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Current Blanco County Conditions

Flood Decision Support Toolbox

Check current conditions at: [Texas Water Development Board](#)

Stage 1 drought declaration is in effect

See drought conditions map of [Blanco County, TX | U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

Blanco County Burn Ban in effect

Call (830)868-7104 prior to burning

City of Blanco water and drought news

Water Leak Hotlines

City of Blanco (830)554-0716

Johnson City (830)868-7111 Extension 2

BCCI Facebook Page - [Facebook](#)

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New Board Member

At the August BCCI Board Meeting, the decision was made to ask **Mike Zarella** to join the BCCI Board as its 9th member. Mike accepted the invitation and at the October meeting of the BCCI Board, Mike was officially voted in as a BCCI Board Member. Welcome aboard, Mike!!!!

2025 Best Practice Art Contest has begun

Now accepting entries through October 31

\$2,000 Grand Prize for the best artwork

Read the Rules at www.bccitx.org/art-contest

Enter the contest
or tell your friends about it.

Texas Proposition 4: Time to vote

If approved by voters on November 4, 2025, Proposition 4 would amend the Texas State Constitution to establish a new funding source for Texas' water needs. This would create a new long-term plan for the funding of water infrastructure projects using a portion of existing sales and use tax revenue.

Vote your choice on Prop 4 on November 4!

Aggregate Mining in Blanco County

Jill Shackelford will talk about Asphalt Plant Operations best practices and how they relate to Blanco County on Tuesday, October 28th at Gem Of The Hills. This session will provide excellent input for elected officials, aggregate plant operators, HOA/POA officers and the general public.

The doors open at 6:30 for refreshments, pizza and conversation. Program starts at 7:00.

Bob Heinonen Announces Retirement

Bob Heinonen has announced his retirement from all volunteer responsibilities in all organizations effective Texas Independence Day in 2026 (March 2, 2026); he is resigning from the BCCI Board as of that date. Bob states "It is that time of life to focus my time, energy and mental capacity on my wife, our cat and myself. It is time to get back to exercising, binge reading, gardening and fixing things. I will still be available for input."

Bob has numerous volunteer duties within BCCI that need to be picked up by Blanco County volunteers. Bob says, "We have come a long way in the first three years, but it is time for others to step forward to work on achieving our BCCI Best Practices."

What else has BCCI been working on?

Here is some of the other stuff we had going on in the last month:

- Phil Pangburn, who owns **DataNetwork.tech**, has been volunteering his expertise helping with some computer technical issues
- **Memberships** in BCCI will be announced at the Educational Gathering on October 28
- Work continues with landowners who are considering turning their property into a conservation easement
- BCCI Board has authorized creation of a **BCCI Policies & Procedures Manual**. Bob Heinonen will create the first version.
- BCCI continues to have its monthly and special Board meetings at Texas Regional Bank in Blanco. **Thank you, [Texas Regional Bank in Blanco](#) for letting us use your great Community Room!**

~~~~~A GOOD PLACE TO END THIS NEWSLETTER~~~~~

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