



# St. Paul's Primetimers

March 2024 Newsletter

Our Mission:  
*Lifelong Learning*

## ABOUT

### PRIMETIMERS

Organized 1986.  
Programs & Day Trips:  
Feb-May, Aug-Dec  
Fondren Hall in Jones  
Building or Activity or  
Youth Center in Sanc-  
tuary Building.

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### STEERING COMMITTEE

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Steering Committee  
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**ST. PAUL'S**  
United Methodist Church  
**HOUSTON**

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## Bikes, Bluebonnets, & Birds at Willow Waterhole; Learn More at March 14 Primetimers Meeting

Willow Waterhole Greenway (WWG) is a 300-plus-acre network of lakes, prairie, marsh, islands, native plants, wildlife, and park amenities. This unusual combination was designed to protect against Houston's inevitable flooding and to bring the community together for conservation, education, and recreation.

Still relatively unknown to many Houstonians, this gem of nature is tucked away just south of Meyerland, and one of the primary people behind its establishment and ongoing development is St. Paul's member and WWG Conservancy President, Bill Burhans, who will tell us all about it March 14.

While home to many Girl Scout Gold and Boy Scout Eagle award projects, organized birding outings, and many people simply fishing, walking, biking, picnicking, or playing, perhaps the site's major contribution is as a flood control project.

Starting in 2003, six lakes were created to absorb and detain stormwater that would have caused Willow Waterhole and Brays bayous to overflow into nearby neighborhoods.

Ranging in size from 10 to 110 acres, they were engineered as wet-bottom lakes to support permanent pools of water while providing a stop-over site for migrating birds. WWG also provides a safe habitat year around for many species of animals and plants, including the endangered



native Texas prairie dawn flower.

A disparate list of government agencies and other entities came together to make WWG happen — most recently a major grant from the Kinder Foundation. Find out how — and what you can do there — at the March 14 meeting, beginning at 10am this month.

In meantime, get a preview at [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org)

**Where**  
Fondren Hall

**When**  
Thursday, March 14  
Program begins at 10 am to allow attendance at the Lenten Recital presented at 12:15 pm by artists from Houston Grand Opera's Butler Studio. Informal gathering begins at 9:30. All but lunch are free of charge.

**Lunch/Cost**  
A \$10 lunch will be served after the program to those who RSVP by Tuesday, March 12, to [primetimers@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:primetimers@stpaulshouston.org) or 713-528-0527. Pay at door in cash or check or in advance via [www.stpaulshouston.org/give](http://www.stpaulshouston.org/give). Click on blue "Give Online" box, select "Give One time," then pull down to "Other/Event" and write **PT March 2024**.

**Questions?**  
Contact Rev. Melinda Owens via 713-528-0527 or [mowens@stpaulshouston.org](mailto:mowens@stpaulshouston.org)

**Worship at St. Paul's**  
2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER

**Palm Sunday 3.24**  
8:30 & 11 am | Worship Services  
begin with palm procession in Jones Plaza

**Monday 3.25 - Wednesday 3.27**  
Noon Daily Holy Communion\*

**Mundy Thursday 3.28**  
Noon Service of Holy Communion\*  
7 pm Service of Holy Communion\*\*

\*Chapel  
\*\*Sanctuary

**Good Friday 3.29**  
11 am Children's Tenebrae Service\*\*  
Noon Good Friday Service\*\*  
7 pm Good Friday Service (English-Spanish)\*\*

**Holy Saturday 3.30**  
Noon Repose of Christ\*  
7 pm Easter Vigil\*\* begin in Labyrinth

**Easter Sunday 3.31**  
8, 9:30 & 11 am | Worship Services  
flowering of crosses on front lawn

ST. PAUL'S HOUSTON

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 | 5-7 PM | PLAZA

# JAZZ

on the Plaza

Experience St. Paul's on the Plaza through an evening of jazz, food, and fun! It is an opportunity to fellowship with family, friends, and the community. Bring the family and a blanket to sit on the grass while you enjoy dinner from food trucks in the circle drive.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7 | 5-6 PM | SANCTUARY

# CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

Houston Children's Chorus

Houston Children's Chorus, directed by Steve Roddy, is joined by St. Paul's Choristers for an annual program of sacred music. Admission is free and open to public.

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# ART WALK

Sunday, April 21  
9:30am-Noon | Plaza

All are invited to our 3rd annual art show celebrating artists from The Art Tent. The Art Tent creates a space for people experiencing homelessness to express themselves through visual art. Works of art by artists from our Fall 2023-Spring 2024 season will be displayed.

Please email Helen if you would like to Volunteer:  
hspowestpaulshouston.org

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## St. Paul's Primetimers' Steering Committee Members

If you have program or day trip ideas or other suggestions or questions, please talk with any of the people below:



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### Looking Ahead

#### Thursday, April 11

- Day Trip: Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston
- Time: 9:30am to 2pm
- Location: 12379 Riceville School Rd. 77031; go together from church in church bus

#### Thursday, May 9

- Gathering: Organ Tour by Chris Betts, St. Paul's Director of Music
- Time/Place: 10:30am-1pm/Sanctuary

#### Thursday, August 8

- Gathering: Ice Cream Social and Table Games
- Time/Place: 2pm/Youth Center

### Of possible interest elsewhere

- **Tour Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church.** April 6. More info & RSVP: [www.archaeologynow.org/ukrainian-project/cultural-tour](http://www.archaeologynow.org/ukrainian-project/cultural-tour)
- **Jewish Music Concert with Musicians from Foundation for Modern Music.** April 14. More info & RSVP: [www.brithshalom.org/event/hazak-april.html](http://www.brithshalom.org/event/hazak-april.html)
- **Lunch with the Birds.** Wednesdays at noon through May 1 (repeats each migration season). Nature Discovery Center, 7112 Newcastle. Free; no RSVP necessary.
- **Houston Brick Archive Exhibit** at Julia Ideson Building Gallery through June 1. [www.houstonlibrary.org/exhibits/exhibits/Houston-Brick-Archive](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/exhibits/exhibits/Houston-Brick-Archive)
- **Board games, bad art, and more.** Houston Public Library branches throughout city. More info: [www.calendar.houstonlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.calendar.houstonlibrary.org/calendar)