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Conservation Insider

This revision corrects the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance name, previously misidentified.

Hello Sherry,

Spring is here! Comal County Conservation Alliance, much like the season, is going through a period of profound growth and transition. Over the next few months, many aspects of our organization will change and evolve, but two things that won't are our unwavering commitment to preserving land, water, and wildlife here in Comal County and our focus on bringing people together to protect the incredible natural resources that define our community.

At the beginning of this month, something incredibly beautiful happened. CCCA in partnership with the Hill Country Alliance, the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, and the Cibolo Conservancy hosted our first County to County workshop. Led by our Comal County Commissioners Kevin Webb and Jen Crownover, commissioners from all over the Hill Country engaged in a facilitated conversation centered around county authority and the unprecedented rate of development in our rural areas. This event was wonderful, and I want to extend a special thanks to our sponsors the McKenna Foundation and the Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation whose support made the event possible. I also want to express my deep appreciation for all of our county leaders who leaned in during the workshop to identify new mechanisms that they can use to balance growth with common sense conservation measures.



Our work to preserve land, water, and wildlife is catching steam and we need your support now more than ever. You can make a difference by [volunteering](#), [donating](#) to the cause, speaking up to support conservation efforts, and exploring the incredibly beautiful natural areas that make living in Comal County so wonderful.

The Hill Country needs you. If you feel like I do, that we need to protect these incredible resources now then please consider joining our [Comal Outsiders](#) group by making a recurring donation in support of CCCA on our website.

Ryan K Spencer
Executive Director
Comal County Conservation Alliance

Looking for a way to help protect Comal's rivers and springs?

Preserving Comal County's natural beauty and rural character is a job for the whole community. Won't you join the effort? CCCA is looking for volunteers to help advance the conservation work in Comal County by helping CCCA in one of the following areas:

- Event Planning

- Website Maintenance
- Grant Writing

Interested candidates should submit their contact information and interests here: [Become a Volunteer](#)

OR

Support CCCA's effort to preserve land, water, and wildlife in Comal County by donating today!

Give Now

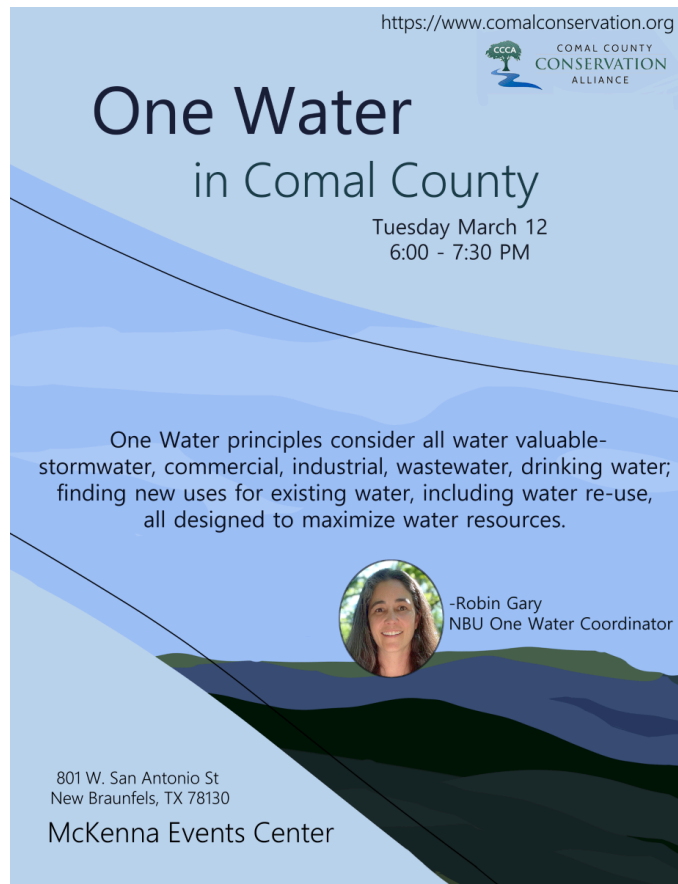
SAVE THE DATE

POSTPONED:

Due to unforeseen water issues, The McKenna Center will be CLOSED TONIGHT. Naturally, we have to postpone tonight's program featuring Robin Gary from NBU.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this postponement has caused. We look forward to rescheduling this event soon.

March Community Program "One Water in Comal County"



WHAT: Robin Gary, **NBU One Water** Coordinator will join CCCA to talk about "One Water in Comal County"

One Water principles consider all water valuable - stormwater, commercial, industrial, wastewater, and drinking water; finding new uses for existing water, including water reuse, all designed to maximize water resources.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: McKenna Events Center, 801 W. San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130.

Dinosaur Day 2024

DINOSAUR DAY THE HERITAGE MUSEUM OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

2024

An amazing educational event for kids & dinosaur lovers of all ages!

\$5 PER PERSON Tickets will be available the day of event.

DATE: SAT, MARCH 23
TIME: NOON TO 4 PM

Guest Speaker Thomas Adams from the Witte Museum, Dinosaur Trackway Tours, Fossil Ridge Tours, Activities for Kids, Food, Local Organizations, and much more!

The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country
4831 FM 2673
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

theheritagemuseum.com
830-899-4542
museum@gvtc.com

WHAT: Please stop in at the Heritage Museum's Dinosaur Day on Saturday, March 23, and visit with CCA volunteers at our booth! We'll demonstrate how karst rock allows recharge of our aquifers, and share news about what's being done for conservation in Comal County, what still needs to be done, and what you can do to help. Please come by and say "Hi". Bring your family too and pick up a free "KEEP COMAL WILD" sticker for your car or truck so you can show your support for conservation in Comal County.

WHEN: Saturday, March 23, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

WHERE: The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country

Land and Sky Celebration

LAND & Sky CELEBRATION

Benefitting
 CCCA COMAL COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE &
 COMAL COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT SKY

MAY 11TH @ 5080 PURGATORY RD. NEW BRAUNFELS
 Music * Stargazing * Curated Crafts

GATES AT 5:00 PM
 CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT

LIVE MUSIC 6-10
 SONG CIRCLE STARGAZING 10-12

MUSICAL GUESTS

THE RAMBLEWOODS
 ADAM JOHNSON BAND
 John Whipple & Friends

Tickets
 EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$15/PP
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<https://tinyurl.com/LandAndSky>
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 512-757-4242

Tickets go on sale on Friday, March 15, 2024

WHAT: Make plans to attend the **LAND and SKY CELEBRATION** benefitting Comal County Conservation Alliance & Comal County Friends of the Night Sky, Wimberley Dark Skies. Enjoy live music, curated crafts, food trucks, stargazing, and more.

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2024 Gates Open at 5 PM

CCCA H-Z MARCH COLUMN

"A One Water Window Opens for Our Future"

by Frank Dietz, for the H-Z March, 2024

A fresh thoughtful look toward a future of careful water usage is now available for our futures, particularly in the Texas Hill Country. When the gift of headwaters for thirteen rivers providing sustenance for our region becomes a focus for consideration in our sustained period of drought, every opportunity to consider water's capture, usages and reuse becomes very important. Come join the conversation and discovery at McKenna Center 12 March 6-7:30 pm when NBU's One Water Coordinator, Robin Gary helps underscore the value of ALL WATER. It serves as a fresh way to think and act in a time when we know our water sources are limited and to be carefully utilized. Bring your questions and neighbors.

When I think back to my earliest years and first recognition that water didn't just flow from an opened faucet, it brings me to those moments standing beside the hand pumped water source of my grandparents. In the morning, we were given a modest sized bowl and pitcher. Your assignment was to use the handle and pump water into the pitcher to use...

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IN OTHER NEWS

"TXST researchers implement innovative wastewater treatment strategies"

by Jeremy Thomas, for the Texas State Newsroom, December 2023

Researchers from Texas State University's Ingram School of Engineering are implementing innovative wastewater treatment methods to improve the quality and aesthetics of reusable water.

Led by Keisuke Ikehata, Ph.D., assistant professor of civil engineering, the research team is on a mission to demonstrate that purified wastewater is clean and aesthetically pleasing for everyday use.

Texas' rapid population growth combined with ongoing drought conditions has led to water shortages across the state. In the face of this challenge, Ikehata sees an opportunity for the public to embrace the idea of using treated wastewater for daily needs, a process referred to as potable water reuse.

"For every 1,000 new people, we need about 100,000 to 150,000 gallons of new water every day, and it's getting harder..."

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Working to preserve land, water, and wildlife in Comal County!

Comal County Conservation Alliance

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