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November 2024 Newsletter

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Dallas Community Air Management Program

Please join The Dallas Sierra Club as we welcome Freddie Ortiz, City of Dallas' Environmental Coordinator, as he discusses The Dallas Community Air Management Program (D-CAMP). Learn how this unique program puts sensors throughout Dallas to measure levels of air pollutants and collects that data for analysis which will subsequently allow for improved policies, urban planning, and infrastructure. Dallas has recently been ranked as the 18th most polluted city for ozone pollution by the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report. Mr Ortiz will educate and enumerate how these monitors are strategically placed in different communities around Dallas with a focus on at-risk communities with environmental justice concerns.

7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 12 via Zoom

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member.

For more information, contact Victoria Howard at Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org.

Register for the meeting here

Musings From The Chair...



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

-Abraham Lincoln

For those of us who care about the environment, democracy, women's rights, kindness and respect for others, decency, etc, etc, the results of Tuesday's Election have been a gut-punch to rival all gut-punches. Thank you to all who voted, canvassed, and fought for a fair election and a candidate that believed in decency above all.. I am at a loss for words to explain, cajole, or salve the plethora of emotions that I, and countless others, are feeling. Rather, I defer to the official statement from The National Sierra Club's Executive Director, Ben Jealous.

[Victoria Howard](#)

Chairperson, Dallas Sierra Club

"Donald Trump was a disaster for climate progress during his first term, and everything he's said and done since suggests he's eager to do even more damage this time. Trump has put profits over people time and again, prioritizing the bottom line of the Big Oil CEOs who bought and paid for his campaign above communities across the country who face the threat of pollution and the devastating impacts of the climate crisis, and seeking to keep us hooked on fossil fuels rather than investing in a clean energy economy.

"During Trump's first term, we fought relentlessly to defend against his administration's attacks on climate progress and clean air and water, and we are ready to fight again. We will challenge Trump's dangerous proposals in court, keep the pressure on banks and big corporations to clean up their act, and mobilize our 64 chapters and millions of members and volunteers nationwide to

continue to make progress at the state and local levels.

“This is a dark day, but despite this election result, momentum is on our side. The transition away from dirty fossil fuels to affordable clean energy is already underway. Trump can’t change the reality that an overwhelming majority of Americans want more clean energy, not more fossil fuels. Through investments in the Inflation Reduction Act we are creating millions of new clean energy jobs. Clean energy is already cheaper in most cases than dirty fossil fuels, and wind and solar now generate more power in the US than coal.

“When we come together, we are stronger than Donald Trump, and we will not let one climate denier in the White House erase all the progress we have made. Our movement is bigger, bolder, and more diverse than it’s ever been. We will be a force of nature and use every tool at our disposal to defend our democracy and critical environmental protections, and continue to build toward the clean energy economy and future we need.”

Ben Jealous, Executive Director, Sierra Club

[Hiking Opportunities this Fall and Winter:](#)

Wish you were here...



A hardy Group of backpackers hiked the Winding Stair Area of the Ouachita Trail in early November. Despite (or because of) the fog and rain they enjoyed the Fall flora of Arkansas. [Look for more opportunities to enjoy the beauty of Arkansas \(and other places\) with the Dallas Sierra Club in 2025.](#)

Nov. 9 (Sat.) [Day Hike at PiedmontRidge](#)

Feb. 19-23 (Wed.-Sun.) [Camp and Hike or Backpack at Big Bend National Park](#)

[Do something good while having fun](#)

Join our

[White Rock Lake Cleanup](#)

on November 9.



The poster features the Sierra Club Dallas Group logo at the top, which includes a stylized tree and the text "SIERRA CLUB DALLAS GROUP". Below the logo, the title "WHITE ROCK LAKE MONTHLY CLEAN UP" is prominently displayed. The central illustration shows a blue recycling bin, a recycling symbol, and a blue animal (possibly a rabbit) holding a branch with a nut. The bottom section of the poster contains event details: "When: The Second Saturday of Each Month", "Where: White Rock Lake (see map)", "Time: 8:30am-10:30am", "Please Bring: Drinking Water", and "Questions: Please email Victoria@dallassierraclub.org". The entire poster is framed with a decorative border of green foliage and a wavy line at the bottom.

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[How to Improve Your Breathing](#)

Two Meetings and a Comment Form

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from 6:30-8 pm

NCTCOG (North Central Texas Council of Governments) will hold a virtual listening session to provide feedback on the [Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan-Priority Climate Action Plan \(DFW AQIP-PCAP\)](#). This session will focus on water, wastewater, and watershed management; solid waste; and agriculture, forestry, and land use sectors. Measures of interest include expanding regional green spaces, improving stormwater infrastructure, and implementing waste diversion strategies.

To attend, **preregister at:** <https://www.addevent.com/event/hb23432894>

Thursday, November 14 – Arlington Council Chambers at 101 W. Abram St., 6-8 pm.

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) is taking input about how the state should work to curb methane emissions and protect the environment. Please join Liveable Arlington and other environmental groups urging the state to develop the strongest rule possible. If you can come, please **RSVP** to [Rita Beving](mailto:rita.beving@gmail.com) rita.beving@gmail.com and ask for talking points and meetup plans to coordinate with other environmentalists.

Can't Make the TCEQ Meeting?

Use the TCEQ **comments form:** <https://tceq.commentinput.com/?id=M8Te4Qg9j>.

[Holiday Party](#)

Come and Join in the Fun

Club members and guests are invited to come and share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at our annual holiday get-together. Join us for some **camaraderie, a raffle, one free margarita or glass of wine**. We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. Invite your family and friends. The entire menu will be available, so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like-minded people. You can relax and share a laugh or get serious and talk about issues of the day -- air, water, climate change, politics, outings, fracking, coal, nuclear, whatever strikes your green fancy.

What could be better? Nothing. See you there, and bring your appetite. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss it!

When: Sunday, December 8 from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

Where: El Fenix Restaurant, 255 Casa Linda Plaza #3, Dallas, TX 75218

([here is a Google map](#))

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