

TOWN



NEWS

DALLAS, TX

NOVEMBER 2020

ZOOM WITH US

Robbie Chandler has set up a ZOOM call for anyone who would like to join. In order to participate, send Robbie an email at rbchandler@yahoo.com. She will send you a link to join the meeting. With this link you do not need to download the ZOOM app. The call will last 40 minutes max and if you would like to share, bring a positive moment or fun activity since our last in-person meeting in February. It was really nice to see some faces and to hear what activities people have been enjoying lately.



ZOOM Meeting in November

**Monday November 9th
at 7:00 PM**

Guests always welcome

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20

Dues paid in 2020 will cover your membership through 2021



Highlights from Big Bend November 2018
Photos by Barb Minyard

CAMPING FIX

Camping is regarded as a low risk activity but social distancing is still required. Since large group activities still carry risk, we won't be planning any large group campouts for TOWN for awhile. One alternative would be a small group campout. Four to six people could share a couple of campsites, bring own meals and drive separately. Most parks and campgrounds are less crowded during the week so a weekday camping trip would limit risk further. If you are interested in a small group camping trip and you don't have the experience to plan one yourself, let me know and I will try to help set something up.

Reservations at Texas State Parks are open now with a five month window (March dates are now open and April will be opening next week). Weekend dates at the State Parks fill up quickly so you have to plan ahead.

Temporary guidelines for State Park use:

Face coverings are required inside all state park buildings.

Maintain at least a six-foot distance from anyone not in your group.

No groups larger than 10 people are allowed, except for families or people living in the same household.



LET'S TRY A HIKE

Hike the Meadow Pond Trail at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, November 14th, 11:00.

Trip Leader Shirley Meurer: If you would like to join me, email me at sameurer@yahoo.com. I will send more info about where to meet. Max 10 people, bring your mask.

The Meadow Pond Trail is located near the Big Mineral Day Use Area at the west end of Wildlife Drive. Situated on the old KATY Rail bed, this trail hosts a variety of habitats including shallow ponds, farm fields, forests, and bottomland hardwoods. Wading birds, turkey, deer, squirrel and numerous species of sparrows are often seen along the route. The surface is gravel and may be your best bet for a hike after a rain. *Length is 5.7 miles round-trip.*

For more info <https://www.fws.gov/refugee/Hagerman/visit/activities/hiking.html>

Barb Minyard and Shirley Meurer are hoping to be able to kick off the 2021 camping season with our annual camping trip at Inks Lake next year. The dates for this trip will be March 4-7, Thursday to Sunday. As we get closer, more details will become available. State Park Guidelines will be followed

