



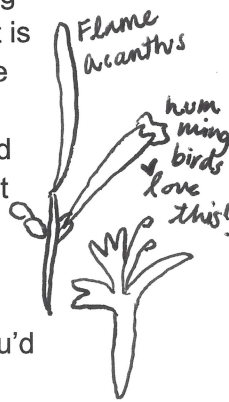
Hello Neighbors!



GREAT NEWS- the Night Herons are back and nesting on Yupon and Cherryhurst. Please pay tribute to these majesties and enjoy every sighting you are gifted with this season! We are so lucky to live in a gorgeous, naturally-rich neighborhood together!



I'd like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself. My name is Anne Bellows, I'm at 2405 Yupon and just enthusiastically stepped up to lead the Park Committee. I moved a half a mile into Cherryhurst Park when my nine year-old child was less than one. I remember laying him in the front yard on a muslin blanket and hearing the powerful wings span from the nesting herons above us and knowing immediately the feeling of home. I'm a native Houstonian and grew up accepting the seasonless concrete jungle and its most amazing people and food. When the volume of humans was turned down and nature was allowed to blare during lockdown my eyes opened to the magic and wonder of nature I could find in my own backyard. I've been chasing the bird song since, soaking up every drop of information about how perfect our environment is designed and how we can help bring out the best of it. Cherryhurst Park is our backyard. The community that shows up, at first as babies before morning naps, and now after school have become my closest friends. I love meeting and gathering and knowing people (and dogs) and look forward to combining this energy with the natural beauty we have created in Cherryhurst Park. *Want to know what's growing around you? Try the inaturalist app!*



I want to get to know you, why you love the park and your ideas for our shared space. I've included my email below. Please reach out, or look for a flyer by the Community Center if you'd like to meet up and share.

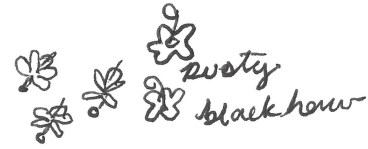


I'm also learning a lot about best practices for keeping our Live Oaks alive and well so our majestic birds return every spring. I have created a Google Doc of that information for all of us to use and share and add to as we continue learning together. This morning I was gifted this metaphor- these Oaks are our trophies! I'm so thrilled we can work together to keep them shiny!

Enthusiastically
Joyfully At Your Service,
Anne Bellows

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Please write Cherryhurst Park in the subject line so I don't lose your email in my inbox!



This is the QR code for our shared Google Doc!





The Construction is Coming!



We've spoken the topic of sidewalks to death. It's time for a new beginning of a topic- what will we plant when the upheaval is over?!

How about going Native? The grasses and wildflowers that were originally in Texas have long roots that allow them to store more water, helping us with our drainage problems! Going Native means saving money and time on extra water, mowing, mulching, and covering plants in the winter. You will not need fertilizer with native plants- the ocean thanks you!

A new, FREE app is available to help us landscape our yards with native plants that will ensure we have more birds and butterflies than we did before! Wild Thumb is available to use now. The best time for planting is the fall, so take your time researching.

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy has a list of both plants to plant and landscaping companies that can help you go native.



The Native Plant Society of Texas has steps to planting a native garden, even a native pot!

Every plant helps!

Going Native means seeing and hearing a variety of birds and a return of pollinators!

You don't have to do anything alone- look out for a park date soon to chat about plants! I'll put flyers up by the Community Center. If you need any help at all, please contact me- I love native plants!

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Internet Resources for Planting Native:

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Easiest Resource for Landscaping any Space- The Wild Thumb App!

doesn't get lost in my spam!

<https://www.wildthumb.org/>

Coastal Prairie Conservancy:

Thanks!

<https://www.coastalprairieconservancy.org/9-natives>

Native Plant Society of Texas list of Plants for our Ecoregion

https://www.npsot.org/resources/native-plants/native-plants-database/?_sfm_max_height=0+120&_sfm_max_spread=0+80&_sfm_ecoregion=Gulf%20Coast%20Prairies%20and%20Marshes



The hummingbirds come at the end of the summer and just adore red native plants! (Dump your feeder and get planting!)