



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

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](#).

2010 Texas' Most Endangered Places

Preservation Texas has issued a call for nominations for its 2010 list of Texas' Most Endangered Places and is asking Texans to help identify threatened historic resources by submitting nominations. Two wonderful Hill Country Treasure made the list last year, Hamilton Pool Road and Scenic Loop-Boerne Stage Corridor. If you're thinking about submitting a nomination in the Hill Country, please contact [HCA](#). We have volunteers who can help and advise you. Details from Preservation Texas [here](#).

Critical dates are fast approaching in the rush for the PUC to run massive power lines through the Hill Country

Routes are being determined now, landowners can participate in the process. LCRA will submit applications which will include preferred routes on October 7th and October 28th. Click [here](#) for details from SOS Hill Country. More on this issue [here](#).

PGA resort fights for another tax break

Four years after the city granted a famously controversial tax deal to the PGA Tour golf resort, the owner is fighting for lower property taxes by claiming the site's two golf courses provide a wildlife refuge for birds and deer. Read full Express-News article [here](#).

Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program

Senator Glenn Hegar addressed the stakeholders of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP) Thursday, to stress the significance of the work beginning this fall on the technical and policy decisions required for the development of the EARIP Habitat Conservation Plan. Read full media release [here](#).

Aquifer District Adopts Additional Rules to Protect Groundwater

The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District has changed its rules to manage more equitably its groundwater resources and to respond more effectively to severe and prolonged droughts. At its Board meeting last night, the District's Board of Directors approved a sweeping set of rule changes to accomplish those objectives. Read full media release [here](#).

Town Hall Meeting debate over City of Austin's Water Treatment Plan 4

Water Treatment Plan 4, is a City of Austin project to pump, treat and pipe water from Lake Travis – ultimately producing 300 million gallons of water a day. There will be a Town Hall style meeting 6:00pm Thursday, September 17th at St. Edward's University to debate this issue. Participate and learn the facts, does this make good economic and environmental sense? Learn more about this issue [here](#).

Upcoming Events

September 14 in Austin - CAMPO Transportation Policy Board meeting - [Details](#)

September 14 in San Antonio - Caring for Earth: The Edwards Aquifer - part one in a four part course presented by Attorney Libby Cormeaux - [Details and Registration](#)

September 16 - World Ozone Day

September 17 in Austin - City of Austin Town Hall Meeting debate regarding Water Treatment Plan 4 - Click for details [here](#).

September 17 in New Braunfels - Hydrologist Raymond Slade speaks on the future of our Hill Country water - [Details](#)

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 28 - Green Consumer Day

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