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We’re open during construction!
We are excited about our upcoming renovation project to the one acre immediately surrounding the Nature Center. The Center will be open during construction for programs and Discovery Room visits. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall and last roughly 6 months. The north parking lot will be closed to visitors during construction. Visitors are asked to park in the South parking lot (on the corner of Newcastle and Evergreen St) and enjoy a short walk through Russ Pitman Park to the Nature Center.

Save the Dates!
Pumpkin Patch (p 3)
2 Days of Fall Festival FUN!
October 17 & 18 from 11 am to 4 pm

21st Twilight Gala (p 3)
Gateway to Green
at the Houstonian Hotel
November 20 at 6:30 pm

Photos with Santa
by John Daugherty Realtors
December 5 from 10 am - 1 pm

Swift Night Out
Nature Discovery Center Sep 4 at 7:30 pm (p 7)
Lakeview Elem. in Sugarland Sep 18 at 7:30 pm (p 7)

Tree ID Walks Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 at 10 am (p 6)

Park After Dark Sep 11 at 8 pm & Oct 23 at 7 pm (p 5)

Meet the Animals Sep 13 & Nov 8 at 2 pm (p 5)

Nature Walks on the Wild Side with Mary Ann
Oct 10, Nov 15, & Dec 12 at 10am (p 5)
Help beautify our new walkway to the Nature Discovery Center and leave a memory that will last a lifetime with an engraved brick. Single bricks are available for $100 each, and three bricks are available for $270.

You can place your brick and engraving order online by visiting the link on our web page: www.naturediscoverycenter.org/bricks. Order soon to ensure that your brick can be placed in the new walkway during Phase Two of our Gateway Project!

Engraved bricks are perfect for honoring school and scout groups, teachers, and any other nature lover in your life. If you own a local business and would like to be a corporate sponsor and purchase a brick to advertise your business, please contact our Director of Development at mvryn@naturediscoverycenter.org for available sizes/prices and details.

Phase Two of the Gateway Project will include a remodeling of the pavilion area. The open space will be resurfaced, and new sensory gardens will be built to make better use of this event and teaching space.

The Center is pleased to announce that Pam Dunker has joined the Staff as our new Office Manager! Pam’s eye for detail, her tech savvy, interest in nature, and her life experiences volunteering in nature and conservation based non-profits make her a great addition!

Pam is also thrilled to join the team at the Nature Discovery Center. Seeking a place where she can be connected to sharing her love of all things nature, Pam feels like the Nature Center is a perfect fit. Pam has a degree in Philosophy from California State University at Sacramento. She has volunteered with Houston Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, and the National Park Service. She is a nature photographer, artist, amateur chef, avid gardener, and a bit of a technology geek.

Stop by and say hello to Pam the next time you are in. She’ll be in the main office ready to help with any questions you have.
special events

Pumpkin Patch 2015

Winner of the 2014 Macaroni Kid Gold Daisy Award for Best Fall Festival in SW Houston/Fort Bend County

Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18 from 11 am to 4 pm both days rain or shine!

Fun for the whole family awaits as we get ready to head into the fall season. Come to our award winning Pumpkin Patch to experience a wholesome family outing. Pick out a pumpkin, play old time games and ride a hay ride.

Pumpkin Patch returns to the Nature Discovery Center this year with a slightly different look. Due to the construction surrounding the Henshaw House, Pumpkin Patch will be held primarily at the south end of the park. Pumpkins and ticket sales will be in the Russ Pitman playground area. Come wander through the park to see what games, food, and activities will attract your children. Prices for games and activities vary from $0.50 - $4. Pumpkin Passes, which offer a slight discount on tickets and save you from keeping track of handfuls of individual tickets, will be available for $20. Call 713-667-6550 or email Anne at aeisner@naturediscoverycenter.org for more information.

See page 9 for information about volunteering at this year’s Pumpkin Patch.

Gateway to Green

21st Twilight Gala

November 20, 2015

Benefiting the Nature Discovery Center

6:30pm Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Houstonian Hotel

Mark your calendars for November 20th, the date of our 21st annual Twilight Gala – a fantastic event that celebrates the wonder and beauty of nature, as well as the Center’s mission to connect people with the natural world through education. Gateway to Green is the theme this year. It is always a memorable dinner, raffle, silent and live auction, and is the Center’s largest annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this one evening alone can pay an educator’s salary for a year.

Gala Chair Lisa Kornhauser adds, “I am honored to be a chair of the gala this year. The Nature Discovery Center and Russ Pitman Park add an invaluable natural and education element to the community, and the longstanding support from Bellaire and Greater Houston for this special event is truly amazing.”

Festivities will include live music performed by the band ‘Password’. The Center is also pleased to welcome back ABC13’s Tom Koch as emcee. Our live and silent auctions get better and better each year, so do not miss out! Tables and individual tickets are now available for purchase. There are also opportunities to underwrite the event or donate an auction item. For more information, visit our website or email Michelle Vryn, Director of Development, at mvryn@naturediscoverycenter.org.

Photos from Twilight 2014 courtesy of Wilson Parrish Photography.
children’s programs

Fall Children’s Classes with Mr. Eric

Sign-up for individual classes that meet your hectic schedules, or for a full semester of topics that will inspire your children! To become a Member before registering and receive Member discounts, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/join

Curious Kids

Ages: 3.5 - 5 years old with adult
Preschoolers and their parents or adult caregivers will learn basic science concepts in hands-on classes that encourage and celebrate natural curiosity! Curious Kids lessons may incorporate live animals, plants, natural objects, crafts, puppets, stories, songs, and nature walks.

Cost per Class:
$12 Member
$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount
Price: $139

Tuesdays - 10 am or 4 pm (1 hr 15 min)

Dates & Topics:
09/08 – What’s Alive?
09/15 – Animals In the Grass
09/22 – Forest Creatures
09/29 – Animal Babies
10/06 – Dangerous Animals
10/13 – Squirrels
10/20 – Spooky Spiders
10/27 – Creatures of the Night
11/03 – Nature in Fall
11/10 – Possums and Kangaroos
11/17 – Talking Turkeys
Thanksgiving Holiday
12/01 – Horns and Antlers
12/08 – Animal Tracks
12/15 – Winter Nature Crafts

Junior Scientists

Ages: 6 - 10 years old
Our Junior Scientists explore the natural world and examine a variety of science themes through hands-on investigations and experiments, and in lessons enriched with crafts, games, and more!

Cost per Class:
$12 Member
$20 Non-member

Members-Only Semester Discount
Price: $139

Thursdays - 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Dates & Topics:
09/10 – What’s Alive?
09/17 – Grasses and Grassland Animals
09/24 – Forests and Forest Animals
10/01 – Animal Babies and Reproduction
10/08 – Nocturnal Creatures
10/15 – Squirrels and other Rodents
10/22 – Arachnids
10/29 – Venomous and Poisonous
11/05 – Autumn Nature
11/12 – Marsupials and Monotremes
11/19 – Turkeys and other Big Birds
Thanksgiving Holiday
12/03 – Horns and Antlers
12/10 – Tracks and Traces
12/17 – Winter Nature Studies

Nature Story Time

Stories, puppets, specimens, songs & more for preschoolers & their caregivers.

Every Wednesday at 4 pm

Tour the Park & Discovery Rooms

Schedule a play date for your child’s playgroup. Play Date in the Park packages may include Discovery Room tours, nature walks, themed activities, and stories in a 30 - 45 minute program specially geared for your group.

Play group visits are scheduled Tuesday - Sunday between 9:30 am - 4:30pm.

Advanced reservation is required.

$8 per child ($40 minimum)

Call us at the Center at 713.667.6550 to schedule.

If you have a group of 5+ kids (5-10 yrs old), you can request a class, or a series of classes on most nature/science topics. Call Staff Naturalist, Eric Duran at 713.667.6550 for more info.

Winter Break Day Camps Coming in December

Ages 5 - 10

One day camps meet from 9:30 - 3:30 each day, with optional After Care until 5:30. Kids bring a lunch and we provide snacks and water.

Register online. Members - you may now login as yourself OR as the child who will attend camp.

Cost/day: $45 member / $55 nonmember
After Care/day: $15

Camp dates and topics will be announced this fall. Look for camp announcements on our website, on Facebook, and in your email, and register for our Winter Break Camps online later this fall.
family fun

**Fall Park After Dark Walks Announced**

Join Us on a Family Friendly Night Hike!

Come learn about the animals that are out and about in Russ Pitman Park once the sun goes down. Bring your family and join us for a guided night walk through the park. **These night “hikes” are perfect for adults and children ages 4 and up.**

Our night walks begin at the Nature Discovery Center. Programs include an introduction to the animals we are likely to find and the best ways to find them, followed by a guided exploration through the park.

**Cost:** $5/person

**Reservations required.** Visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/night-hike to sign up.

**Bring:** Mosquito repellant and a flashlight (for adult use ONLY).

**September 11, 8:00 pm: Owl Prowl**

Owl prowls are always fun and very popular! Come learn about the owls that have been seen in our park and look for the ones that might want to be seen tonight. Sign up soon, our owl prowls fill up!

**October 23, 7:00 pm: Nocturnal Animals**

Join us as we try to spotlight some of our nocturnal friends. We will explore the park to find out who is out at night, where they are, and what sounds they make.

**Meet the Animals**

**Sunday Afternoon**

Spend a Sunday afternoon at the Center getting to know our animals with up close and personal animal encounters! Each family friendly Meet the Animal session includes: hands-on exposure to live animals and/or specimens, an informal discussion about the animal’s basic biology and behavior, and a question and answer period with one of our Staff Naturalists. Some sessions may also include surprises like opportunities to feed the animals or guest appearances by animals not usually seen in our Discovery Rooms.

**Sunday afternoons at 2 pm**

**Upcoming Dates:**

- September 13 - Reptile Rendezvous
- November 8 - Insects & Other Boneless Creatures

**Cost:** $5/person

This is a drop-in program. **Advanced registration is not required.** As a courtesy, please call us at 713.667.6550 if you know you plan to come with a group of 6 or more.

**A Walk on the Wild Side!**

**with Mary Ann Beauchemin**

Come explore and learn more about the wild side of nature in the city with our fun, family friendly nature walks in Russ Pitman Park. Join us while we sneak up on lizards, peer through a spotting scope for close up looks at honey bees or birds, discover the latest blooms and their pollinators in our Pocket Prairie, spy on the secret life of animals that hide under logs, and investigate more seasonal nature surprises! Learn some tips to explore nature with your family in your own backyard or on your travels. Walks are about an hour long.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Saturday, October 10, 10 am
- Sunday, November 15, 10 am
- Saturday, December 12, 10 am

**Cost:** members - FREE

nonmembers - $5/family

**Meet:** on the front porch of the center

**Registration is not required.** As a courtesy, please call us at 713.667.6550 if you plan to come with a group of 6 or more.
### Tree Identification Walks

**Saturdays, 10 am to 11 am**

**Dates:** September 5, October 3, November 7

Interested in learning how to identify local trees? Jim McKee, a Master Naturalist, tree lover, and bird watcher will once again be leading tree identification walks in the park each month this fall. Jim shares lots of interesting information and historical facts about the many species of trees we have in Russ Pitman Park as well as how to identify them. You might even have some of the same kind of trees in your own yard. Come learn more about them. Join us for one or all of the walks!

### Monday Morning Gardening

**with Mary Ann Beauchemin**

Are you an adult who is interested in gardening? Want to learn more about native plant gardening, non-native invasive species and help us care for the park at the same time?

Adults are welcome to join us on the first Monday of the month, starting in October when the weather cools down a bit, for some light gardening and help us care for the park. We’ll be removing some invasive species, growing out & planting natives, watering recently planted plants and more.

- No experience necessary. Experienced staff will work with you & guide you through projects.
- Come dressed for the weather and be prepared to get dirty.
- Bring your own gloves and gardening gear or use ours.

Please contact Mary Ann Beauchemin, our Park Steward, in advance if you are interested in coming or have any questions.

mbeauch@naturediscoverycenter.org

Note: If you are interested in volunteer gardening, but cannot make it on the dates below, contact Mary Ann. Perhaps you can help on another day!

**October 5, November 2, & December 7 from 9:30 am to Noon**

### Annual Members Meeting

**Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm**

Join us for a cup of cider and some winter cheer at the annual meeting to learn what the Center has been doing this year and to hear some of our plans for next year. Meet and vote on the slate of officers for our 2015 Board of Directors.

This is a Members-only event, and we look forward to sharing the evening with some of our favorite people!

### Bellaire Garden Club Monthly Meetings

**First Thursdays at 7:00 pm**

The Bellaire Garden Club holds their monthly meetings at the Nature Discovery Center. Everyone is invited!
Smith Point Hawk Watch Birding Trip for Senior Members

Friday, September 25, 8 am – 6 pm

Mary Ann Beauchemin will lead a fall birding trip for NDC Members to the Smith Point Hawk Watch at the height of raptor migration. This trip will be open to any Center Member, who is age 50 or over by September 25, 2015.

We have scheduled a free Seniors’ bus from Harris County, Precinct 3. Our thanks go to Steve Radack and Harris County, Precinct 3, for providing this service. In order to ride on the bus, county regulations require that you must be at least 50 years old on or before the trip to be eligible to join us.

We will leave at 8 am and will return about 6 pm. As Hawks utilize rising thermals from the heated ground to soar, we will not need to arrive at Smith Point until about 9:30 or 10 am. After 2 or 3 pm, when it slows down, we can take a little tour around Smith Point itself to look for other birds and migrating butterflies. If there is time, we’ll move on to Anahuac until it is time to return to the Center.

This popular trip will soon be FULL. If it is full when you go to register, please do join the Wait List for it online. There are often a few cancellations as the trip date nears.

www.naturediscoverycenter.org/hawk-watch

Nature Discovery Center Co-sponsors Family Friendly ‘Swift Night Out’ Events

Join us for our remaining family friendly ‘Swift Night Out’ events this fall. Check your calendars and see if you can help count the swelling numbers of Chimney Swifts migrating through Houston. We will watch Chimney Swifts swoop and soar over their roosts and count them as they enter their chimneys. We often count over 500 Chimney Swifts in some locations at this time of year!

Bring a folding chair (if you care to sit down) and mosquito repellent! Binoculars are optional (the swifts are visible with the naked eye as they enter the chimney). For more details and updates see www.naturediscoverycenter.org.

Friday, September 4 - Swift Night Out at the Nature Discovery Center

Meet at 7:30 pm in front of the Nature Discovery Center for special activities and information about chimney swifts just before the count. The Nature Discovery Center will provide light snacks and drinks. The great advantage of this site is that the chimney swifts fly low - right over your head - and they are easy to get a good look at!

Co-sponsored by the Nature Discovery Center, Houston Audubon Society, and Whole Foods Market-Bellaire.

Friday, September 18 - Swift Night Out at Lakeview Elementary in Sugar Land

Meet at 7:30 pm at Lakeview Elementary, 314 Lakeview Dr., Sugarland, 77498, for special activities and information about chimney swifts. Last fall there were over 1,100 swifts roosting at Lakeview Elementary! Whole Foods Market-Sugarland will be providing refreshments.

Co-sponsored by the Nature Discovery Center and Houston Audubon Society, Whole Foods Market-Sugarland, and Lakeview Elementary School.

Swifts Over Houston

Who doesn’t love a bird that eats mosquitoes! Every Tuesday evening at dusk, from the beginning of April through October 20th, a team of volunteers count Chimney Swifts as they enter chimneys to roost for the night in the Houston area. Please feel free to drop in any evening and join us!

Count Locations:
1. SW corner of the Whole Foods Parking Lot, 4004 Bellaire Blvd, Houston TX
2. Parking lot on the north side of Pershing Middle School, entrance off of Stella Link.

Lunch with the Birds Begins in September

Wednesdays, Noon to 1 pm

Interested in birdwatching? Whether you are a novice or an expert, join our free guided bird walks through Russ Pitman Park.

Warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, & orioles are just a few of the types of fall migrants you may see. If you bring your lunch, plan to eat it before or after the walk.

Dates: September 16 through November 4
Where: Meet us on the front porch. Just drop in!
Bring: binoculars.

Monthly Winter Bird Walks

Wednesdays, Noon to 1:15 pm

Mary Ann Beauchemin will lead a monthly bird walk in Russ Pitman Park throughout the winter. In addition to our winter songbirds we have had some interesting “migrants” overwinter in the past. Most years have some very interesting hummers visiting the park. Last year we had several Rufous, and a few Calliope and Black-chinned Hummers!

Dates: December 2, January 6, & February 3
Where: Meet us on the front porch. Just drop in!
Bring: binoculars.
Ms. Anne’s Summer Outreach Programs Are in High Demand!

Ms. Anne took science shows on the road to libraries, daycare and learning centers, and summer camps throughout the Greater Houston Area and beyond this summer.

Bellaire Meth. Power Camp
Bellaire Library
Beth Yeshurun
Bracewell Library
Children’s Courtyard
Spring
The Woodlands
Chimney Rock Platou Comm.
Collier Library
CyFair Library
Faith Lutheran
First Colony Branch Library
Girls Inc. Camp
High Meadows Library
Houston Public Library
Johnson Library
Kashmere Library
Kensington School
Kid’s World Learning Center
Lakewood Library
McGovern Stella Link Library
Melcher Library
Meyer Branch Library
Montessori Learning Beechnut
Oak Forest Library
Pace Prep
Phoenix Academy
Robinson-Westchase Library
Sheperd Acres Home Library
Sugar Creek Montessori
Smaller Scholars
St. Nicholas School
Vinson Library
West University Methodist
Woodland Acres Elementary
Young Branch
Camp Buckaroo/Easter Seals
Shepherd of the Heart, Pearland
St. John the Divine
Sugar Creek Baptist
Woodlands Methodist Church

Thank You for a Fabulous Summer of Science Camps & Sneak-a-Peek Classes!

Don’t Miss Our Fall Classes & Winter Break Camps!

Members enjoy savings on all classes and camps. Join in the savings and join in the fun today! Visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org to join, to browse our fantastic fall lineup of activities and events, and to register for programs today.
Special Thanks to ... Summer Quarter Volunteers

Terrell Sword & Sword Plumbing for repairing broken pipes & leaky faucets in the park and cleaning out the water recycling tanks for Terrell Springs!

Ronen Wenderfer who made 3 native bee homes for the park and wrote up a handout with directions so that we could give them out to people who are interested in learning how to make some and install them in their own yards!

Roland Groenenboom who created a weekly “Guess Who” photo quiz for our Facebook Page this summer, and who has made and edited videos of animals in the park for us to use on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

Eagle Scout Projects

Constructing a section of decomposed granite trail
Lihan Fitz
Michael Richards

Girl Scout Gold Award
Repair and refurbishment of several Discovery Boxes used in our Discovery Rooms
Christina Whitehouse

Outdoor Adventure Day
Reagan Draper, Lauren Faust, and Tessa Valente, Girl Scout Carettes of Troop 21182, lead a lesson about healthy eating and played active outdoor games with kids at their Outdoor Adventure Day in June.

Animal Care
Pavle Bajic
Jackson Culhane
William He
Dana Shay
Blaise Tsai
Jaka Tanugraha
Arthur Yang
Cate Urbani
Henry Urbani
Mary Grace Urbani
Matthew Urbani

Aviary Care
Ellen Hastedt
Karen Borovsky
Dr. Dan Jordan

Family Fun Night
Amber Kittles
Christina Whitehouse

General Handymen
Gary Gray
Sword Plumbing

Park & Plant Care
Amber Kittles
Aditi Ranganathan
John Willis

Special Projects
Roland Groenenboom
Don Verser

Wednesday Willing Workers
Norma Barnes
Fred Campbell
Beth Debenport
Beth Murphy
Jim Murphy
Debbie Patton
Michael Patton
Pat Roberts
Nora Wolff

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Margaret Dybala
Roland Groenenboom
Christina Fiorenza

Discovery Room Docents
Pavle Bajic
Isaac Gateno
Ethan Glass
Scott Gold
Amber Kittles
Alex Lee
Tony Liu
Isha Popat
Rachel Pravinkumar
Anna Rosenfeld
Kiran Singal
Riya Varadachhary
Alyssa Yang

Group Guides
Cecilia Ballesteros
Meghan Bhatia
Sammy Eldin
Izel Fernandez
Connor Franey
Scott Gold
Catherine Groff
Tony Liu
Jonathon Mills
Isha Popat
Alison Purcell
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Sarah Seeglinger
Blaise Tsai
Mary Grace Urbani
Muyao Zhou

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Ethan Glass
Emily Kernen
Amber Kittles
Lisa Kurland*
Isha Popat
Anna Rosenfeld
Sabrina Sacks
Kiran Singal
Jonathan Turk
Mary Grace Urbani
Peggy Villarreal

*Jewish Family Service Volunteer

Calling All Volunteers

Thanks for another amazing summer! We couldn’t do it without you!

Get Involved in Pumpkin Patch!
Friday, October 16 - Pumpkin Unloading from 4 pm to 5 pm
Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18
Event shifts from: 8:30 am to 10:45am, 10:45 am to 1:45 pm, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Scout groups, school clubs, service organizations, families and individuals all make great volunteers for this annual event. We need people to help with set up, clean up, and a variety of activities during the event. Call Anne Eisner at 713.667.6550 for more information about volunteering, or email Anne at: aeisner@naturediscoverycenter.org
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Ron Fisher - an awesome Dad!
Joslyn Fisher
Ben King
Lauren Liles

The Nature Discovery Center relies on contributions from the community in order to continue offering quality science and nature programs to children and families throughout the Houston area.

We thank you all for your support!

We invite you to join us in maintaining the Nature Discovery Center’s place as a unique, natural learning environment by making a gift.

For more information, contact Michelle Vryn, Director of Development, at 713.667.6550 or mvryn@naturediscoverycenter.org

To make a tax deductible donation to the Center today, visit us online naturediscoverycenter.org/support
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The Nature Discovery Center is pleased to welcome the following new and renewing members for the Summer Quarter from May 15, 2015 to August 15, 2015.

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Jan Rose
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Margaret Swarts

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Jennifer & Alan Cable
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Michelle & Eric Christ
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Stacey Dallepezze
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Family Members & Higher
... receive discounts on classes, camps, and field trips.

Wildlife Partners & Higher
... have pavilion reservation privileges for parties

Membership and Gift Form
(To become a member or renew online, visit www.naturediscoverycenter.org/join)

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☐ You may acknowledge my gift (of $250 or more) in the Nature Discovery Center newsletter.

☐ Student/Senior/Individual $35
☐ Family 60
☐ Wildlife Partner 100
☐ Wildlife Supporter 250
☐ Wildlife Guardian 500
☐ Wildlife Benefactor $1,000
☐ Explorer Circle 5,000
☐ Investigator Circle 10,000
☐ Discovery Circle 15,000

☐ Enclosed is my matching gift form. My employer’s name is: 

Will your employer match your tax-deductible dues and gift?
Fall Activities

2 Days of Fall Festival Fun!
Pumpkin Patch
Saturday & Sunday
October 17 & 18
11 am - 4 pm

Fall Classes for Children
Family Fun
Summer Collage

Walks & Talks
Fall Birding Opportunities

Gateway to Green
21st Anniversary Twilight Gala
Friday
November 20
6:30 pm
Houstonian Hotel

Family Fun Opportunities

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Bellaire, TX 77401