

Levy Park Offers Multiple Options for April Activities

Levy Park invites Houstonians to enjoy the outdoors with a variety of onsite activities throughout April.

Featured events in April include Sunday Drum Jam (April 17 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.) and HMNS: Bugs on Wheels - The Basics of Bugs (April 24 from 2 – 4 p.m.)

The Sunday Drum Jam is for all drummers, plus those that want to learn. The informal facilitated drum circle is for all ages and experience levels. Participants are encouraged to bring drums, percussion instruments, or other objects that create rhythmic sound.

Bugs on Wheels: The Basics of Bugs brings a wide selection of live arthropods. Audiences of all ages will have a unique opportunity to meet and learn about a truly diverse group of organisms.

From insects to arachnids to “every-bug” in between, the world of arthropods is a huge and diverse place. Learn how being a bug can mean a lot of different things in this

fun and interactive program about the wild world of arthropods and how to differentiate between them. Suitable for all ages. No outside furniture is allowed, blankets or park chairs can be used.

In addition, Levy Park will hold regular, weekly classes and programs, with something different each day of the week.

The first and third Monday of every month is a walk in the park! Intended for every body, ability, age and fitness level, these Wellness Walks focus on community and connection while offering participants a chance to decompress, find mental clarity, and make new friends.

On Tuesdays, Family Storytime & Craft is offered weekly at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the event pavilion for a story followed by a craft that accompanies the reading. All craft supplies are included as a part of this free program.

Wednesdays will hold Body Barre by Define (weekly at 6 p.m.)

pilates, yoga, core strengthening and ballet. This energizing, hour-long class uses body weight to target all major muscle groups to

sculpt, slim, and tone your whole body. All fitness levels welcome.

Then at 6:00 pm., weekly on Tuesdays, is Yappy Hour with

Trey Clark's Dog House. Come, sit, and stay with Trey Clark, one of Houston's premier behavioral

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Enjoy the outdoors at Levy Park.

Charlotte's Web at Main Street Theater

Main Street Theater brings one of the most beloved children's classics to the stage this month with E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*, adapted for the stage by Joseph Robinette.

“Charlotte's Web is the timeless story about friendship and the power of love,” says MST Theater for Youth Producing Director Vivienne M. St. John. “It inspires us all to be kinder and teaches us how to treat others.”

The tender story of a wise and kind spider named Charlotte who devises a plan to save her friend, Wilbur the pig. *Charlotte's Web* is the “just about perfect” tale of friendship, love and life.

Recommended for Third Grade and older, performances will be held at Main Street Theater's MATCH location, 3400 Main St., Houston, TX 77002. Performance Dates are:

Friday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, at 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Main Street Theater also offers two Accommodations Performances.

The ASL Performance is Saturday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m., while the Sensory-Friendly/Relaxed Perfor-



Michael Chiavone as Wilbur the pig, and Kaitlin Kennedy as Charlotte the spider.

mance is Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. Additionally, the May 7, 1:30 p.m. performance offers an Audio Described Performance (email vivienne@mainstreettheater.com to reserve).

All tickets are on sale via phone at 713.524.6706 or online at MainStreetTheater.com. Tickets are \$18 - \$28. Group rates are available. No children under 3 are admitted in the theater (including sleeping babies). (Performances are also available for school groups and homeschools. Call 713.524.9196 ext 1 or visit the website.)

Quaker Earth Day Barter Fair at Live Oak Friends Meeting

On Saturday, April 23, from 1:00-4:00pm, Live Oak Friends Meeting, 1318 West 26th Street, Houston, TX 77008, will host their biannual Barter Fair for the community.

Bartering provides an opportunity to trade objects and services without using common currency and as a Fair it also includes family and youth friendly activities like crafts, games, plant and seed swap. The Barter Fair offers the community an opportunity to share in the practice of the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, stewardship and earth care. It creates a space to practice thinking together in a new way about how we place value on objects and services within our community.

To get involved, just come. Bring a table, shelf, rug or blanket to display your goods or a sign that describes your service(s). Bring some food to share, if you wish.

The Barter Fair welcomes Children too. Children are often the best models of how this can work. They have the ability to add value to an item by describing potential uses, and the creativity to negotiate three-way trades.

There will be a designated area for “free” items that you are willing to give to whomever wants them. Visitors may then use such items to barter and trade with if they wish. At the end of the day, whatever is left on the free table

will be donated to a local charity

No money will be exchanged for services or goods. The purpose of this event is to challenge us to care for the earth by practicing community sharing rather than focusing on individual acquisitions.

More information at <https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/live-oak-friends-meeting-houston/events/earth-day-quaker-barter-fair>.



The Quaker Earth Day Barter Fair is a unique opportunity to exchange goods and services with others without using cash.

