

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Join the Save Our Springs Alliance in celebrating a landmark victory. The Save Our Springs ordinance, [passed 20 years ago this week by Austin voters, was designed to limit development above the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer to protect the area's water quality and endangered species. Its passage stood as a watershed moment in the political formation of the Austin environmental movement](#) and inspired efforts to protect the Edwards Aquifer throughout the region (including the formation of GEAA).

So, go take a dip in one of the most special places in Texas and celebrate with those who fought, and are still fighting, to defend Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer.

Celebrating the Save Our Springs ordinance

Tuesday On Barton Creek 8:30 to 11 a.m. Hike, swim and snorkel the upper greenbelt with Save Our Springs Alliance Executive Director Bill Bunch. Bring snorkel gear and drinking water. Meet at Scottish Woods Trail access, at 1710 Camp Craft Road. Email sosinfo@sosalliance.org to reserve space.

Barton Springs Pool 5:30 to 9:45 p.m. South Hill of Barton Springs Pool, 2201 Barton Springs Road - Talks and performances, including Eliza Gilkyson and screenings of Barton Springs-related movies. Entry to Barton Springs is \$3 per adult.

Wednesday On Barton Creek 8:30 to 11 a.m. Hike, swim and snorkel the middle greenbelt with Bunch. Bring snorkel gear and drinking water. Meet at MoPac Boulevard bridge access, south and west of the intersection of MoPac and Loop 360. Email sosinfo@sosalliance.org to reserve space and get exact directions.

Barton Springs Pool Noon to 6:00 p.m. South gate Refreshments, maps, charts, photos and other exhibits and discussions on the natural, cultural and political history of Barton Springs, the Save Our Springs movement and the legacy of Save Our Springs Ordinance

And, for those of you concerned about keeping Comal and San Marcos Springs clean and flowing for the next twenty years, go and voice your support for the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Endangered Species, the result of four years of hard work by GEAA and all who participated in the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (EARIP). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be holding public hearings on the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Endangered Species at Comal and San Marcos Springs as follows:

Monday, August 6, 2012- San Antonio Water System, Customer Service Building, 2800 North Highway 281, San Antonio, Texas 78212

Tuesday, August 7, 2012- Texas AgriLife Extension and Research Center, 1619 Garner Field Rd., Uvalde, Texas, 78801

Wednesday, August 8, 2012- New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, Texas 78130

Friday, August 10, 2012- Schreiner University, Cailloux Activity Center, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Kerrville, Texas 78028

Tuesday, August 14, 2012- Harte Research Institute, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

Wednesday, August 15, 2012- University of Houston- Victoria, Multi-Purpose Room, 3007 N. Ben Wilson, Victoria, Texas 77901

All the meetings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the summer and celebrate our great springs!

Annalisa Peace, Executive Director