

## Jan. 11, 2024- LTVBC Meeting

The January meeting of the LOWER TRINITY VALLEY BIRD CLUB will be held on **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** at the

Mont Belvieu Methodist Church.  
10629 Eagle Dr,  
Mont Belvieu, TX 77523

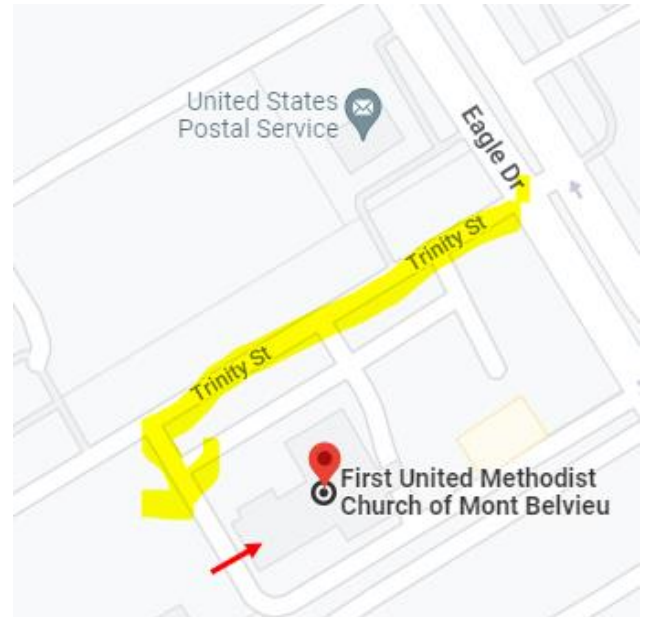
We will meet in the fellowship hall at the back of the church.

Directions: Traveling on Eagle Drive, turn **west onto Trinity St.** (between the Post Office and the church). Traveling on Trinity St, **turn left into the third driveway** and park behind the church.

**The program will be Sparrow Identification,** by Paul Fagala

Paul is an excellent birder and photographer. He was the owner of a Wild Birds Unlimited Store and is currently the manager of the Texas Bee Company in Dayton. Paul is active in the LTVBC and the compiler for Old River Christmas Bird Count

Be sure to come early for our "Birder's Chat" time. If you have any questions call President Gary Holmes at 713-366-1722 or e-mail him at [geholmes52@gmail.com](mailto:geholmes52@gmail.com)



*Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club*



Supporting Birding & Nature

**LOWER TRINITY VALLEY BIRD CLUB**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**Mont Belvieu Methodist Church at 6:30 pm**

*Meet interesting people!*

*Learn about birding and our local birds.*

**President's Message** by Gary Holmes

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday.

Both the Old River and Trinity River CBC were enjoyable with wonderful weather- thanks to all who participated. Lisa, Billie, Joan, Martha, and I identified 56 species at the Champion Lake area with three **Blue-headed Vireos**. I had my best look ever at one of the BHV- perfect light, with a close full view. **Martha Moreno**, our new member, did a great job of spotting birds. We will share your CBC experiences at our Jan 11 meeting.

At the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Paul Fagala** will help us improve our sparrow identification skills. Paul is an excellent birder and photographer. He was the owner of a Wild Birds Unlimited Store and is currently the manager of the Texas Bee Company in Dayton. Paul is active in the LTVBC and is the compiler for Old River Christmas Bird Count. Other January activities are

**Friends of Trinity River Refuge Appreciation Dinner**

*Saturday, January 20, 2024*

If you volunteered at the refuge for the Big Sit, Christmas Bird Count or any other time, the Trinity River NWR invites you to the appreciation dinner. The LTVBC has been an important partner and supporter of our local refuge since its creation. Please RSVP by Jan 13, 2024 at [friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com)

**Hackberry Gully Evening Bird Walk**

*Thursday, January 25, 2024,*

We will meet at 4:00 pm and walk in the park to enjoy the birds and sunset! We have identified over 80 species, and we are seeing new winter migrants each week. After the walk, join us for dinner at Whataburger.

**Anahuac NWR Field Trip**

*Saturday, January 27, 2024,*

Anahuac NWR is one of our best field trips of the year with thousands of migratory birds wintering at the refuge- we will see an amazing number and variety of ducks! . We will be accompanied by the Baytown Christian Academy Environmental Science Class- the students will be studying ducks, wading birds and hawks in preparation for the trip.

We had hoped to attend the SparrowFest on Feb 3, 2024, at Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge. However, the event registration opened and closed the same day- all slots were filled in a few hours. Next year, we will contact them in November to see if they could reserve a few spots for our group.

Hope to see at the January Events, Gary



**2024 Friends of Trinity River Refuge Appreciation Dinner  
& Annual Membership Meeting**

***Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm***

*at the Liberty Center in Liberty City Hall  
1829 Sam Houston St, Liberty, TX 77575-4742*

**Please RSVP by Jan 13, 2024**

You are invited to the 2024 Friends of Trinity River Refuge Appreciation Dinner and Annual Membership meeting. Activities include:

- Recognition of the FOTRR and its contributions to the TRNWR
- Meet Dean Bossert, Refuge Manager, and the Refuge Staff
- Dinner Provided by TRNWR
- Special awards and recognition of outstanding volunteers
- FOTRR Annual Meeting and election of officers
- Update on current Friends and Refuge projects
- Overview of FOTRR 2023 accomplishments

For more information, **please contact:**

TRNWR Office at (936) 336-9786 or

FOTRR at [friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com)



*We look forward to seeing you at the appreciation dinner,*

*Dean Bossert, TRNWR Manager &  
Gary Holmes, FOTRR President*

2023-24 Tentative Fieldtrip Schedule	
<i>Fieldtrips- Saturday</i>	
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>Hackberry Gully Bird Survey (evening)</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month, Mont Belvieu Tx</i>	
Saturday, January 27, 2024	Anahuac NWR
Saturday, February 17, 2024	Cattail Marsh, Beaumont
Saturday, March 16, 2024	Bolivar Peninsula
Saturday, April 13, 2024	<b>LTVBC Big Day</b> High Island, Bolivar, Anahuac
TBD (will time with cold front)	<b>"Wobbler Day"</b> Sabine Woods
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Picnic (TBD)

## No January Newsletter

2023-24 Tentative Meeting Schedule		
<i>Meetings- Second Thursday at 6:30 Pm</i>		
<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Events</i>
Thursday, January 11, 2024	Paul Fagala <i>Sparrow ID</i>	
Thursday, February 8, 2024	<i>Purple Martins</i>	<i>Great Backyard Bird Count</i>
Thursday, March 14, 2024	<i>Carl Poldrack</i> <i>Shore Bird ID</i>	
<b>NO Thursday meeting in April</b>	<b>"LTVBC Big Day"</b>	
	<b>"Wobbler Day"</b>	
<b>NO Thursday meeting in May</b>		

# Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

*Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024*

Anahuac NWR is one of our best field trips of the year with thousands of migratory birds wintering at the refuge- we will see an amazing number and variety of ducks!

I will be bringing about seven Environmental Science Kids from Baytown Christian Academy (8:30-11:00 am). The kids are high school Juniors/Seniors and have been practicing their waterfowl identification. It will be a wonderful experience for them.

Hope you can attend.....Gary

## The main refuge is located off FM 1985

Bring: Spotting Scopes, Water, Snacks, Lunch, Dress in layers

**Meet at the Visitors Information Station parking lot at 7:30 am**

