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Newsletter of Friends of the Bowie Nature Park, Inc.

February is Bird Month!

Feb. 2025

February Friends Meeting Pot Luck Breakfast

The Friends' February meeting, on **Saturday February 8 at 9:00 am** at **Bowie Park Nature Center**, will be a pot luck breakfast meeting. Please bring a dish to share: Fruit, donuts, breakfast casserole, bagels, etc, are all acceptable. Since the January meeting was held by Zoom and was not well attended, we will vote on the budget and any board nominees that may come from the floor.

All 6 of the current board members will stay on the board for 2025. Our bylaws allow for up to 9 board members. If anyone would like to help steer the ship, or knows of a Friends member that would be a good board member, we are accepting nominations and will vote on them on Saturday. We will also vote on the budget.



Calendar of Events

Friends Member Meeting: 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 am. Next meeting is **Feb 8, 9:00 am**. This will be our annual election meeting. we will vote on the budget and any nominees for the Board of Directors that come from the floor. We will also have a pot luck breakfast.

Introduction to 21st Century Birding program: **Feb. 8, 10:30 am** in the **Nature Center**. Free and open to the public.

Planning Commission meeting: Second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 pm at City Hall**.

City of Fairview Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at **7 pm in City Hall**. Next meeting is **Feb. 13**.

Parks & Landscaping Board meeting: 1st Monday of the month. Next meeting is **March 3 at 7 pm at City Hall**.

Reminder

Membership dues for Friends of Bowie Nature Park are due at this time. Dues are still only \$10 per person per year, and can be paid in person at a meeting or through Pay Pal by going to www.friendsofbowienaturepark.org/copy-of-

Introduction to 21st Century Birding



Friends of Bowie Nature Park will host a program to introduce people to the world of birding, using modern tools. The program takes place after the Friends meeting, at **10:30 am on Saturday, February 8**, in the **Bowie Park Nature Center**. Participants will learn how to use the Merlin app to identify birds by sight or by sound. They will also learn to use the eBird mobile app to log bird observations with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, to contribute to a global data base that the lab oversees. Start a new hobby or turn an existing one into a Citizen Science project, and assist bird researchers around the world.

This program is free and open to the public. To get the most out of your time, it is best to download the two apps ahead of time.

Follow this link to download the Merlin app.
<https://appkingo.com/p676/merlin-bird-id-by-cornell-lab/com.labs.merlinbirdid.app>

Follow this link to download the eBird app.
<https://ebird.org/about/ebird-mobile/>



Friends Board of Directors

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- ◆ Eileen Brogan, Secretary
- ◆ Meredith Keyser, Treasurer
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Story Book Trail

The City of Fairview park staff is planning to build a storybook trail in the area around Joann's Outdoor Classroom. They have asked the Friends for help with this project. At our Feb. 8 meeting, we will discuss how we can help.

One way any member of the public including the Friends can help is to give feedback as to which storybook to use. There is a list of books we already have permission to use through Tennessee's Governor's Early Literacy Foundation. The park staff has narrowed the choice to 5 nature-themed titles, and is asking the public to vote for their favorite. You can search on any of these titles on YouTube. They each have a read aloud video that will show you the text and pictures so you can help decide which story is featured. Here is the list of books:

Hugo and the Impossible Thing by Renee Felice Smith and Chris Gabriel

Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan

Run Wild by David Covell

The Tree in Me by Corinna Luyken

Wonder Walkers by Micha Archer

To vote, go to this link:

<https://forms.gle/CKPH9bCNX3s1F8bt9>

