



NATURE NOTES

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**Tuesday, November 14, 2:30 p.m., SCB
Waste Deep, Recycling 101 and Beyond the
Landfill**

*Presented by Greg Behl, Sustainability and
Diversion Coordinator for Texas Disposal
Systems*

**Monday, December 4, 6:00 p.m., SCB
Holiday Dinner**

*Reservations required.
More information to follow.*

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$6 for 2023

Dues include our monthly programs and all
Special Interest Group programs and activities.

CLUB OFFICER & DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Election of the Nature Club officers and board
members will begin October 26, 2023. The election is
by electronic ballot and will end November 8.

The slate of candidates is listed on the back page.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

Nature Club activities are posted on the [Nature
Club](#) website calendar. E-mails are sent to Club
members only.

ASTRONOMY SIG



No **November** or **December** meeting.
*Check the Calendar for up-to-date info
and watch for Special Viewing
announcements.*

SIG Chair: Richard Wagoner

BIRDING SIG

Tues., **Nov. 7**, 2:30 p.m., RLSR, " *Attracting
and Feeding Birds in Your Yard and
Garden*" presented by Martin Byhower.

No SIG Meeting in **December**

BIRD WALKS

Thurs., **Nov. 2**, Wed., **Nov. 15**, and Thurs., **Dec. 7**, at
8 a.m., LHPP.

Dec. 16, G'Town Christmas Bird Count. Contact
Martin <mailto:avitropic@sbcglobal.net> and cc Ed
birded78@suddenlink.net.

*All walks 8:00 a.m., meet at LHPP parking lot near the
lake. Any changes will be emailed.*

SIG Chairs: Ed Rozenburg & Martin Byhower



BUTTERFLY/MOTH SIG

No SIG Meeting until January.



BUTTERFLY WALKS

No walks until 2024

SIG Chair: Ed Rozenburg

EARTH SCIENCE SIG

No meeting until 2024
SIG Chair: Mike Kimball



Living With Wildlife SIG

No meetings in **November** or **December**.

SIG Chair: Nancy Wagoner



NATIVE PLANTS SIG

PLANT WALKS

Plant walks TBD, look for announcement via email.

SIG Chairs: Pat Garren & Candy Prater



REPTILES/MAMMALS SIG

New SIG

*anything and everything about reptiles and
mammals*

SIG Chair: Steve Kelley

Speaker Bio

November 14

Greg Behl

“Waste Deep: Recycling 101 and Beyond the Landfill”

This discussion will explore the historical motivations for resource recovery and provide a detailed exploration of what happens to the myriad of discarded items tossed into the recycling bin. A review of the current state of the recycling industry will also be examined. Further analysis regarding the economics of these material commodities will be addressed. The conversation will expand on the future landscape of the world of sustainability initiatives local and nationwide.

Greg Behl Bio

Greg Behl is the Sustainability and Diversion Coordinator for Texas Disposal Systems, one of the state’s first fully integrated disposal and recovery facilities. With a focus on increasing landfill diversion for clients in governmental, commercial and public school districts; he has guided training and implementation of best practices that have helped numerous entities move towards their sustainability goals. Before devoting his energies in Texas, Greg worked in New York City on the pilot ‘Zero Waste Schools’ program, an initiative educating students and adults alike throughout the public school system to properly direct their recycling, compost and landfill materials.

With many years of experience in the recycling industry and combined passion, Greg shares his knowledge in line with promoting the mission of Texas Disposal Systems and the city of Austin’s ambitious waste recovery and diversion goals. He is currently the Co-Chair of the USGBC (US Green Building Council) Green Schools Committee (Central Texas Chapter) and formerly sat on the Board of Directors for STAR (State of Texas Alliance for Recycling).

Slate of Candidates for 2024

President – Roger Rucker (I)
Vice President – Bill Blodgett (I)
Vice President – Steve Kelley
Secretary – Cammie Wait (I)
Treasurer – Kate FitzPatrick (I)
Director (3 positions) -
 Belinda Avey (I)
 Martin Byhower
 Kim Cavarretta
 Louann Gum
 Randy Womack

(I) Indicates an Incumbent.

Room Location Acronyms

ACA – Activities Center Atrium
CCAM – Cowan Creek Amphitheater
CCF – Cowan Creek Florence Room
LHPP – Legacy Hills Park Pavilion
SCB - Sun City Ballroom
RLSR – Retreat Loan Star Room