

Calendar of Events

March 1, 2026
- June 15, 2026

Lights Out Houston! Protect our migrating feathered friends

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

Here in the Houston area, we are lucky to be on one of the major spring migration pathways for birds. Birds can become massively disoriented by outdoor lighting at night as they fly over and can go off course or even die. Please turn out all outdoor lights during this time. Let's help our feathered friends either travel safely through or come home to Texas by turning out non-essential lights after dark.

June 1, 2026
- June 5, 2026

Free Native Prairie camp for ages 13 -17

08:30 AM - 01:30 PM CST

How can we help save native prairies right here at home? Join us for a week of learning and exploring native habitats, urban restoration projects, and the mosaics of our ecosystems!

Join the Native Prairies Association of Texas, the Environmental Institute of Houston, and conservation partners for a week of prairie activities, including hiking, birding, insect studies, nature journaling, green careers presentations, and more!

Locations include Deer Park Prairie (NPAT), University of Houston – Clear Lake (EIH), Armand Bayou Nature Center, and Baytown Nature Center.

Details:

Cost: Free

Age range: 13-17

Maximum 12 campers per week

Campers will need to provide their own lunches

Campers will need transportation to Deer Park Prairie and field trip locations. More information will be provided in the registration process.

Schedule: Weekday Camp

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Session 1: June 1-5

Session 2: June 22-26

Register here!

June 3, 2026

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Buffalo Bayou Park

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

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Registration

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Aquatic Nursery Work Days

Galveston Bay Foundation

1725 Highway 146

Kemah, TX 77565

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

Starla Lawhon -Dyer, 832-536-2255

Slawhon-dyer@galvbay.org

Get dirty helping grow the Bay!

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As an Aquatic Nursery Volunteer, you will assist GBF staff with hands-on plant care.

Depending on the needs of the nursery, may help with watering, weeding, trimming, shifting plants, repotting wetland plants, and removing algae buildup from nursery ponds.

Some workdays may also include planting in our wetland pools and will be communicated in advance.

If you would like to help rotate or retrieve plants from the aquatic pools, you are encouraged to bring tall rubber boots.

Expect to get dirty and muddy!

Signup on our volunteer

portal: https://volunteer.galvbay.org/need/detail/?need_id=1194479

By caring for nursery plants that will be used in restoration, you directly support healthier wetlands and a healthier Galveston Bay.

No experience is necessary. Staff will show you everything you need to know. Be prepared to walk across uneven terrain. Restrooms will be available onsite.

June 4, 2026

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EcoCenter Sponsored by Reliant

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Baytown, TX 77523

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Mix soil and rotate plants

Clean and sort seeds

Assist with seasonal nursery maintenance

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Your time in the nursery helps grow native plants that restore habitat, support wildlife, and protect communities around Galveston Bay.

June 4, 2026

Poetry reading with Aris Khan in conjunction with "Undercurrents" installation at the Buffalo

Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Poetry with Houston's skyline as the backdrop

Join Buffalo Bayou Partnership next Thursday for an evening of poetry and immersive art presented in conjunction with "Undercurrents" by Rafael Lozano-Hemmer in the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern.

Original works by Houston poets shape "Undercurrents," and this evening features a reading by contributing poet Aris Kian alongside drinks on the terrace before descending into the Cistern for a unique opportunity to experience the installation and artwork together.

Thursday, June 4 | 6:30–7:30 PM

Poetry reading accompanied by the "Undercurrents" installation

Claim your ticket: <https://buffalobayou.org/.../undercurrents-reading-with.../>

This reading is part of the Sunset Poetry with Undercurrents series, featuring additional reading dates from poets included in the installation.

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Summer Species - Bat Chats

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Invite your family and friends, bring a picnic blanket, wear your bug spray, and admire this unique phenomena.

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Free to attend

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June 5, 2026

CEC Celebration & Art Mixer in Honor of World Environment Day!

Leonel Castillo Community Center

2101 South Street

Houston, TX 77009

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Nicole Cloutier, 2819893958

NicoleDCloutier@gmail.com

Join us to celebrate Citizens' Environmental Coalition's 55 year anniversary serving Houston's environmental community!

In recognition of CEC's pivotal role fostering collaboration with the region's numerous non-profits, environmental organizations and concerned citizens', we're hosting a special gathering in honor of World Environment Day, which was established by the UN in the early 1970s to raise awareness about environmental issues.

The theme this year is the urgent need for climate action, which is more evident than ever. With that in mind, we're thrilled to be hosting Luana Rubin, a prominent designer and artist, who will be giving a presentation on "Art & Activism: Creating, Promoting and Supporting Activism Through Art." Luana is traveling from Colorado, where she is the owner of eQuilter.com and is now turning her focus to environmental and conservation issues. Her work has traveled the world and she will be bringing several pieces to display. (You can see some of her work at www.LuanaRubin.com/Gallery)

The event is free with advanced registration. We hope you can join us! Bring your friends and leave energized and inspired!

June 5, 2026

World Environment Day 2026 - Artist Talk and Reception

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Leonel Castillo Community Center Houston, TX

Friday, June 5 • 6 PM - 8 PM

Overview

Join us for a special evening to be energized and inspired - in honor of those who work to protect and share our precious environment!

Celebrate creativity, community, and the planet at our Second Annual World Environment Day Art Reception & Mixer! ??

Join Houston's vibrant environmental community for an inspiring evening honoring the people and organizations working to protect our wild places and wildlife. This year, we're especially excited to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Citizens' Environmental Coalition, recognizing their decades of leadership in fostering collaboration and connection across the region. We're honored to welcome CEC Board President Amanda Kuhl, who will share special remarks as the organization marks its 55 year anniversary! And yes—there will be celebratory cake and refreshments! ?

The evening will also feature acclaimed artist and designer Luana Rubin, joining us from Colorado. Known for her powerful textile art and visually stunning quilts, Luana's work brings attention to critical issues including human rights, environmental justice, and wildlife conservation. In honor of World Environment Day 2026's theme, "urgent climate action," she'll present her talk, "Art & Activism," and showcase a curated selection of her pieces.

Come mingle, be inspired, and celebrate the intersection of art and environmental action—we can't wait to see you there! ??

For more info about the artist and her work and to reserve a spot:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-environment-day-2026-artist-talk-and-reception-tickets-1986849847378?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

June 6, 2026

2026 I Love 11th Neighborhood Festival

311 W. 11th

Houston, TX

12:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

Bringing neighbors together in the Heights for an afternoon of:

- *Local food and drink*
- *Live music*
- *Small business vendors*
- *Community organizations*
- *Family-friendly activities*
- *Trail connections and neighborhood pride*

The festival celebrates the walkable, bikeable spirit of the Heights and the vibrant community along the 11th Street corridor.

For more info and tickets: <https://ilove11th.org/>

June 6, 2026

Edible Academy 2026: Summer Gardening and Nutrition Education

1911 West 34th Street

, TX

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

3-day hands-on lessons to learn techniques and curriculum for using your school garden and outdoor classroom as exciting educational tools. Participants will explore basic and easy-to-grow fruit trees, veggies, flowers, and herbs for school and youth gardens; how to plant a 'guild,' or a grouping of plants that provide a mutually beneficial relationship; and how to forage and harvest the ingredients for a springtime salad.

All participants will receive a complimentary copy of the 2019 Urban Harvest School Gardening Guide.

6/25/2026, Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

6/26/2026, Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

6/27/2026, Saturday, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Participants are required to attend all 3 days of the workshop.

June 6, 2026

Buffalo Bayou Cruise: History

1019 Commerce Street

, TX

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM CST

Take a boat ride through history and learn about Houston's past! Look back at Houston's history while cruising Buffalo Bayou with a local historian. Your guide will share stories of the Allen brothers and provide historical information about the people, places and events along the bayou that helped shape Houston. Reservations required.

Price: \$40 (discount available)

Registration: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/buffalobayou/items/194849/?full-items=yes&flow=314837>

June 6, 2026

**Volunteers needed for I Love 11th Street Festival hosted by a Tale of Two Bridges
301 W 11th St**

Houston, TX

12:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

We're looking for volunteers to help bring the 3rd Annual I Love 11th St. Festival to life on June 6! There are a variety of ways to get involved—whether you can help for a few hours during the event or pitch in ahead of time. We need support with day-of shifts as well as set-up, tear-down, and pre-festival decorating. Volunteer roles include welcoming guests and managing the registration table, selling beverages in the beer garden, running fair-style games, and assisting vendors with booth setup. All volunteers will be required to attend a brief training in advance (with multiple session times available). In return, you'll receive a festival t-shirt to wear and keep, plus a meal—thanks to generous donations from 11th St. businesses.

https://ilove11th.org/get-involved/volunteers/?fbclid=IwY2xjawRnhn1leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe49_ug26yqzXU5tJvEgcBqyoOQnzUUSWK-FV55oqc8BVAbmag30IL88JI_ow_aem_xElhNxHB0AqqhROwHVf67g

June 7, 2026

Interfaith Justice Advocacy Workshop

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM CST

Looking for ways to make a positive difference in challenging times? Want to use your voice for

good? Ready to engage in public policy but not sure where to begin?

Texas Impact will refresh our advocacy knowledge and set goals for engaging our faith communities around issues that impact the planet and its peoples. Be ready for midterm elections and the upcoming Texas legislative session by sharpening your skills and deepening

your understanding with fellow faith-based, nonpartisan advocates. This workshop will be led by

Texas Impact staff member, Rebecca McIlwain. She will bring practical steps to advance your

congregations' involvement as well as a clear description of the state of affairs and the role of

civic engagement for people of faith. Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be

provided. This virtual event will use the WebEx platform. Registrants will receive a separate e-

mail with WebEx connection details. All registrants will get a link to the recording of this talk.

Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions. Register for this event on

[www.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1987836433283) at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1987836433283>.

June 7, 2026

Coast to Coast: The Need for Responsible Offshore Wind Energy

Texas A&M University @ Galveston

200 Seawolf Parkway

Galveston, TX 77554

03:30 PM - 05:45 PM CST

Shannon Flores, 7133971684

FloresS@nwf.org

In celebration of the upcoming Global Wind Day, learn about offshore wind energy and celebrate the power and potential of this resource to build a healthier, more resilient future for Texas!

Join the National Wildlife Federation and our partners at Audubon Texas, Galveston Bay Foundation, and Healthy Gulf for a special screening of the short film Coast to Coast and a panel discussion in Galveston on Sunday, June 7th.

What: Film Screening and Panel Discussion - Coast to Coast

When: June 7th at 3:30 PM

Where: Texas A&M University at Galveston (200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, TX 77554)

As climate change accelerates, the need for a transition to renewable energy resources, like responsibly developed offshore wind energy, offers a promising path forward. Offshore wind energy can help Texas meet rising energy demand, create jobs, and do so in an environmentally responsible way that establishes clear protections for wildlife and habitats.

Special guest Dr. Elizabeth Nyman from Texas A&M at Galveston will join to share recent polling and research on the outlook for offshore wind in the Gulf.

Together, we will explore how Texas can protect ocean habitats and wildlife while continuing to grow clean, reliable, affordable energy. Please RSVP to join us on June 7th.

We hope you'll join us and learn why we say YES to wind!

June 10, 2026

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Houston Sustainability Forum

1919 Cambridge

Houston, TX

08:00 AM - 03:30 PM CST

Join leading colleagues from Elementary & Secondary, College & University, Business & Industry, Healthcare and Travel & Leisure as Houston comes together around sustainability on June 10, hosted by and at AGORA Sustainability Leadership Team Member CommonSpirit Health.

World Cup Sustainability Group & AGORA Building Communities of Sustainability Building on the momentum of the World Cup Sustainability Group, led by Elizabeth Carlon, to "leave a legacy of sustainability," post games the effort and initiatives will be supported by one of ten AGORA Initiatives/Work Teams: "Building Communities of Sustainability." This Forum is a milestone as we bring the efforts and people together and create a 3 year plan.

This will be AGORA's 9th Forum and, as with past, attendance is purposefully limited (45) to create an environment conducive to comfortable, open discussions, if you will, a "thinktank." You, your colleagues and the leading associations/groups/organizations you are affiliated with, all coming together on June 10 to make a difference.

Agenda at a glance

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

*Review results of AGORA Houston Benchmarking Survey**

9:00-10:30 Current & Planned Sustainability Efforts

"Going around the room," topline efforts. Associations, groups and organizations topline efforts

to Educate, Enable and Inspire constituents

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 3 Year Goals

With survey results as base, set goals for each of the 6 attributes of sustainability

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Strategies

Ideate strategies under the headings of Educate, Enable and Inspire foodservice operators, their

organizations and their constituents

2:00-2:30 Barriers

Ideate barriers to be addressed in plan

2:30-3:00 Next Steps

Including selection of management team to finalize and oversee tactical execution plan

Reserve your seat? Questions? Please reach-out as soon as possible to Jim Green jgspartan@aol.com who is coordinating the team's efforts and happy to schedule a 1:1.

June 10, 2026

NWF & Partners: Celebrate Global Wind Day Livestream

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Link to register:

Celebrate Global Wind Day Livestream · National Wildlife Federation

Join the National Wildlife Federation's Offshore Wind Energy Program and our partners to celebrate the progress we've made building offshore wind responsibly, despite the serious political headwinds. You'll hear from experts about the successful projects operating in the Northeast, the economic benefits and opportunities for good paying jobs in the American-made supply chain, and why offshore wind is so important for protecting wildlife and communities from the threats of climate change.

The presentation will feature a screening of National Wildlife Federation's film, Coast to Coast, exploring the important ideas that are shaping the responsible development of offshore wind in the US.

Featured Speakers Include:

Liz Klein, Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in the Biden Administration

Helen Rose Patterson, Senior Campaign Manager, Offshore Wind Energy, National Wildlife Federation

Nancy Pyne, Senior Advisor, Offshore Wind & Renewable Energy, Sierra Club

Kathleen Meil, Local Clean Energy Deployment Director, League of Conservation Voters

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**Learn about Houston area bayous and why so many of our streams flow East to West
United Way of Greater Houston**

50 Waugh Dr

Houston, TX

07:30 PM - 08:30 PM CST

Everyone is welcome.

Free parking in the garage. Enter the garage from Feagan St.

Please do not park in any of the reserved spots in the garage and do not park in the lot across the street. There are four levels in the UW parking garage. Enter from the first level through the glass doors to the main entrance and reception area.

There is Metro bus access via the #40 bus on Waugh Dr/ South Heights Blvd. or the #85 bus on Washington Ave.

Why Do So Many Houston Area Streams Run from West to East?

Having paddled canoes and kayaks on Houston's waterways for some time, Tom Douglas had noticed that many of them flow from west to east. Many of the world's rivers must make detours on their way to the sea, but why have so many of ours veered off to the east at places where their southward path toward the Gulf appears to have been blocked? After considerable reading and consulting with a couple of bona fide fluvial geomorphologists, he learned the answer.

Along with water, rivers also carry sediment. How this sediment is moved around and eventually deposited can have many effects, both in the short term and the long term. In our region, these processes have posted many "left turn only" signs for streams as they work their way to the south. We will also see how a story that began several million years ago continues to influence our daily lives.

June 12, 2026

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June 13, 2026

Sierra Club Visits Exploration Green

Exploration Green Main Parking

16304 Diana Ln

Houston, TX

08:30 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 8:30 am, the Houston Sierra Club will visit and enjoy wetlands, wildflowers, ponds, and walking trails at Exploration Green. Exploration Green is 200 acres of parkland that used to be a golf course. The 200 acres have been turned into a green space for flood control, recreation (hike/bike trails), and wildlife observation.

The link below has the Sierra Club participant sign-in agreement/liability waiver. Read this before the outing. We'll sign-in quickly at Exploration Green and proceed with the outing. [Sign-Up

Sheet 2-2020.pdf (sierraclub.org)](<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/range-of-light-group/PDFs/Sign-Up%20Sheet%202-2020.pdf>)

If anyone has COVID symptoms or is sick don't come! We want everyone to be safe. Going on this outing you'll be with individuals who are vaccinated or unvaccinated. It's your choice to participate on this outing.

Bring your daypack, 2 qts of water, umbrella (it will be hot), lunch money, hat, sunscreen, camera, and field guides. Wear clothes and shoes that are comfortable and cool. We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant after we finish walking. This outing is limited to 20 people. No pets, firearms, or radios. We'll put cell phones on vibrate and enjoy the solitude/quiet/natural sounds of Exploration Green.

For those who want to carpool/caravan we'll meet at 7:30 am in the parking lot just west of Starbucks in Meyerland Plaza. I have a gray Honda CRV hybrid (WMP 3632) and will be parked just west of Starbucks. My phone number is 281-570-7212. Don't be late!

Contact your leader, Brandt Mannchen, if you have questions, at the Houston Sierra Club Outings Meet-Up Site or at [brandt_mannchen@comcast.net](mailto:brandt_mannchen@comcast.net). Directions to Exploration Green are:

- 1. Go S on I-45 and exit at Bay Area Blvd.*
- 2. Turn It (east) onto Bay Area Blvd and go to El Camino Real.*
- 3. Turn It (north) onto El Camino Real and go 1 block to Ramada Dr.*
- 4. Turn rt onto Ramada Dr, go 2 blocks, turn It onto Diana Ln.*
- 5. Go about 1 block and turn into the parking lot at 16306 Diana Ln.*

June 13, 2026

Understanding How Herbs Work

Bauer Education Center

1911 W. 34th St.

Houston, TX 77018

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Herbs do more than taste good in a cup, they interact with our nervous system, digestion, and stress response in very specific ways. In this fun hands-on workshop, we'll explore a small group of plants and talk about actions like:

- *nervines (herbs that support the nervous system)*
- *carminatives (herbs that ease digestion)*
- *gentle adaptogens (herbs that help the body respond to stress)*

We will discuss these herbs in clear, down-to-earth language. Through story and sensory play, each person will choose the plants that resonate with them and blend a small loose-leaf tea to take home, along with simple guidelines for using it safely and intentionally.

PRESENTER:

Jessica Jackson is a wellness coach and herbalist at Elijah Broke The Gate LLC, where she is also the founder. She is also the co-founder of Jesse's House.

Registration Fee: \$20

If you cannot attend the class as scheduled, there are no refunds or substitutions.

Registration will close 24 hours prior to most classes and 48 hours before all Sunday classes.

Contact Kim Perry at kim@urbanharvest.org for any questions.

[Register Here](#)

June 13, 2026

AliefVotes Youth Conference

Alief Neighborhood Center (Room 2005, Senior Room)

11:00 AM - 02:30 PM CST

Join AliefVotes and District F for the 4th Annual AliefVotes Youth Conference, our biggest event of the year for all ages.

Please share this post with friends and family. Free lunch, ice cream, and raffles for all!

Keynote Speakers: Council Member Tiffany D. Thomas, Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones, and Commissioner Dexter McCoy.

Who can come: Anyone! Over 20 organizations will be tabling on-site.

RSVP: tinyurl.com/alief-2026

June 13, 2026

Green Open House

Trinity Bay Discovery Center

2110 Tri City Beach Rd

Beach City, TX 77523

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Emily Billin, 832-536-2271

ebillin@galvbay.org

Come for the fun, leave with nature-based solutions that will spark ideas you can use at home and in your neighborhood.

Learn more about:

Rain Barrels

Biowales

Living Shorelines

Native Plants

Solar Pumps

Permeable Parking

Activities include:

Viewing Aquatic Animals

Trails Walks

Hands-on Booths

Expert Speakers

Local Partners

Free Italian ice!

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FULLY OUTDOOR EVENT AND REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT WALKING ON UNEVEN TERRAI

June 14, 2026

Stewarding the Wilds with Faith

Coastal Heritage Preserve, Meeting location: Corral Parking 13117 Settegast Rd.

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Galveston, TX 77554

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Calling people of all faiths – or no faith at all: Spend two hours living out your values by helping restore

vital ecosystems on the Coastal Heritage Preserve as you plant native coastal prairie species. The two

hours of hands-on volunteering will have an impact for centuries to come as these plants mitigate

erosion, fix nitrogen, filter heavy metals, and provide habitat to the wildlife that call the 1,039 acres

“home.” This activity involves standing, walking, and digging holes in the forgiving sandy alkaline soil of

Galveston Island. Children 5+ are welcome to participate with parents/guardians.

Please wear long

pants, closed toe shoes, gloves, and sun protection. Bring a refillable water bottle and bug spray. All

tools needed to do the work and an igloo of drinking water will be provided. This event is organized by

the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, in partnership with Artist Boat. We look forward to

seeing y’all out on the prairie! Please register for this event for planning purposes on

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Kemah, TX 77565

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

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Make Wednesdays count for the coast

Join a growing community of volunteers who are restoring and caring for Galveston Bay's habitats. Work alongside staff and fellow volunteers at our Gessner Center and see the impact of your efforts week by week.

This is a hands-on stewardship role where you will build practical skills, spend time outdoors, and be part of a team making visible progress each week.

As a Coastal Care Volunteer, you will:

Plant native species, remove overgrowth, and maintain habitat areas

Use hand tools and assist with safe, organized fieldwork

Help prepare and move tools, plants, and materials

Learn directly from staff about coastal ecosystems and restoration

No experience needed. We provide all training, tools, and guidance. Just show up ready to help!

Restrooms and wifi available onsite. All tools and supplies provided. Minors (16+) welcome with a registered adult chaperone.

This role involves outdoor work in sun, mud, and uneven terrain. Review heat safety guidelines [here](#).

June 18, 2026

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June 19, 2026

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June 20, 2026

Columbia Tap Trail Clean Up

3616 Briley St

, TX

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

June 20, 2026

Summer Species - Bikes & Bats

Buffalo Bayou Park

07:15 PM - 09:00 PM CST

Join Buffalo Bayou Partnership and bring your bike for an evening ride along Buffalo Bayou with BikeHouston to the Waugh Bridge Bat Colony, where you'll witness an unforgettable sight—more than 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats emerging at sunset. Every third Saturday between May through August: May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15. Spots are limited. Reservations required.

Price: \$10 (discount available)

Registration: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/buffalobayou/items/724660/?full-items=yes&flow=314839>

June 20, 2026

Buffalo Bayou Cruise: History

1019 Commerce Street

, TX

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM CST

Take a boat ride through history and learn about Houston's past! Look back at Houston's history while cruising Buffalo Bayou with a local historian. Your guide will share stories of the Allen brothers and provide historical information about the people, places and events along the bayou that helped shape Houston. Reservations required.

Price: \$40 (discount available)

Registration: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/buffalobayou/items/194849/?full-items=yes&flow=314837>

June 20, 2026

Neighborhood Resilience Network: Yard Waste

Third Ward Multi-Service Center

3611 Ennis St

Houston, TX 77004

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Andrea Barrera, 713-529-6443

steward@bayoupreservation.org

Kick off Bayou Preservation Association's Neighborhood Resilience Network Series with our Yard Waste Workshop— the first event in a three-part series designed to equip Houstonians with practical tools for creating more sustainable homes and greener communities.

Led by Master Gardener Robin Kendrick-Yates, this hands-on workshop will teach you how to turn everyday yard waste into nutrient-rich compost. Discover how composting transforms organic materials into healthy soil that supports plant growth, improves moisture retention, and reduces landfill waste.

Participants will take part in building a compost system and gain real-world insights into how simple, at-home practices can strengthen Houston's gardens and local ecosystems.

This is the first of three free Saturday workshops (June–August), each focusing on different aspects of holistic water sustainability. All events are open to the public and include engaging activities and take-home materials (while supplies last).

June 21, 2026

The Preserve - A Nature Based Solution

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Join Karla Klay, Executive Director of Artist Boat to hear about their largest project and their clearest

nature-based solution: the Coastal Heritage Preserve on West Galveston Island.

Galveston Island sits in the Galveston Bay Estuary, facing the Gulf of Mexico. Bayside wetlands improve

water quality, support fisheries, and buffer storms. Coastal prairies absorb floodwaters and sequester

carbon. Dunes and beaches guard against erosion from a high-energy coast. These habitats are in steep

decline under pressure from development, sea-level rise, erosion, and subsidence.

Protecting land

before it's fragmented is the most cost-effective, durable intervention we have. Since 2010, with

partners across agencies and the community, Artist Boat has assembled a 1,039-acre sanctuary with a

goal of 1,400 acres — a living laboratory for resilience. Thus far, \$24M+ has been secured through 14

transactions to make the vision real. With hope, Artist Boat is striving to conserve the next 204 acres.

Learn how hope, persistence, and hard work have turned an uncertainty into a "given" with willing

sellers and an invested community from the national to state to local level. Time for interactive

discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register for this talk on www.eventbrite.com at

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June 22, 2026

Cool Congregations Cohort

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4 th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

Starts January 26, 2026

Faith communities of all faith/spiritual traditions are invited to join the Cool Congregations Cohort in

2026. The cohort will meet monthly online throughout the year, and the facilitator will work with you to

accomplish two goals during the course of the year: (1) develop a plan to reduce your faith community's

carbon footprint by 50% by 2030 (in line with goals sent by climate scientists) and (2) incorporate care

for the earth into all aspects of your faith community's life. The cohort facilitator, who has decades of

experience in "greening" of faith communities, will give individualized attention to the 10 faith

communities that participate, helping them to discover ways to both reduce their carbon footprint and

renew their faith community's commitment to care for the earth. Participating faith communities will

also learn from each other's experiences and support each other throughout the program. This program

is organized by the Interfaith Environmental Network of Houston, a Houston affiliate of the Texas

chapter of Interfaith Power & Light, but is open to any faith community that would like to participate,

and is not restricted to Houston- nor Texas-based faith communities. Please register your faith

community at www.eventbrite.com at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1975020502489>

(only one sign-up per faith community, please). Contact the facilitator, Lisa Brenskelle, at gcs.lrc@gmail.com, with any

questions.

June 22, 2026
- June 26, 2026

Free Native Prairie Camp for ages 13-17

08:30 AM - 01:30 PM CST

How can we help save native prairies right here at home? Join us for a week of learning and exploring native habitats, urban restoration projects, and the mosaics of our ecosystems!

Join the Native Prairies Association of Texas, the Environmental Institute of Houston, and conservation partners for a week of prairie activities, including hiking, birding, insect studies, nature journaling, green careers presentations, and more!

Locations include Deer Park Prairie (NPAT), University of Houston – Clear Lake (EIH), Armand Bayou Nature Center, and Baytown Nature Center.

Details:

Cost: Free

Age range: 13-17

Maximum 12 campers per week

Campers will need to provide their own lunches

Campers will need transportation to Deer Park Prairie and field trip locations. More information will be provided in the registration process.

Schedule: Weekday Camp

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Session 1: June 1-5

Session 2: June 22-26

Free. Space is Limited. Registration is Required – after initial registration, we will reach out with further details for confirmation and final registration.

Register Here!

June 24, 2026

Wellness Walks with Urban Paths

Buffalo Bayou Park

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Free to attend

Registration

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Water Monitor Training: Standard Core

Galveston Bay Foundation

1725 Highway 146

Kemah, TX 77565

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Rachel Thorne, 832-536-2279

rthorne@galvbay.org

Become a Certified Texas Stream Team Water Quality Monitor

Help protect the health of Galveston Bay by collecting reliable, long-term water quality data. Through this hands-on, full-day training, you'll gain the skills needed to monitor tidally influenced waters using Texas Stream Team Standard Core protocols.

You'll work alongside experienced staff to learn classroom and field sampling methods used statewide to track the health of Texas waters, while becoming part of a network of volunteers committed to clean water.

No prior experience required. Supplies and materials are provided. Participants should be prepared for both indoor and outdoor instruction, short walks between locations, and a commitment to monthly monitoring after certification.

Be prepared to help set up the room for training and for an orientation on the flow of the day.

This training takes place on Galveston Bay Foundation's campus in the first building on the left. Restrooms and indoor classroom facilities are available onsite. Carpooling is encouraged.

June 26, 2026

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June 27, 2026

Fourth Saturday Phenology Walk

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Discover the hidden seasonal rhythms of nature firsthand on our guided Phenology Walks, where we track the life cycles of different plants across ecosystems, from the first spring bud burst to winter dormancy. You'll learn how shifting weather patterns and climate change influence the timing of these important events in our local ecosystems and how you can become a community scientist, contributing vital data from your own backyard to a global research initiative.

These relaxing morning walks are led by scientists from Rice University and staff from the Arboretum. We welcome nature enthusiasts of all ages, however kids 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a guardian.

Learn more about the study of phenology and ways you can contribute at <https://www.usanpn.org/nn>

Free, donations appreciated

All ages, minors must be accompanied by an adult

Meet in front of the Nature Center building

June 27, 2026

Green Wave Volunteer Litter Cleanup at Blackhawk Park

Blackhawk Park

9401 Fuqua St.

Houston, TX 77075

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Visit ayw.givepulse.com to sign up.

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- *Pants are recommended*

Reach out to our coordination team by emailing GreenWave@ayw.org if you have any questions.

Please sign up so we know to expect you!

June 28, 2026

From Resilience to Thrivance in a Collapsing World

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Join Dr. Jeff Crane as he explores how community farming can play a crucial role in moving past a simple focus on resilience, mitigation, and adaptation to one of thrivance in a time of political, economic, and ecological chaos. While the threats are manifold and extreme, it is important to move past reactionary responses to working towards a better now and future, addressing the fundamental issues and challenges that existed prior to this immediate period and will persist after, unless action is taken. Community farming is integral to thrivance. It fosters better physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual health. It helps repair the relationship between humanity and the natural world. It creates a web of community connections, friendships, and reciprocity. And finally, community farming brings joy and beauty into our lives. Certainly, community farming is not the entire solution but, as a site of dialogue, it can also contribute to other needed work. Consider thrivance through community farming! Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register for this talk on www.eventbrite.com at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988594579920>. This virtual event will use the WebEx platform. Registrants will receive a separate e-mail with WebEx connection details. All registrants will get a link to the recording of this talk. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.

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If you would like to help rotate or retrieve plants from the aquatic pools, you are encouraged to bring tall rubber boots.

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Signup on our volunteer

portal: https://volunteer.galvbay.org/need/detail/?need_id=1194479

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July 7, 2026

CEC Working Group Meeting

United Way of Greater Houston

50 Waugh Drive

Houston, TX

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

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Light refreshments will be provided.

July 8, 2026

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Buffalo Bayou Park

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Price: \$10 (discount available)

Registration: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/buffalobayou/items/724660/?full-items=yes&flow=314839>

July 18, 2026

Neighborhood Resilience Network - Rainwater Harvesting

Third Ward Multi-Service Center

3611 Ennis St

Houston, TX 77004

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Andrea Barrera, 713-529-6443

steward@bayoupreservation.org

Harness the power of rain and turn every drop into a resource for your home and your community.

Join Bayou Preservation Association's Neighborhood Resilience Network Series with our Rainwater Harvesting Workshop—part of a three-part series designed to equip Houstonians with practical tools for creating more sustainable homes and resilient communities.

Led by Master Gardener Teresa See, this hands-on workshop will teach you how to capture and reuse rainwater to reduce runoff, conserve water, and support the health of Houston's bayous. Learn how rainwater harvesting can improve your landscape, increase water efficiency, and promote long-term sustainability at home.

Participants will gain practical skills in assembling a rain barrel system and will leave with the confidence to set up this solution in their own backyard.

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July 23, 2026

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EcoCenter Sponsored by Reliant

7705 W Bay Rd

Baytown, TX 77523

08:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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July 25, 2026

Witness Series Part 3

Houston Botanic Garden

1 Botanic Lane

Houston, TX 77071

04:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Kristi Rangel,

kris.rangel.kr@gmail.com

The Witness Series is Artist Lead, Nature Centered and Community Driven. It is led by Kristi Rangel, Houston-based multi-disciplinary artist and education advocate. This year, the Witness Series is excited to celebrate its fifth year of being community together. This year's Witness Series will explore the many profound experiences that Communities of Color have in the Land of Southeast Texas and along our waterways. The Witness Series is co-curated in partnership with artists from the Native American, African American, Latinx, Pacific Islander and Asian communities. Every Witness experience is designed to bring communities together through the power of nature and provide historically underserved communities with greater access to nature-based opportunities. Attendees become co-authors, editors and observers as they take part in these participatory public art experiences centered around green spaces and environmental equity.

The 5th year of the Witness Series will be explored through the artistry and lens of Tomii Culmer. We will Bear Witness to the power of community building and artmarking in green spaces through her photos.

Kristi Rangel created the Witness Series, in 2021 in collaboration with Jaime González, a Houston-based conservationist because of their shared belief that environmental justice is a basic human right.

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July 26, 2026

Building Resilient, Sustainable Health Systems

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

At Houston Methodist, our Office of Sustainability is working to advance environmental stewardship as an extension of healing — caring not only for patients, but also for the communities and environments that influence human health. Join Jason Fischer, Director of the Office of Sustainability, Houston Methodist, as he explores how healthcare sustainability intersects with faith, service, and responsibility to future generations through initiatives focused on energy and resource conservation, waste reduction, sustainable purchasing, clinical sustainability, and environmental health. The session will also highlight how collaboration across healthcare, research, and community partnerships can help create healthier, more resilient communities while supporting the broader mission of caring for creation and one another. Time for interactive discussion with the speaker will be provided. Please register for this talk on www.eventbrite.com at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1990568243200>. This virtual event will use the WebEx platform. Registrants will receive a separate e-mail with WebEx connection details. All registrants will get a link to the recording of this talk. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.

July 27, 2026

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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4 th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

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Free to attend

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August 4, 2026

Environmental Book Club
Black Hole Coffee House
4504 Graustark Street
Houston, TX
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
CEC, 713-524-4232
info@cechouston.org

*This month, we will be discussing **Carbon: The Book of Life** by Paul Hawken, which explores carbon, an element that is responsible for all life on our planet, but also, drives climate change.*

Join the Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC) Environmental Book Club for an engaging evening of conversation, learning, and community connection.

Our bi-monthly book club brings together environmentally minded Houstonians to discuss books exploring sustainability, climate change, environmental justice, public health, conservation, and the relationship between people and the planet. Whether you work in the environmental field or are simply curious and passionate about these topics, all are welcome.

This is a community-oriented discussion designed to encourage thoughtful dialogue, new perspectives, and meaningful connections across Houston's environmental community.

Free to join. Participants are encouraged to support the hosting venue by purchasing a drink or snack.

Interested in joining our next meeting?

Simply send us an email at info@cechouston.org to sign up. You'll receive updates about meeting locations, discussions, and upcoming books. We look forward to having you!

August 5, 2026

Wellness Walks with Urban Paths

Buffalo Bayou Park

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Free to attend

Registration

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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Casual lunch will be provided.

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Buffalo Bayou Park

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August 15, 2026

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Create a space that gives back—turn your yard into a sanctuary for pollinators and support a healthier ecosystem across Houston.

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Led by Master Gardener Robin Kendrick Yates, this hands-on workshop will examine the vital role pollinators play in our ecosystems and how to design a garden that supports them. Learn how native plants, thoughtful design, and simple practices can attract bees, butterflies, and other beneficial species while improving the health of our bayous.

Participants will gain hands-on experience building a bee/pollinator hotel and leave with practical tips to start their own pollinator-friendly garden at home.

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August 19, 2026

Coastal Care Wednesdays

Galveston Bay Foundation

1725 Highway 146

Kemah, TX 77565

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

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Make Wednesdays count for the coast

Join a growing community of volunteers who are restoring and caring for Galveston Bay's habitats. Work alongside staff and fellow volunteers at our Gessner Center and see the impact of your efforts week by week.

This is a hands-on stewardship role where you will build practical skills, spend time outdoors, and be part of a team making visible progress each week.

As a Coastal Care Volunteer, you will:

Plant native species, remove overgrowth, and maintain habitat areas

Use hand tools and assist with safe, organized fieldwork

Help prepare and move tools, plants, and materials

Learn directly from staff about coastal ecosystems and restoration

No experience needed. We provide all training, tools, and guidance. Just show up ready to help!

Restrooms and wifi available onsite. All tools and supplies provided. Minors (16+) welcome with a registered adult chaperone.

This role involves outdoor work in sun, mud, and uneven terrain. Review heat safety guidelines [here](#).

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October 2, 2026

CEC Working Group Lunch
United Way of Greater Houston
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, TX

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

info@cechouston.org

Join Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC) monthly meeting of our 2026 Working Groups: Built for Resilience and Resource & Data Hub.

These collaborative working groups bring together community members, nonprofits, government representatives, researchers, students, and sustainability professionals to help advance practical resilience solutions for Greater Houston.

Through advocacy, education, partnerships, and program development, participants are working to advance three key regional priorities:

- Nature-based solutions for climate resilience*
- Circular economy and resource efficiency initiatives*
- Resilient energy and water infrastructure*

Whether you are deeply involved in sustainability work or simply interested in contributing your ideas, expertise, and community perspective, all are welcome.

Casual lunch will be provided.

October 6, 2026

Environmental Book Club
Black Hole Coffee House
4504 Graustark Street
Houston, TX
07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST
CEC, 713-524-4232
info@cechouston.org

They Poisoned the World: Life and Death in the Age of Forever Chemicals by Mariah Blake

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This is a community-oriented discussion designed to encourage thoughtful dialogue, new perspectives, and meaningful connections across Houston's environmental community.

Free to join. Participants are encouraged to support the hosting venue by purchasing a drink or snack.

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October 21, 2026

Coastal Care Wednesdays

Galveston Bay Foundation

1725 Highway 146

Kemah, TX 77565

08:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

Starla Lawhon -Dyer, 832-536-2255

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October 23, 2026

- October 24, 2026

Greater Houston Environmental Summit

United Way of Greater Houston

50 Waugh Drive

Houston, TX

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

info@cechouston.org

2026 theme: Fostering Resilience in Community

Register to sponsor or exhibit today.

More information coming soon!

October 24, 2026

Fourth Saturday Phenology Walk
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Discover the hidden seasonal rhythms of nature firsthand on our guided Phenology Walks, where we track the life cycles of different plants across ecosystems, from the first spring bud burst to winter dormancy. You'll learn how shifting weather patterns and climate change influence the timing of these important events in our local ecosystems and how you can become a community scientist, contributing vital data from your own backyard to a global research initiative.

These relaxing morning walks are led by scientists from Rice University and staff from the Arboretum. We welcome nature enthusiasts of all ages, however kids 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a guardian.

Learn more about the study of phenology and ways you can contribute at <https://www.usanpn.org/nn>

Free, donations appreciated

All ages, minors must be accompanied by an adult

Meet in front of the Nature Center building

October 26, 2026

Cool Congregations Cohort

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

Starts January 26, 2026

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December 1, 2026

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Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth by Zoë Schlanger

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December 28, 2026

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07:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

4 th Monday/month, 7 p.m. central, online

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