



# 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

### **Save our Scenic Hill Country Environment Annual Meeting November 10th in Fredericksburg**

Check out the latest Scenic Hill Country news from SOS Hill Country based in Gillespie County, remember the annual meeting is set for November 10th. SOSHCE updates [here](#), annual meeting details [here](#).

### **Diligence Required to Protect Hill Country from Ill-planned Energy Sprawl**

For months, the Clear View Alliance (CVA) has worked diligently to protect the Texas Hill Country from the effects of ill-planned energy sprawl. The first step was convincing the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to take the time required to expand the study area for siting high-voltage transmission lines. Read full media release [here](#).

### **Texas Coalition for Conservation President, George Bristol, Presented Prestigious Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal for Advocacy for National, State and Local Parks**

David Gochman, chairman and CEO of Academy Sports & Outdoors and chairman of the board of the Texas Coalition for Conservation, announced last week that Coalition President and Executive Director, George L. Bristol, has been awarded the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal. The award honors champions of parks and conservation at the national, state and local level. Read full media release [here](#).

### **Get involved in the Austin Comprehensive Plan**

November 9 - 12, Austin Comprehensive Plan Forums [click here](#) for dates, times and locations

### **LCRA unveils 11 possible routes for Hill Country power line**

Eleven possible routes for a new high-voltage power line proposed to link substations in Lampasas and Gillespie counties have been filed with the Public Utility Commission by LCRA Transmission Services Corporation. Read full SA Express News article [here](#).

### **Opposition from many jurisdictions link up against discharge into the Highland Lakes.**

Read the latest from PLTA [here](#).

### **Planning Commission Formed to fight Transmission Line**

In an unprecedented move, the City and County Commissioners have both formally adopted separate resolutions to create the Mason Sub-Regional Planning Commission in response to the proposed LCRA TSC 345 KV transmission line. Read full Mason County News article [here](#).

### **Water Issue Symposium, November 12 in San Antonio**

Join us for the launch of our new season of the popular Texas Water Symposium. *Our limited Groundwater Supply: who's desired future conditions are we planning for?* The Texas Water Symposium, created through the partnership of Schreiner University, Texas Tech University, Texas Public Radio, and Hill Country Alliance is a series of free lectures designed to inform and engage Texas citizens. Read more [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

November 3 - Election Day - Texas voters will consider Constitutional Amendments that were passed by the 81st Legislature – Buffers and open space around a military institution, eminent domain limitations are among the 11 propositions. Learn more before going to the polls [here](#).

November 4 in San Antonio - Water: Charting the Course - San Antonio Water System (SAWS) President & CEO Robert R. Puente recounts how the utility navigated the driest two years in San Antonio's recorded history and maps out the opportunities ahead - [Details](#)

November 6-7 in Canton - Think Green Texas! 2009 Environmental Conference and Expo - [Details](#)

November 7 in Dallas - Texas Conservation Alliance Annual Meeting - Special Guest Larry Schweiger, President and CEO National Wildlife Federation - [Details](#)

November 7 in Blanco - Get on the Bus Tour - visit three agricultural enterprises including: Montesino Farm tour in Wimberley; Bella Vista Olive Farm tour and tasting in Wimberley; and Texas Hills Winery tour and tasting in Johnson City - [Details](#)

November 8 - 10 in Austin - Texas Renewables 2009 Conference - [Details](#).

November 9 in San Antonio - Caring for Earth: The Edwards Aquifer - part three in a four part course presented by Attorney Libby Cormeaux - [Details and Registration](#)

November 10 in Fredericksburg - Save our Scenic Hill Country Environment (SOSHCE) Annual Membership/Public Meeting - [Details](#)

November 12 in San Antonio - Water Issue Symposium - Our limited Groundwater Supply: who's desired future conditions are we planning for? - [Details](#)

November 16-18 in San Marcos - Land Water People 2009 - Hosted by River Systems Institute - [Details](#)

November 19 in Mason - Texas Hill Country Heritage Association's first membership meeting - [Details](#)

November 25 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

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