

**TOWN Meetings will be held
on the second Monday of
the month.**

**No Meeting in March
Next Meeting April 11th**

Annual dues are \$20 for 2022

Pay in person at a meeting, or electronically via Paypal or Zelle.
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Email a completed Membership form to sameurer@yahoo.com or
mail to the address on the form

<https://towndallas.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/town-membership-2021.pdf>

Meeting schedule for remainder of 2022

April 11th - outdoor location - picnic area of the
SpringPark Clubhouse

May 9th - outdoor location - picnic area of the
SpringPark Clubhouse

June 13th - no meeting

July 11th - no meeting

August 8th - indoor location TBD

September 12th - indoor location TBD

October 10th - outdoor location TBD

November 14th - no meeting

December 12th - no meeting

February weather impacted our planned activities with a hike cancelled and then our camping trip to Inks Lake cancelled. We did manage to hike on one of the beautiful days in February. There were nine of us that met at Arbor Hills to hike on a Thursday. It was plenty warm, we made one wrong turn but made it back to our cars in time to grab lunch at Bread Zeppelin.



Trips on the calendar. Link from the website

(<http://www.localendar.com/public/TOWNDallas>)

Camping at Possum Kingdom State Park -

Nancy Lee

Camping at Brazos Bend State Park - **Allison**

Gilani and Lois Jacobs

Cabin at Medicine Park & Wichita Mountains

National Wildlife Refuge -

Shirley Meurer

Lois, Allison, Judy, Karen, Cindi, Julie,
Ann, Mary and Stonie at Arbor Hills

What? Hike Spring Creek Nature Trail

When? Saturday, March 5th, 9:00 AM

Who? Trip leader Shirley Meurer sameurer@yahoo.com

Where? Meet at the park and playground area at Plano Rd and Braeburn Drive in Richardson

We'll hike on a paved trail through a dense natural hardwood forest along Spring Creek. This is an easy 4.5 mile trail but there are many options for shorter hikes for anyone that would like to hike a little less distance. The route I follow is about 3.5 miles. Lunch afterwards someplace nearby. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For a map of the trail go to:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/plandev/trails/26-SpringCreekRichardson.pdf>

WHERE'S ROBBIE?

So! if anyone is wondering where I was, when I was not at the January or February meeting, here's an update, I'm travelling.



Oak Creek Canyon



Oak Creek Canyon

Sold house, furniture and garden sculptures, banked the money and left town.

On January 3rd, I left McKinney and drove to Flagstaff, AZ

with Shirley, We did some sight seeing and hiking in Oak Creek Canyon south of Flagstaff. Two days later we drove to Morro Bay CA, where we repeated the process. We hiked at Morro Bay State Park, wandered along the lovely Embarcadero in town and then found the local Farmers Market. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to Whale Watch so we took the early trip out the next day. We saw Gray Whales, dolphins and an Ocean Sunfish (Mola Mola). From there we drove along scenic Highway 1 to Pacifica CA and stayed with friends a couple of nights. We spent a day browsing the shops, eating and drinking in Half Moon Bay, watching the surfers.

After Shirley left, I stayed with good friends in Pacifica for two weeks and took in the sights around San Francisco. I am residing in Cloverdale, Sonoma County for the next two months, taking care of one wee dog called Cozmo. Already hiking, exploring and meeting lots of fun people. I will be here till end of March.



Oak Creek Canyon Trail

Frasier Dam Recreation Area

I finally made it out to the Frasier Dam Recreation Area for a nice hike on a Sunday afternoon. I read the driving directions several times before I left the house because I was not familiar with the area. After missing my exit off going south on 35, I made my way back north and followed my GPS. When I saw the welcome sign for the Recreation Area, I was already past the turn into the parking lot from the one way service road. One more time around a big loop and I was there, no problem. The trail is easy to follow and very well marked. There are several benches along the way strategically placed to look out over the river and dam. There were lots of birds to see and it was quiet. On the 3 mile trail I saw one person at the very beginning and 2 people at the very end.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/fwddf/2021/09/29/it-is-so-magical-to-be-able-to-experience-this-frasier-dam-recreation-area-officially-opens/>





Morro Bay State Park



Robbie at Morro Bay State Park



Shirley at Morro Bay State Park

Morro Bay



The Rock and Sea Lion raft in Morro Bay



Sea Lions



Wharf in Morro Bay



Beautiful drive along the ocean - Highway 1