



## dallas sierra club news

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### General Meeting Program - July 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

We have two great programs lined up for our June General Meeting. Don't miss them!

#### **How to Care For Your Trees During a Drought**

Matt Grubisich will cover the effects this past summer had on our trees, how you can determine if your trees have been affected, what are the long-term consequence of the drought, and how to properly water your trees -- both newly planted trees and established trees.

Matt Grubisich has a B.S in Urban Forestry and Forest Management from Iowa State University and has been working in the Urban Forestry field for over 12 years in the DFW area. Matt spent 8 years with the Texas Forest Service as the Regional Urban Forester for the Dallas area. Following that, he spent 2 years as a private consulting arborist/urban forester specializing in Oak Wilt and Urban Tree Canopy Assessments and management plans. He is now with the Texas Trees Foundation as their Director of Urban Forestry, where he oversees the production of 5,000 trees in the TTF nursery and is in charge of project development and project implementation for the planting of over 25,000 trees a year.

#### **Project AWARE**

Two of the major crises in our oceans today is marine debris (trash in our fresh and saltwater waterways) and the peril of losing an important cog in preserving the balance of nature -- the wolves of the sea. David Prichard is a professional scuba diving instructor and freelance writer/photographer of over 30 articles in international scuba publications covering exotic dive sites around the world. He will explain about the top issues facing our oceans and local waterways from the intentional and indiscriminate dumping of trash in our crucial water sources, plus explain how misunderstood sharks are in their important role in keeping our oceans healthy and in balance.

David is a PADI IDC Staff Instructor with over 1,000 dives in many of the most popular dive locations around the world, with experience diving caves, famous shipwrecks (underwater archaeology), and participating in many underwater clean-up operations to rid our freshwater and saltwater recreational areas of man-made debris. David is one of thousands of scuba divers worldwide who participate in Project AWARE programs to clean up our home beneath the waves. You can find more about such projects at [www.projectaware.org](http://www.projectaware.org). David and his wife, Lily Mak,

started Enchanted Sea Images, Inc. in 2001 and invented a popular scuba product (see more information at [www.enchantedsea.com](http://www.enchantedsea.com)).

**Everyone is welcome.** You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Our meeting takes place at REI, 4515 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75244. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.

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## Outings Highlight

### Aug 29-Sep 4 (Wed-Tue) Labor Day Bus Trip to the WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS in Colorado

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For a complete list of our outings, [visit our calendar](#).

## Recycling Roundup - by Rita Raccoon

### Recent Recycling News - July 2012

#### Appliance Recycling

Getting a kitchen upgrade with all new appliances? Recycle those oldies but goodies. You have several options:

1. some retailers will take your old fridge or stove off your hands,
2. Salvation Army will pick up your old appliance for sale in their thrift stores - call for information (214) 630-5611
3. Habitat for Humanity ReStore will also take your appliances

(For those of you with a "house porn" habit, like moi, ie, you love to look at home furnishings, an insider's place to go for salvaged Park Cities and Preston Hollow kitchen cabinets, countertops and appliances is Discount Home Warehouse at 1758 Empire Central off Harry Hines. I'm talking \$50K value kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, and even a SubZero refrigerator every now and then. Be aware -stock changes weekly (which is why I go back regularly) so you never know what you might find.

### **New In Town?**

New in town and still not plugged in for recycling? Here's a good place to start . . . the Time to Recycle website from the North Central Texas Council of Governments, providing information about residential recycling, recycling locations, where to buy recycled goods, and much more. <http://www.timetorecycle.com/>

### **Calendar**

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at [www.dallassierraclub.org](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



#### **Jul 4 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

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#### **Jul 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

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#### **Jul 14 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

Walk and talk while helping to pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM at the Love of the Lake office on the Northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Buckner Blvd. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. The lake and your karma will thank you. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244



#### **Jul 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

Meet in the upstairs program room at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 6:30 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning local outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome. Ask Bill to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Contact: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



#### **Jul 21 (Sat) Upgrading Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve**

Its awesome to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve to help upgrade some of the beautiful

walking trails just south of Dallas. The address is 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249. Its a great morning workout, and the scenery is exceptional. No tools are required, (maybe gloves) just show up and be ready to lend a hand or two. We'll work from 9 AM to 12 or earlier, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 21st of July, and please see their website at [www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html](http://www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html) for directions and info. Their number is 972-709-7784 See you then! If you wish to carpool, then let me know, and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and stay green, people! Organizer: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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