



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

Wind Energy and Transmission presentations scheduled for July 15 in Fredericksburg

The public is invited to a meeting where wind energy and transmission presentations will be made by officials from the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA). The meeting will be at 7pm Wednesday, July 15 at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau building at 237 Equestrian Way. Sponsored by Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment (SOSHCE) - [Details](#)

Temps, water levels worry Texans

Each day without rain, the sparkling water of Medina Lake recedes farther from the homes at its edge, forcing those who take a dip to traverse a dusty moonscape of rocks and docks left high and dry. Across the region as water dwindles in lakes, rivers and wells, communities are hoping to avoid a repeat of conditions seen decades ago. Read full SA Express-News article [here](#).

PEC Board elects officers and new board members.

A significant leadership change has taken place at the PEC. Newly elected board member Larry Landaker is now the President of PEC and new board member Cristi Clement is Vice President. More about the election from Dave Collin's report for the Hay's County Round-up [here](#).

It's Now Legal to Catch a Raindrop in Colorado

DURANGO, Colo. — For the first time since territorial days, rain will be free for the catching here, as more and more thirsty states part ways with one of the most entrenched codes of the West. Precipitation, every last drop or flake, was assigned ownership from the moment it fell in many Western states, making scofflaws of people who scooped rainfall from their own gutters. Read full NY Times article [here](#).

Where the first raindrop falls

John Graves said it best in Texas Rivers: "The loss of our primeval forests and prairies, the extinction or increasing rarity of many species of living things, the disruption of our waters' flow and their pollution — all these evils and more ... are the price we have paid for progress and prosperity and our nation's power, for getting to the point we have reached today." What point have we reached? Gunnar Brune's Springs of Texas (1973) gives a clue. "Texas originally had 281 major and historically significant springs, other than saline springs. Sixty-three springs, many with important historical backgrounds, have completely failed." - Read full TPWD article [here](#).

Texas High Wires - A Balancing Act for Private Landowners

Today, because of a confluence of factors, more landowners are finding themselves in the path of electrical transmission lines than ever before. Like most issues affecting private property rights, land use, and the law, it is important to be informed. Read full article [here](#).

Upcoming Events

July 10 in San Antonio - Regional Urban Forest Conference - Sponsored by The Alamo Forest Partnership - [Details and Registration](#)

July 11 - World Population Day

July 11 in Boerne - Rainwater Harvest Seminar at Cibolo Nature Center - Presented by John Kight - [Details](#)

July 13 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

July 15 in Fredericksburg - Wind Energy and Transmission presentations - Sponsored by Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment (SOSHCE) - [Details](#)

July 17 in San Antonio - Solar 102 Workshop - Come meet and learn from solar stakeholders from across the City of San Antonio. - [Details and Registration](#)

July 22 in Boerne - Conservation Easement Workshop at Cibolo Nature Center - Presented by Cibolo Conservancy - [Details](#)

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