



Summer 2007

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1. FROM THE PREZ

So what is happening in TCEA? Where have the newsletters gone? Well, since we are such a small group, when the president/newsletter editor goes "down" things slow dramatically! My apologies. However, looking back over the year, I am less depressed. We have had some high points. We had a very informative and well attended round table on gas drilling to start off our year. This was followed by an equally informative presentation by Walt Dabney on the State of our Parks. The presentation on the Trinity Uptown Project was poorly attended, but was rated as one of the best presentations in the history of TCEA. (We all need to get our families on TCEA time so that we don't have to miss these gems!) We resurrected the TCEA booth and had a presence at the Front Street Festival in Arlington, the Alternative Gift Bazaar, Prairie Fest at Tandy Hills Park, and the Fort Worth Home Show at Will Rogers featuring the Cross Timbers display. We also were awarded a \$5000 grant to purchase presentation and outreach supplies for TCEA and member organizations. Purchasing of items such as the folding tables, brochure stands, shade tent, etc has begun. We will also be purchasing a notebook computer and projector. Look for a future announcement sharing what we have and how your organization can borrow any of these items. We have also increased environmental representation in the community through the appointment of TCEA representatives to the Resource Conservation Council of NCTCOG and the Trinity Uptown Project. We welcome volunteers to let us know that they are willing to serve when we learn of an available appointment.

I have two goals for next year. I would like for our quarterly meetings to become opportunities to network and spawn some local collaborations around timely issues; and, I would like to turn our webpage into a central clearinghouse for the environment in Tarrant County. We are starting the first goal with our annual meeting on June 2. We have invited all the organizations and interested people that we know. Please help spread the word. A huge gap in our environmental awareness is awareness of each other. For the second goal, we have a larger challenge as our webmistress can no longer continue. I remain optimistic and invite ideas to be sent my way. All board members (except the webmaster) have offered to return for another year. All our board meetings are open meetings and everyone is encouraged and welcome to come, share their ideas, and participate to help us get our community working together for clean air, clean and available water, and preserving our open space. The TCEA Board generally meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1 PM at the Tin Cup in Arlington. (There will be no July meeting due to the 4th of July weekend.)

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

June TCEA Environmental mixer and annual meeting...

June 2. 10 - 11:30. We need to get to know who's working on what and where to improve our environment in Tarrant County. We have a wealth of resources among us! Come meet like minded people and get re-energized! Unity Church of Fort Worth, 5051 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth 76133. Refreshments will be provided.

Win With The Media Course

May 30-31. Presented by Rick Rosenthal, an award-winning, 30-year-veteran broadcast journalist, this program is designed to give students a full range of instruction on how to engage in effective media relations. You will learn real world, real-life, practical skills and techniques that will dramatically increase your effectiveness in dealing with reporters under all circumstances. View the course description and register at www.nctcog.org/cs/rtc/admin_services_register.asp.

Transportation Hearings

June 7. 10:30 AM, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Context Sensitive Solutions Information Session

Wednesday, June 13th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Transportation Council Room, NCTCOG Offices, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76016. For more information contact Lyndsay Krodel at (817) 704-2505 or lkrodel@nctcog.org.
www.nctcog.org/tran/sustdev/landuse/

Birds Fort Development

June 13, 6:30 PM. Fielder House, 1616 W. Abram, Arlington TX.

The speaker will be Howard Porteus, project manager with Huffines Communities, with a presentation on the Planned Viridian Development (near the area called Bird's Fort). www.huffinescommunities.com
For more information contact Jo Ann at jduman@juno.com

July 30: Global Warming Awareness Night at La Grave Field

The Fort Worth Cats invites you to the Monday, July 30 baseball game to learn about the effects of Global Warming and receive information to help create a more eco-friendly environment. The first 1000 fans through the doors will get a complimentary live Blue Spruce sapling. For more informatio go to www.fwcats.com

TCEA Board meeting

August 4, 1 PM, Tin Cup, 1025 West Abram, Arlington.

10th Annual Texas Recycling and Sustainability Summitt...

August 18 - 22. Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center, Plano, TX 75024 see www.recycletx.com

Vision North Texas

NCTCOG has launched an online Speakers' Bureau request form and has begun to inform organizations that they may schedule a Vision North Texas presentation beginning later in the summer. You can view the Speakers' Bureau page at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEEDevEx/speakers.asp>. and sign up your organization if you are interested in scheduling such a presentation.

5. MEMBERSHIP

You are always welcome to join or renew your membership in TCEA. We have a lot of challenges to our environment and hope that all of you will return as members and supporters. We hope that members of all our member organizations consider themselves a part of TCEA and participate with us and we hope that we can facilitate participation with each other when interests overlap. If you or your organization are not members and would like to join TCEA, please visit <http://www.tceonline.org/join.htm>. There you will find a .pdf form to download and mail to our membership chair, Bob Scott.

Here are a few websites of TCEA member organizations. Please visit these sites to find out about the upcoming events and activities sponsored by each of these organizations. (If your organization is a member of TCEA and is NOT listed below, my apologies. Please let me know and we'll have you included in all future newsletters. Thanks. Bonnie)

Arlington Conservation Council <http://www.arlingtonconservationcouncil.org/>
Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club <http://texas.sierraclub.org/fortworth/>
Fort Worth Audubon Society <http://www.fwas.org/>
League of Women Voters of Tarrant County <http://www.lwvtarrantcounty.org/>
League of Women Voters of Arlington <http://www.lwvarlington-tx.org/>
Blue Skies Alliance <http://www.blueskiesalliance.org/>
Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge <http://www.naturecenterfriends.org/>
Westside Unitarian Universalist Church <http://www.westsideuu.org/>
Great Plains Restoration Council <http://www.gprc.org/>
Unity Church of Fort Worth <http://www.unityfortworth.org>

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"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."

Samuel Adams