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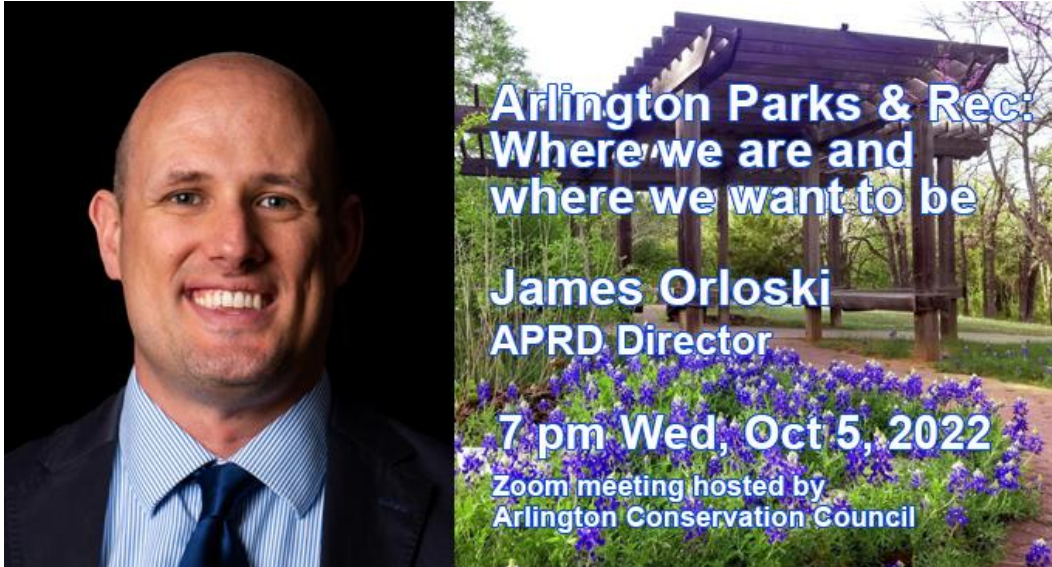
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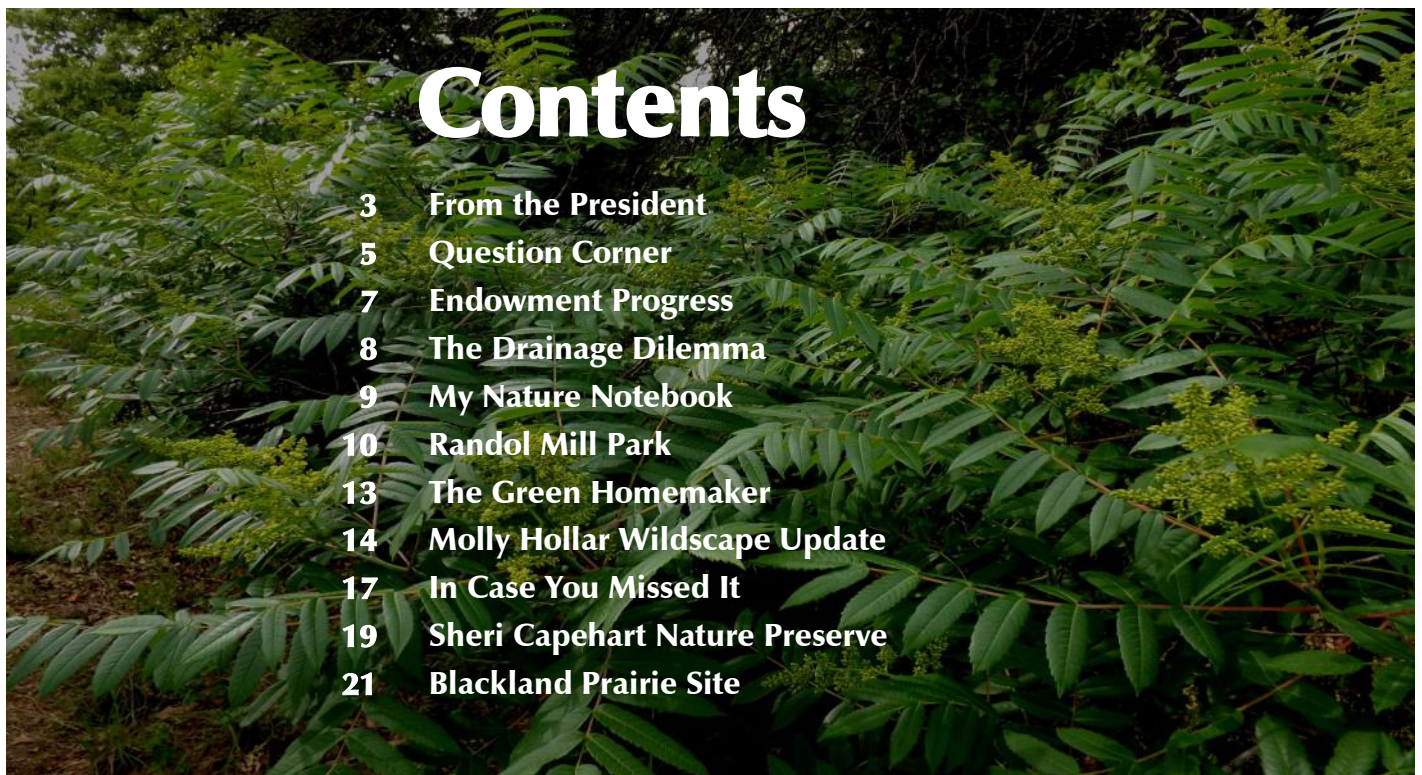


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From the President **Dick Schoech**



Common Sense (but Whose?) Can Destroy Wildlife

“Humans Have a Long History of Making ‘Very Bad Decisions’ to Save Animals,” the headline read.¹ Our endangered list contains over a million species and is growing as more natural habitats become housing suburbs and land for food production.² The results of bad decision-making when rescuing nature are everywhere.

Some say saving animals should be common sense. After all, humans are animals and are certainly flourishing. However, while the earth is fertile enough to produce food and energy, millions of humans die each year for lack of basic resources. Extrapolating from strategies that have enabled humans to flourish should help save animals. Except most humans value power and resources while many animal species struggle to survive. Animal ecology is a complex web of interactions, unintuitive and hard to understand.

Additionally, common sense is not what most people think it is. My definition is *what’s common to me makes sense*. My childhood was on a dairy farm, so I had good dairy farm common sense, but it did not always work in the big city. Traffic tickets were my first indication that farm common sense differed greatly from city common sense.

It takes long exposure to wildlife to gain the common sense needed to make good decisions about saving that wildlife. As humans become more urban and digital, wildlife common sense is declining along with our understanding of nature in general. We hear stories of urban children being afraid of nature, such as crying when a butterfly lands on them.

Let’s give those who want to rescue nature the tools to build the requisite common sense. Bioblitzes using iNaturalist capture biodiversity information so citizen scientists can compare current to past observations of species and develop extinction-prevention strategies. When we expose young people to nature, hopefully they develop the desire and knowledge base for wise wildlife conservation decisions. Nature classes at the River Legacy Living Science Center

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Bits & Pieces

The Terse Treehugger



2006: Planted a few Turk's caps at work by a fence, under some elms and hackberries.

Ignored them mostly.

March 2022: Bosses cut most of the trees and put in a new fence. Lots of trampling. Lots of sun and drought.

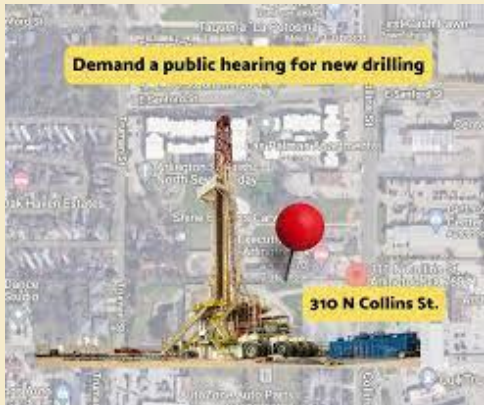
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Hackberry leaves eaten by moth larvae.

More Gas Wells in Arlington?



Do you ignore pleas to sign petitions because you think they don't work? Well, we still have a little time left to sign one for Liveable Arlington, a group with a record for getting results right here at home.

Once again, a big international company wants to drill without a public hearing. [Go here, learn, and sign.](#)

Trees, Please



It's not Arlington, but this little story is hard to resist. It's a roadside native tree nursery in Nairobi and the man who loves what he's been doing there for years. Skip the transcript and just [listen for three minutes here.](#)

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Question Corner John Darling

Q: Sure, by now we all know that the caterpillar of a small moth is eating hackberry leaves like crazy. And experts are saying spray if you don't mind killing all kinds of creatures that birds want to eat. But now I'm worried about this: What if an insect or something else killed all the post oaks?

A: Bet you're fun at a party. Several years ago weather fluctuations opened the door for pests and diseases to kill many weakened post oaks in parts of Texas. That's when some of our local authorities increased their efforts to encourage planting chinquapin and bur oaks in parks and residential areas in the hope that they might resist threats better while serving as rough environmental substitutes for post oaks. So let's say they're right, plant some right now, and try to think happier thoughts. Next!



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are an excellent example, but several school outings cannot counter the enormous influence of computer games and social media. Equipping humans with wildlife common sense needs to start at birth.

While technologies like CRISPR for gene splitting offer conservation scientists powerful new tools, mistakes can be large and difficult to reverse.

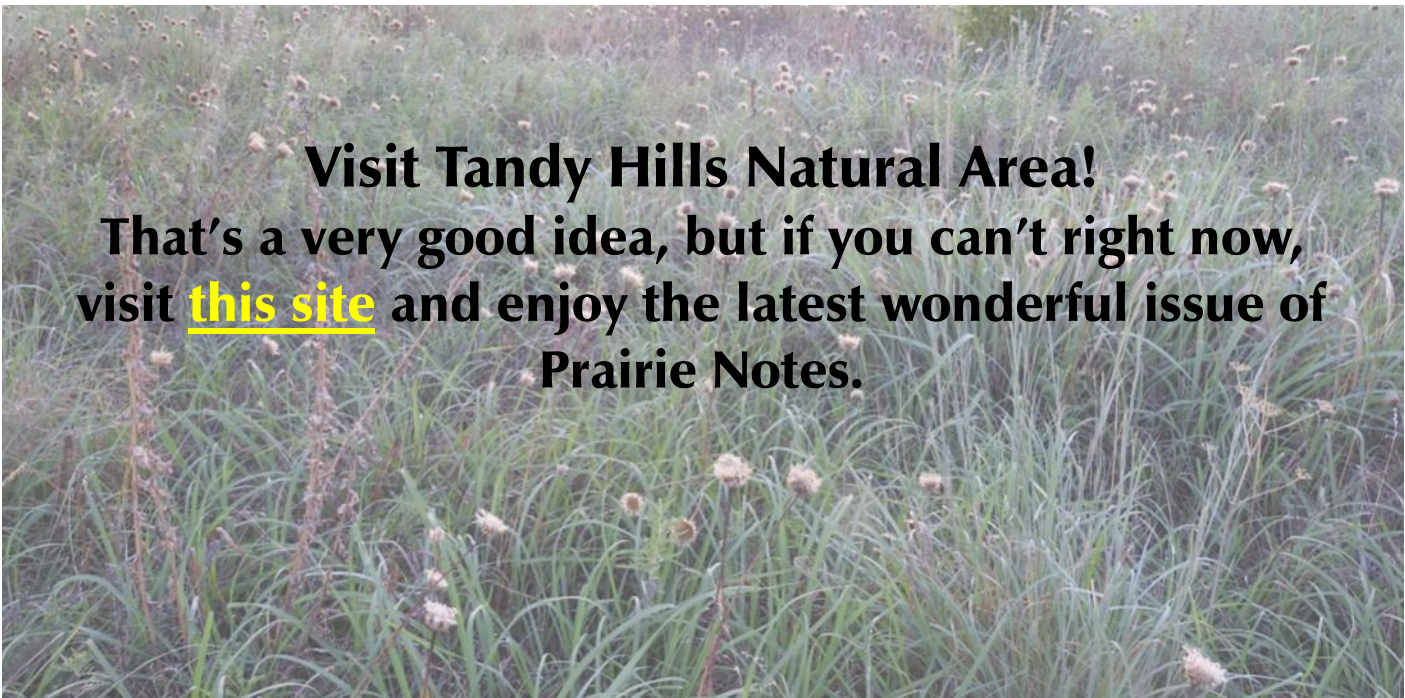
One infamous example of conservation gone wrong is the case of the rosy wolfsnail. The four-inch snail was introduced to Hawaii in the 1950s from Florida under the theory that it would eat and control the spread of invasive African land snails. Instead, the rosy wolfsnail developed an appetite for native snails and other gastropods, and drove one-third of native species to extinction.²

Unfortunately, humans excited by the short-term potential of tools often fail to consider disastrous down-the-road consequences. That's why we added sustainability to ACC's mission of environmental education, service, and advocacy.

To improve human decision-making about wildlife, we must support scientists and researchers who want to spend their career studying nature. The ACC-UTA endowment spotlights this strategy. The endowment allows everyone to help develop scientists capable of furthering thought-out approaches to save all of nature from the destruction caused by man.

1. <https://nyti.ms/3RHU0dX>

2. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/05/1037941>



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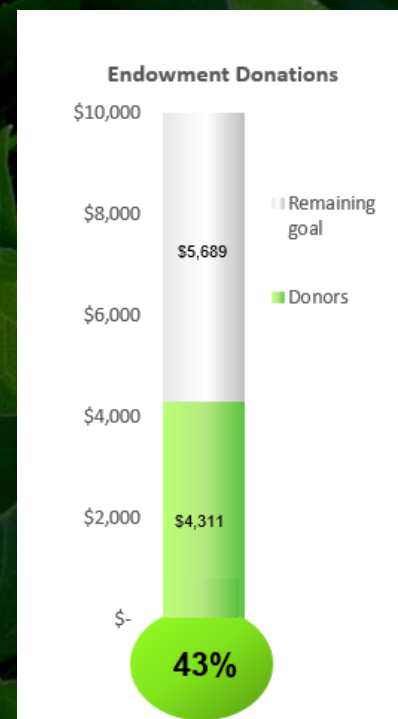
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The Drainage Dilemma Grace Darling

The water from a 2-inch downpour—more than 54,000 gallons per acre—is captured almost entirely by an oak forest’s leaf litter and the organic humus it creates. Litter and humus don’t hold this water indefinitely, but they do corral it onsite just long enough for it to seep into the ground, replenishing the water table on which so many of us depend. In areas with no leaf litter, the same 2-inch rainstorm causes a flood.

Doug Tallamy,
The Nature of Oaks

The following paragraphs are excerpted from a Star-Telegram article by Harrison Mantas on Sept. 30.

“The Aug. 22 rainstorm that dumped up to 9.19 inches on Fort Worth turned her street into a whitewater rapid. The city said 49 buildings, 237 vehicles and 58 roads were flooded, and first responders rescued 22 people from high water. Homes in her neighborhood were built along an old creek bed and are served by a century-old storm drain that has been overwhelmed by development.

“FEMA flood maps show flood risks based on 100-year patterns for rivers and streams, but don’t provide detailed data on localized flash flooding. And those maps are likely out of date given they

don’t take into account the impacts of climate change, FEMA director Deanne Criswell said in an interview with CNN.

“In Texas, most flooding occurs outside of FEMA’s flood plain, according to a report from Gov. Greg Abbott’s commission to rebuild Texas following Hurricane Harvey in 2017. In Fort Worth, much of the flooding is caused by overmatched drainpipes and new development covering land that would normally absorb rainwater; 76% of flooding between 1980 and 2019 was outside the federal flood plain. The city has been working on new flood maps since 2018 to help residents be more aware of local flood risk, and [to date] has identified 300 flash flooding areas it considers dangerous. Fort Worth plans to release the new map this fall.

“The city plans to soon require stormwater management from all projects in its flood risk areas. Regulating stormwater for smaller (less than 1 acre) lots could help fix some of the problems seen in [established neighborhoods] where the city’s drainage system is too old and too small to handle the increased runoff from the new concrete and buildings.

“Despite initial concerns from realtors about whether the maps would trigger flood insurance requirements, there is ‘a compelling public interest in having the information out there,’ and the city will reach out to realtors, insurance agents, lenders, engineers, and builders to make sure they are aware of the updated maps.”

So where does Arlington stand in this discussion, one may ask. Witness the recent clearing and grading of the so-called Preserve at Green Oaks, on a steep slope within shouting distance of Rush Creek; slump and erosion are sure to follow the next serious rain event. Closer to the city center, the apartments now being built on Cooper St. between Abram and Main; the permitted 61 houses squeezed into 4.6 acres on the former Chase Bank drivethrough downtown; and the proposed Reserve at Vandergriff (PD22-20, on the agenda for P&Z Oct 5) — all of which remove tree cover and replace it with roofs and roads over large tracts of wooded, old Central Arlington — and one can only believe our city leaders are asleep at the switch. Somehow, let’s make sure they know what they are letting us in for.

My Nature Notebook

Maybe the best bugs?

Mom said get out right now I don't care if it's dark.

So I found the creepy old man and he was taking

pictures of bugs on a sheet and I

said why are you doing that? Did

you have to get out too? Can I help?

And he said, you're that annoying

little girl with the nature notebook,

aren't you? So here, take these little pictures and go

paste them into your notebook. They're all bird

dropping moths so you should like them a

lot. And I said huh? And he said

well do you know anything

that eats bird poop? Of course I

do, my baby brother whenever I

tell him it's candy.



Randol Mill Park Carol Marcotte

The Randol Mill Park volunteers recently decided the front-entrance garden needed some attention, so we went after it! We removed the pine needles from red yucca, autumn sage, skullcap and Mexican bush sage. Then we hand-watered the garden. Stay tuned for more native plants we'll add to this garden!

From left, volunteers Karen Knight, Dick Schoech, and Patsy Miller. Not pictured, Carol Marcotte.



The recent rain provided much-needed water to our area, including the park's pond triangle garden. Volunteers worked there on September 22 to trim back sunflower and lantana, plus weed nut grass. *Below at table, from left, Phyl Balagna, Dick Schoech, Denise Pederson, Jane Oosterhuis, Josephine Keeney, Charley Amos, and Carol Marcotte (not pictured).*

Would you be interested in volunteering one day a month in Randol Mill Park? Call or text Carol Marcotte at (817) 793-3917 or email carol@carolmarcotte.com to be put on the email contact list.

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Neighbors of Randol Mill Park met at the park pavilion First Saturday gathering organized by Joanne Stewart and Beverly Windsor.

The September speaker was James Orloski, new director of Arlington Parks & Recreation Department (APRD). A good-sized crowd gathered to hear his vision and plans for Randol Mill Park. He also mentioned a proposed RMP project for the 2023 APRD budget: Remodeling/replacement of the children's playground for better accessibility, the only project in the proposed budget.

His comments from our Q&A session:

- No plans for a park-wide irrigation system, only for the ball fields.
- The pool is continually being evaluated. Lifeguards are needed.
- Planting more trees is always a concern. Contact him with your suggestions.
- Thank you to all volunteers.
- Relaunch "Keep Arlington Beautiful" program.
- APARD skeleton crew empties trash cans on weekends.
- If there are any wildlife issues, contact APRD.

After the NORMP meeting, James walked the creek with Dick Schoech and Carol Marcotte, looking at erosion areas and discussing possible solutions.

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Below, James Orloski addresses the Neighbors of Randol Mill Park.

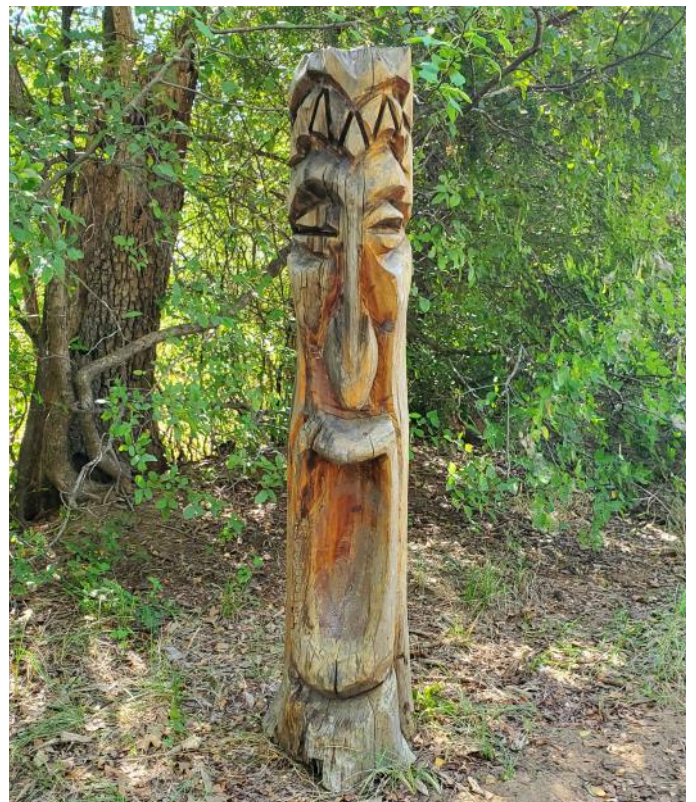


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Randol Mill Park regulars just can't seem to do enough. Wayne Halliburton, Carol Marcotte, and Dick Schoech participated in the Trinity River Trash Bash on Sept. 17. They cleared trash from Quanah Parker Park in East Fort Worth. Three hours of volunteer effort yielded an old bicycle, a broken table, mostly plastic Bottles, and Styrofoam litter. *From left below, Carol, Wayne, and Dick.*



Meanwhile, back at RMP we're enjoying this display by a clematis that is a native if it's *Clematis ligusticifolia*, Western white clematis. Native or not, it's a beauty. And this tiki just appeared. It can mean a lot of things, like peace and good luck, but it can also be a boundary marker for a sacred site. Not a bad idea for a park.



The Green Homemaker Grace Darling

There are myriad eco-friendly uses for paper coffee filters, as listed in this Facebook post below at [Amira's Pantry](#). They are absolutely biodegradable: "Unlike meat products and oil — which do not belong in your home compost bin — coffee filters will decompose, as will the coffee grounds attached to them. Green and Grumpy advises against bleached coffee filters, urging consumers to err on the safe side and stick to unbleached coffee filters instead [[greenandgrumpy.com](#)]."

Coffee filters Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing, even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect china by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.

5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
- 11.. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters..
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliqueing soft fabrics.

16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
18. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.
19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
23. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggie until they sprout.
24. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book..
25. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

Molly Hollar Wildscape Update Marylee Thomason

Restoring the Randol Mill Park greenhouse remains an inspiring goal for the volunteers who work so hard there to propagate and raise native plants. The wildscape applied for a grant from the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation but was turned down. Last month Ann Knudsen, Josephine Keeney, and Hester Schwarzer gave at-large council member Bowie Hogg a tour of the two damaged greenhouses and discussed repairs. In terms of our greenhouse hopes, we must consider this progress.

More progress: Getting the stone bridge almost fully repaired is a major accomplishment. On Sept. 16 Whiz-Q Stone delivered the materials. One regular walker saw the piles and expressed concern about how long the job might take. Ah, but contractor Greg Sakwa was about to ride into town.

Five days later, wildscape volunteers climbed on and approved the stones. Joe Martinez tested one for weight and strength, his and its. Soon the contractor arrived on his trusty tractor, placed the stones, stacked the pallets and then, like the Lone Ranger, rode off into the sunset. Unfortunately, he ran out of stone, so the safe, sturdy, durable bridge we envision is still a few days to completion.



There's nothing like new friends. Last month two ladies in the Cross Timbers Master Naturalist program decided to spend their service hours in the wildscape.

Both have already distinguished themselves as willing workers.

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Left, new stones delivered. Right, work partly completed. The right side is done; more stone is coming to finish the left.

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Madison Grover holds a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from Tarleton State University and is working on her master's in biology. She wants to be a wildlife biologist. Her partner in life is Harper, a female basset hound. Madison hopes to train Harper to be a nursing home therapy dog, a vocation the temperamental breed rarely pursues. If you love baby pictures, just ask Madison about Harper.

Cecily Rodgers has an MS in experimental psychology and an MA in counseling. She is a licensed professional counselor in private practice specializing in clients diagnosed as highly sensitive and who struggle with anxiety, grief, and complex trauma.

Her top interests are native plants, forests, and ornithology. She loves hiking in the Fort Worth Nature Center and doing agility training with her dog, Riley. Oh, and she's learning to play the guitar. "The Master Naturalist program is absolutely life-changing! The training is phenomenal," she says. "I haven't had this much fun learning since graduate school."

Fun is the operative word here. Next time you're feeling down,



From left, Madison Grover, Patsy Miller, and Cecily Rodgers

come to the wildscape to have your spirits lifted. While we seem to be forever weeding and watering, trimming plants and pushing wheelbarrows, there's always a new discovery, a new project. Count on that from the Molly Hollar First Saturday Educational Opportunity.

In last month's program, "Mind Your Garden: The Power of Planting Seeds," Ursula and Steven Nuñez detailed their journey into urban farming and helping their community transition from a food desert to healthy eating. They practice what they preach, each shedding 40 pounds on their healthier diets.



Ursula and Steven Nuñez with helper at the mini class.

They have built a successful operation with food for sale and cooking lessons to make the healthy food delicious.

In 2015 Steven attended a week-long training designed for veterans interested in agriculture, and he says it was a life-altering experience. He learned about the country's food and health crisis and how farmers are making a difference by providing healthy food for their neighbors. He also was introduced to the therapeutic potential of farming.

The Nuñezes know what they're doing, and they give a good talk. Makes you want to section off the back yard and grow something for the table.

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Wildscape volunteers at the stone bridge site. From left front, Patsy Miller, Christine Brinson, Marylee Thomason, Josephine Keeney. Rear, Joe Martinez, Madison Grover, Cecily Rodgers, Carol Marcotte. Below, recent wildscape flowers. Left and right, fall aster. Center, Lindheimer's senna.



In Case You Missed It Grace Darling

Out of State Edition

The Biden administration's new **Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights** will distribute \$3 billion in block grants to underserved communities burdened by pollution. The OEJECR's origins can be traced to Warren County, North Carolina, in 1978, when the state designated the small, largely black farming community as a disposal site for truckloads of soil laced with highly carcinogenic chemicals that later contaminated the water supply. As the first trucks rolled into town in 1982, hundreds of residents flooded the streets, blocking their path to the landfill. Though unable to shut down the operation after 6 weeks of nonviolent protests and more than 500 arrests, the residents' efforts became the impetus for a global uprising against environmental racism in minority communities. Forty years later, the new office will have access to funding equal to other EPA initiatives and "will cement its principles in a way that will outlive the administration."

[APnews.com/9/24/22]

Hurricane Fiona knocked out electrical power to Puerto Rico's 3.2 million people, 44% of whom live below the poverty line. Fiona caused catastrophic flooding, tore apart roads and



bridges, and unleashed more than 100 landslides when it hit Puerto Rico on Sept. 18. At least two people died after being swept away by floods, and several others were killed in accidents related to the use of candles or generators during the island-wide power outage. Government officials have estimated some \$3

billion in damages but warn that costs could rise significantly as evaluations continue. President Biden has pledged \$60 million through last year's bipartisan infrastructure bill to help Puerto Rico shore up levees, strengthen flood walls, and create a new flood warning system so the

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island will be better prepared for future storms. Learn more [here](#).

Not to be outdone by Fiona, **Hurricane Ian** made landfall as a Category 3 storm on Cuba's western end, devastating Pinar del Río province, where much of the tobacco used for Cuba's iconic cigars is grown and knocking out power to the entire island. Ian then proceeded to wreak havoc on Florida's Gulf Coast before venting its wrath on the Carolinas. More than 100 lives were lost in the U.S. from storm-related events. Wind and storm surge damages from Hurricane Ian in Florida alone are estimated between \$28 billion and \$47 billion dollars. *[CNBC.com, 10/3/22]*

In the 1970s, Florida's **manatees** were on the brink of extinction, endangered by speed boats and a disappearing habitat. But when power companies noticed manatees hanging out near their power plants in search of warm water, they saw an opportunity. The power companies proposed working together with environmentalists. That alliance helped to turn the warm waters of the power plants into manatee refuges — helping to save the sea cows, while potentially saving the power companies hundreds of millions of dollars. But nearly fifty years later, there's a new dilemma:

Florida's manatees are hooked on fossil fuels. Because of aging, inefficient power plants, interruptions in warm water outflows during cold snaps now threaten the species, and authorities are hard at work to come up with strategies such as artificial thermal refugia and/or enhancing existing secondary refuges or potential warm water sites to reduce the cold weather risks and ensure manatees' survival.

Boston **bans artificial turf** in parks due to toxic "forever chemicals." The city joins a growing number of American cities that have limited the use of artificial turf made with dangerous PFAS compounds. *[The Guardian, Sep 30, 2022]*

In shock over the price of beef lately? Wonder no more. Across the continent, huge **wildfires** are just one devastating impact of a pervasive **drought** facing

about 25,000 cattle ranches in the American Southwest. As drought conditions worsen across the region, two-thirds of ranchers report selling off parts of their herds: In 2022, average herd sizes have fallen 36% across the region, 43% in New Mexico and 50% in Texas. Increasingly dry and hot conditions all over the U.S. are also killing animals. In June, extreme heat killed [2,000 cattle in Kansas](#).

Ranching in the Southwest has always been a difficult business. Unlike the verdant pastures of the midwest or mid-Atlantic states, rangeland in places like Arizona, New Mexico, and West Texas is vast, but also historically unpredictable, with more dry years than wet. Now, scientists report that the drought that began in 2000 is the driest megadrought the region has experienced in 1,200 years. *[The Guardian, Oct 2, 2022]*



Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve Annabelle Corboy

North Texas Giving Day

Thank you to the donors who supported the Friends of Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve on North Texas Giving Day. We raised \$1,470 during this year's campaign. These gifts will help fund the volunteers' work — from trail maintenance to habitat restoration, programs, events, wildlife monitoring, and more. They're all important to help protect SCNP.

As the days turn cooler and the green/brownish scenery begins to turn toward fall colors, please plan a visit to the Sheri Capehart Nature Preserve. Hike the trails and visit the ponds, look for pollinators, migrating birds, and the final fling of the dragonflies.

Volunteer Report from Jim Frisinger

Our Sunday crew trimmed back honey locust and mesquite from the amphitheater. This area has become overgrown in the last few years, blocking much of the pond from view. The photos show the difference we made.

A North Prairie milestone was reached: no more johnsongrass. Further minor removals to be expected as a few plants try to come back.

And in the Pollinator Meadow, trail maintenance/johnsongrass removal are well under way. All border flags along the west loop are now visible. Completion of the trail maintenance is expected by the end of October.

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Third Annual Fall Socially Distant BioBlitz

For the third year, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Urban Biologist Sam Kieschnick worked with the DFW master naturalist chapters to create a Fall Socially Distant BioBlitz during the first full week of September. One of the goals of this bioblitz is to encourage us all to get outside, enjoy nature, and practice a little citizen science by documenting what we find in the natural world, using iNaturalist. The turnout was impressive, with over 20,700 observations made across the metroplex. In support of the project, the Friends of SCNP hosted a pop-up bioblitz on September 8. Out of the 392 observations made at SCNP during September, 337 were made during the bioblitz. The 6 observers on September 8 made 223 of those observations. To see Sam's report on the bioblitz, see the journal entry [here](#). Here are some of the observations made at SCNP during the bioblitz.



Above, Post Oak (*Quercus stellata*) – charley, Marsh Fleabane (*Pluchea odorata*) – lynnjehealy, Wild Four o'Clock (*Mirabilis nyctaginea*) – joshmols

Below, Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) – joshmols, Slender Bush Clover (*Lespedeza virginica*) – joshmols, Blackjack Oak (*Quercus marilandica*) – charley



Blackland Prairie Site Guy Random



Contrasts are stronger than ever now. Scattered fall flowers make their start among so many crisp remnants of recently vibrant plants. And the grasses! Nondescript for months, they're flamboyant now.



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October Zoom Meeting

Arlington Parks & Rec:
Where we are and where we want to be
James Orloski

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