



Neighbor to Neighbor

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The Mission of the Hill Country Alliance is to bring together an ever-expanding alliance of groups throughout a multi-county region of Central Texas with the long-term objective of preserving open spaces, water supply, water quality and the unique character of the Texas Hill Country.

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Recent News

Tell CAMPO how you would prefer Central Texas to invest in the regional transportation system.

CAMPO announces People, Planning and Preparing for the Future: Your 25 Year Transportation Plan – 3 Concepts. Get involved, take CAMPO's 3 Concepts survey [here](#).

LCRA asks PUC for time to look at other routes for wind power transmission lines

Hoping to study alternative routes for transmission lines that would carry wind power from West Texas to the central part of the state, the Lower Colorado River Authority asked the Public Utility Commission on Wednesday for more time before filing more information on the lines. Read full Statesman.com article [here](#).

Mason County, Mason City Both Pass Resolutions Concerning LCRA Transmission Line

The Mason County Commissioners' Court had a three hour meeting on Monday, and the Mason City Commission was only fifteen minutes shorter. A topic that took up much of the discussion at both meetings was the possible routing of an LCRA transmission line through Mason County, skirting the city before heading south to Kendall County. Read full Mason County News article [here](#).

Fall Hill Country Expo set for Oct. 1 in Mason

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service's office in Mason County will conduct their Fall Hill Country Expo October 1st. Dr. Judon Fambrough, senior lecturer and attorney with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University at College Station, is the scheduled keynote speaker for the afternoon session. He is set to speak on emerging issues facing the Texas Hill Country including imminent domain, power line easements and landowner liability. Read full media release [here](#).

Energy 'Sprawl' and the Green Economy

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently announced plans to cover 1,000 square miles of land in Nevada, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah with solar collectors to generate electricity. He's also talking about generating 20% of our electricity from wind. This would require building about 186,000 50-story wind turbines that would cover an area the size of West Virginia—not to mention 19,000 new miles of high-voltage transmission lines. Read full Wall Street Journal article [here](#).

Army, warbler making peace

The Nature Conservancy and Fort Sam Houston were poised to announce today a five-year agreement to bolster Camp Bullis by finding and purchasing land to set aside as habitat for an endangered songbird. Read full SA Express article [here](#).

Come join us for the 10th Annual Renewable Energy Roundup and Green Living Fair!

September 25 - 27, in Fredericksburg. You can see the latest in eco-friendly technologies. Learn how to save and create your own energy. Attend informative talks by the experts. Visit with our vendors to see contemporary green living and sustainability practices. Come test drive the next generation in personal transportation. It's fun, environmentally friendly, and a great place to learn how you can make a difference! HCA will be exhibiting. If you would like to participate and **volunteer in our booth**, please contact [HCA](#). Details about the festival [here](#).

Upcoming Events

September 24-25 in Austin - Conservation Easement Seminar - [Details and Registration](#)

September 24-25 in Houston - Sustainable Economics for the Texas Triangle Conference - [Details and Registration](#)

September 25-27 - Renewable Energy Roundup & Green Living Fair - [Details](#)

September 27 - *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* begins airing on PBS - [Details](#)

September 28 - Green Consumer Day

September 30 in New Braunfels - Dealing with Drought - 7:00pm at the GVTC Auditorium - Hosted by the League of Women Voters of the Comal Area - [Details](#)

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