

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Check out <u>GEAA's presentation on Stormwater Management</u> to learn what our cities can do to make sure that we have clean water. Thanks to GEAA Technical Director, Deborah Reid, for putting together this wonderful presentation. Debbie has been speaking to groups throughout San Antonio and, from the feedback we are getting, people understand and are very much supporting our position on how to better manage stormwater in San Antonio. To schedule a presentation for your group, contact info@AquiferAlliance.org / 210-320-6294.

If you are a resident of Dripping Springs, we urge you to contact the Dripping Springs Planning and Zoning Commissioners, City Council, and Hays County Commissioners to say NO to the proposed 782-acre Rutherford Ranch North development over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. RRN's proposed densely configured 1,252 rooftop development far exceeds the 10% to 25% impervious cover that scientists believe is appropriate for this highly sensitive area. Rutherford Ranch North developers are asking for 31 variances from normal development standards and regulations enforced by the City of Dripping Springs.

You can learn more <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. You can sign a petition opposing the development <u>here</u>.

For those of you in the market for rain barrels, plants, trees, and compost-you can buy those and more to make sure your yard is Water Smart during



returns to Texas this

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28

Click here to learn more.

Lastly, I hate to be the bearer of bad news but, I learned today that Zeke MacCormack, long time reporter on news happening in the communities outside of San Antonio, has been laid off by the San Antonio Express News. We will very much miss his excellent reporting. Thank you, Zeke, for a job well done.

We also just learned that, despite overwhelming local opposition, the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality has granted the permit for the Vulcan batch plant in Boerne. You can read more here. "The Boerne to Bergheim Coalition for a Clean Environment (BBCCE), which spearheads most grassroots opposition to Vulcan's concrete batch plant, say its members are disappointed by TCEQ's decision but not "deflated." So, kudos to BBCCE for their staying power - stay tuned for more.

As we enjoy the Memorial Day weekend, let us all reflect on how we might honor those who sacrificed for our freedom by taking action to defend those freedoms.

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