

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 will 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

Digital Billboard Review

City of San Antonio seeks input about Billboards, July 6th and July 16th - $\underline{\text{Details}}$ More about Scenic Issues $\underline{\text{here}}$.

Wind Turbines and Transmission Lines carry anxiety across the Hill Country

Once you've visited Enchanted Rock, you never forget the scenic beauty and power of this natural wonder. What would a farm of 400-foot-tall wind turbines do to the unique vista adorned by the dome profile of this pink granite marvel? Junction is known as the "Land of the Living Waters" and is named for the rivers coming together there: the North and South Llano Rivers. The Johnson Fork Creek, that feeds into the rivers, provides amazing canoeing and kayaking experiences. Young boys fishing the creek boast about catching 50 pound catfish. How will this wild, beautiful area, change if high voltage transmission lines cross the creek in four places? Read full media release here.

Kimble County Commissioners Court Urges LCRA and PUC to Develop a Smarter Easement Plan in the Texas Hill Country

Kimble County Commissioners Court convened for a special session on June 23 to unanimously pass a resolution urging the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) to apply more appropriate standards to the routing of the new "CREZ" associated high-voltage transmission line. The resolution points to higher standards residents hope PUC will adopt statewide. Read full media release here.

A stressed Guadalupe River... disappears

Every year the Guadalupe River attracts thousands of visitors to Comal County for 24-miles of some of the finest white-water in the state, but with the continued drought and record-breaking temperatures, the popular stretch of river is showing signs of stress. Upstream from Canyon Lake, the river has narrowed to a slow running stream in some areas, exposing much of the unseen river bed and appears to have dried up all together in some places. See full Hill Country Times 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. - <u>Details and Registration</u>

July 17 - 19 in New Braunfels - "Protecting and Improving Water Quality", presented by River Systems Institute Texas Stream Team - <u>Details and Registration</u>

July 22 in Boerne - Conservation Easement Workshop at Cibolo Nature Center - Presented by Cibolo Conservancy - <u>Details</u>

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