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Current Blanco County Conditions

Flood Decision Support Toolbox (new entry)

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

Stage 3 drought declaration is in effect

See declaration at: [Drought Declaration](#)

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

No 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](#)

New Calendar of Events Available to Everyone

Ever wonder what some of our public organizations are doing? Would you like your input heard? You could attend their meetings if you knew when and where they are. How about the following:

- Blanco County Commissioners
- Blanco City Council
- Johnson City City Council

- Blanco Pedernales Ground Water Conservation District
- Chambers of Commerce

The BCCI website now has a calendar telling you when and where these events occur. Where to see the calendar? Click the following: [Blanco County Public Meeting Calendar.](#)

BCCI Gathering July 22

Are you ready? Tuesday, July 22 starting at 7:00PM at Gem Of The Hills which is at 2233 North US Highway 281 north of the City of Blanco. **Doors open at 6:30PM for refreshments and conversation.**

Dianne Wassenich Talks about Rivers

After the recent flooding events, the health of the Blanco River and Pedernales River watersheds are shown to be at risk as more and more people move to Blanco County, development increases and the climate changes. The knowledge Dianne has accumulated over decades of work protecting the San Marcos River and other water ways applies to Blanco County. Find out more about our July 22nd Gathering at [Who is Dianne Wassenich](#)

On **October 28** you will hear from **Jill Shackelford**. Jill will discuss issues with asphalt production and aggregate mining in Blanco County. What can be done to resolve the problems when we need the products?

BCCI at Blanco County Fair & Rodeo!

BCCI will show off its new outdoor booth on August 15-16 at the **94th Annual Blanco County Fair & Rodeo**. Come see some familiar faces and chat with us. Have a favorite conservation topic? Bring it up. In the meantime, enjoy a Texas tradition...the [Blanco County Fair & Rodeo](#).

Do you belong to a group that would like a **free** presentation about BCCI's **Best Practices**?

Do you belong to a group that has indoor gatherings with "vendor" tables? BCCI has an exhibit table displaying items about BCCI's **Best Practices** that it will set up for **free**.

Do you belong to a group that has outdoor gatherings with "vendor" booths? BCCI has an outdoor booth displaying items about Blanco County's **Best Practices** and **it's all free**.

Each of these events includes your very friendly **BCCI Presentation Team** to talk with folks.

\$2,000 for Best Artwork

That's correct. **\$2,000 Grand Prize** for the best artwork with a theme of

Blanco County Land & Wildlife.

Read the Rules at www.bccitx.org/art-contest and enter the contest or tell your friends about it.

What's Current in The News?

For the most current conservation news and events, check our website at www.bccitx.org and scroll on down to ***In The News*** and ***BCCI Actions - Events***. Also check our BCCI [Facebook](#) page.

What else has BCCI been working on?

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

- A [Public Meeting Calendar](#) has been added to the www.bccitx.org website
- The Board appointed Bob Heinonen as Event Coordinator. Bob will schedule presentations and exhibits using the new indoor exhibit and outdoor booth
- Coordination continues with other organizations who are actively involved in water conservation
- Work continues with a couple of landowners who are considering turning their property into a conservation easement
- 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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Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you!

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