. Friends of Tandy Hills Natural Area believe that these 51 acres should be added to Tandy Hills.

The asking price for the 51 acres is \$700,000 or \$13,725 per acre. Notably, the current price is \$400K less than in 2015. This is a golden (or green) opportunity for our city to acquire and protect this unique parcel of land. We just need to persuade the city to act before commercial interests snap it up.



Wildscape Update Marylee Thomason

Gailon Hardin presented the first Saturday mini-class on propagating plants. From four - to six-inch cutting (“not too woody”) to well-rooted plant ready for the garden, all was revealed.

“I am distributing free of charge all my years of learning how to grow” an extensive list of plants, she told the gang, making everything sound easy and inexpensive. And here was a list of dates when each plant was started, when it was moved to a larger pot and at what size. “It is very important to keep records,” she admonished.

Seeds and cuttings start in a mist bench, a cement mixing tub from Lowe’s. A frame can be made with 10 cinder blocks and an old sheet stretched over the top. The system is rigged with PVC pipe, a water source and timer, and it mists once a day in the summer. The medium is equal parts vermiculite and perlite.

Eric Strickland immediately wondered how she knew it was



a “medium” and not a “small.” When she showed the dinner fork that she uses to lift tender plants, Joe Martinez asked if she was sure it wasn’t a “shrimp fork.” Gentle heckling it was, but Gailon was not fazed by it, nor from the observation that Jane Oosterhuis was competition for her “most detailed person” crown.

Gailon peppered her talk with the story of her father picking chili pequin with his bare hands so she would make him some pepper sauce every year for seven years until his death. Every year he found it was a spicy mistake! Fond memories.

“All you need is patience and a watchful eye,” she reassured, and she left us with a tip: Fertilize with phosphate six weeks before expected bloom.

Good luck, everyone!

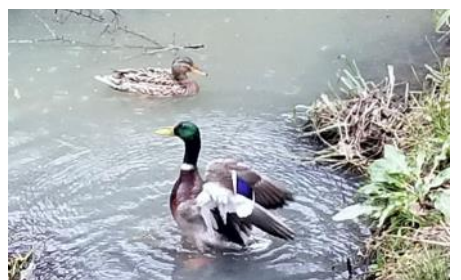
Wildscape Bits

from Carol Marcotte

The triangular Butterfly Garden kiosk was topped off with the planned cedar roof on February 19 and is now very handsome. The roof was installed on a cold and rainy day, but the troops were out! We planted prairie phlox along the main drag.



We have two new residents, a pair of mallards in the creek near the “No Horse Bridge.” Did you know that a hen will lay around 10 eggs? Come see them for yourself.



Southwest Nature Preserve Annabelle Corboy, Jan Miller

Friends of SWNP Events & Programs

Friends of SWNP events and programs are free and open to the public.

For more information about Southwest Nature Preserve and to sign up for email updates, see www.swnp.org or e-mail info@swnp.org.

Tuesday, March 17

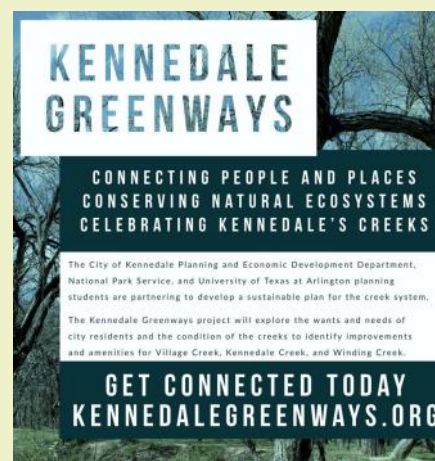
Friends of SWNP Meeting and Program

7 pm

Community Room at Arlington Police Department's West Service Station

2060 W Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington, 76013

Meghan Riddlespurger, Planner at the City of Kennedale, will bring us an overview and update on Kennedale's Greenways Project. The City of Kennedale, in partnership with National Park Service and the University of Texas at Arlington City Planning Program, is developing a plan to improve Kennedale's creek system through erosion management, trails, and linear parks. This project serves Kennedale and its surrounding communities through improved connections, better access to nature, ecological preservation, and erosion management.



Thursday, March 12

Spring Break Birding Class

Southwest Nature Preserve

Check our website or Facebook page for start time.

Jim Frisinger and Walter Berk will lead a class on beginning birding, designed for students during Arlington's Spring Break.



Saturday, April 4

Birdsong Walk

Southwest Nature Preserve

Check our website or Facebook page for start time.

Jim Frisinger and Caleb Hinojosa will lead a walk along SWNP's trails, listening for calling birds and noting the characteristics that help us identify the birds' calls and songs.

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Our Great Backyard Bird Count: One of the Best

On February 15, 2020, the Friends of Southwest Nature Preserve (SWNP) hosted an event for the 2020 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) that was organized and led by Jim Frisinger. We had a record turnout of people counting (14) and birds counted (274). We also observed two first-time species: Killdeer and Blue-winged Teal, both identified by Caleb Hinojosa.

We divided ourselves into three groups so our bird counts would reflect some of the diversity of the SWNP. One group birded at the Big Pond, another at the meadow area on the north side of the preserve, and the third group checked out the newly designated bird habitat site, a wooded area with a creek running through it.

The 40 species we identified were not quite a record, but the number was in line with other days when the start time temperature was at 40 degrees (slightly chillier than average for this time of year). The first GBBC at SWNP was in 2007 before the area was formally a preserve. That year, there were four counters and 38 species counted. The most species counted was 46 in 2017.

Blue-winged Teal: 1
Northern Shoveler: 16
Gadwall: 17
American Wigeon: 1
Mallard: 17
Lesser Scaup: 1
Bufflehead: 2
Pied-billed Grebe: 2
White-winged Dove: 5
Mourning Dove: 7
Double-crested Cormorant: 6
Great Blue Heron: 1
Great Egret: 1
Black Vulture: 4
Turkey Vulture: 3
Red-shouldered Hawk: 2
Red-tailed Hawk: 3
Killdeer: 1
Belted Kingfisher: 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker: 4
Downy Woodpecker: 2
Blue Jay: 13
American Crow: 11
Carolina Chickadee: 31
Tufted Titmouse: 3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2
Carolina Wren: 5
Bewick's Wren: 3
Northern Mockingbird: 10
Eastern Bluebird: 9
American Robin: 10
House Finch: 4
American Goldfinch: 4
Field Sparrow: 6
Dark-eyed Junco: 18
Song Sparrow: 3
Great-tailed Grackle: 8
Orange-crowned Warbler: 2
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 6
Northern Cardinal: 29

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Eastern bluebird, photo by Robb Ramos



Lesser scaup, photo by Jim Frisinger



Red-shouldered hawk

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City Nature Challenge 2020 at SWNP



In support of the City Nature Challenge 2020, the Friends of Southwest Nature Preserve will host two walks on Saturday, April 25. Those participating will be part of the naturalists, citizen scientists, and outdoors enthusiasts in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, observing wildlife and posting our photos on iNaturalist. Thousands of people from across the globe will get outside to look for nature in their cities!



Take a walk with us and look for harmless reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates and see how these animals live in the Eastern Cross Timbers woodlands at Southwest Nature Preserve and elsewhere.

One walk will be in late afternoon and another at sunset when we will listen for frog calls and watch for these fascinating animals. The preserve is home to a number of frog species, several turtles, a few harmless snake species, and a few kinds of lizards. The number of spiders, dragonflies, and other invertebrates is very high, and we will be looking



to capture all of them with our cameras, to add to our knowledge of the wildlife of the preserve.

The walks will happen on Saturday, April 25. The first will start at 4 pm and the second around 7:30 pm.

Michael Smith will be our chief naturalist. Michael is a naturalist

and writer living in North Texas. He has a lifelong interest in herpetology, and he co-authored *Herping Texas: The Quest for Reptiles and Amphibians* (with Clint King, Texas A&M University Press, 2018). A second book is expected this spring. Michael also posts his explorations of nature at www.livesinnature.com.

Michael's other career is as a psychological associate, where he is interested in how time spent in nature affects us in terms of decreased stress and improved health.

In preparation for getting the most out of these walks, get your smartphone ready:

- Download the iNat app from the [AppStore](#) or [Google Play](#)
- Sign in
- Start taking photos and sharing your observations

For more information on the city nature challenge, <https://citynaturechallenge.org/>



In Case You Missed It Grace Darling



Just in and it's bad news (*TexasInvasives.org, iWire for February 2020*): The invasive cactus moth (*Cactoblastis cactorum*) has been found in more counties in Texas since it was first reported in 2018. The insect has the potential to cause major damage to prickly pears (*Opuntia* spp.) and may lead to both environmental and economic harm throughout the state. The larvae of the cactus moth live and feed communally inside the pads of any species of prickly pear cacti, eventually killing the plant. This South America native is so efficient at eliminating *Opuntia* that it is used as a biological control agent in areas where the cactus is not wanted. It has the potential to destroy *Opuntia* communities from Texas down through Mexico. If you believe you have found cactus moth damage, egg stacks, or larvae (adults are difficult to identify), please report it [here](#).

Now Foes(c): This lively new entry to Facebook has all the information you need

to persuade your family to give up on that traditional lawn and convert it to a much more attractive, little- to no-work, water-thrifty, and ecologically valuable wildlife magnet to please your senses and your pocketbook. Highly recommended.



Where do the 2020 Democratic candidates stand on the climate crisis? (*TheGuardian.com Sat 29 Feb 2020*):

In California [and Texas] – which host their primary elections on Tuesday – voters are all too familiar with the toll of environmental disasters, which are closely linked to a warming planet and proposed solutions to deal, or at least adapt, to it. While all the candidates have pledged to end new fossil fuel operations on federal lands, they may differ on common issues such as the green new deal, fracking ban, carbon pricing, and a climate emergency declaration. Some candidates have specific plans and others have suggested ambitious policies that may appeal to you. Read about them [here](#) and be an informed climate voter.

Adventures in Nature Discoveries of the Wild



Next Workshop
Living with Arlington's Wildlife
Saturday, March 21
3:00 pm
Fielder House Museum

At the March workshop, Ray Rentschler, Animal Services, will talk about the wild creatures living among us in Arlington. If we're lucky, he'll be bringing a live opossum with him. Ray's enthusiastic presentation was well received at ACC's August 2016 meeting so this one should not disappoint. – *Marian Hiler*



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March Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 7 pm

Fielder House Museum

1616 W. Abram Street (corner of Fielder and Abram)

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