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Headwaters kicks off summer programming

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The Headwaters at the Comal will launch its first summer of programming with the first event in a birds, bees and bats series scheduled tonight.

An evening birding walk, tonight at 7 p.m. will begin the summer series with a walk led by a Texas master naturalist.

"We did those birding walks back in February for our very first programming," Lauren Strack, assistant manager at the Headwaters, said. "We just have a really tremendous amount of birds."

Strack said the Headwaters staff will experiment with more evening programming this summer, as the heat makes daytime activities more difficult.

July will see a beekeeping evening event on July 12 with local beekeeper Charlie Agar of Charlie Bee Company. In August, a Bat Conservation International volunteer will host a program educating attendees about bats on Aug. 14.

Throughout the summer, monthly Saturday open houses will continue. Currently set open houses are on June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18.

"We just thought it was sort of a nice complement to the summer," Strack said. "We've had landscaping and water conservation and as we go into summer, it was kind of nice to talk a little bit about the wildlife."

Throughout the summer, the Headwaters project will also prepare for archaeological digs to continue at the site.

"That's become a really significant piece of the Headwaters project," Nancy Pappas, managing director of the Headwaters, said. "We expect that late fall, October, November."

The project is also continuing to raise money for the next phase of development. Pappas said this location will provide a big economic driver for the city.

"It's a gathering place to bring people together to talk about the development that we're experiencing here in the community and how do we do that ... in a way that protects our water resources," Pappas said. "What better place to bring people to talk about that than at the Headwaters?"

Those who would like to pre-purchase tickets to the events or get more information on the Headwaters can visit www.headwatersatthecomal.com.