



Dear GEAA members and friends,

I'll begin with the sad news – Last Thursday the San Antonio City Council voted to approve (with Councilwoman Ana Sandoval abstaining) a request for rezoning to allow higher density for the Mustang Oaks development over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The vote came after a long day of discussions about police reforms and how the City would disburse Covid 19 Care Funds. There was no discussion about the request for rezoning, [GEAA's comments](#) were not read (as promised) prior to the vote, and the issue was decided in about 3 minutes. Thank you to all of you who contacted your City Council representatives. We have our work cut out for us; from watching this and other Council meetings, San Antonio's elected representatives have a lot to learn about protecting our Aquifer. You can read more from the Rivard Report [here](#).

Covid 19 has definitely changed, and in some ways compromised, opportunities for activism. Normally, many people would have shown up to protest this rezoning. As recent events prove, there is nothing like a gathering of like-minded people to get your message across. But, with so many questions about the safety of public gatherings, we are reluctant to ask our members to participate in person.

Not to worry about going out in public, however, if you are opposed to the Urbanczyk Family's Honey Creek Ranch development that could end up ruining Honey Creek State Natural Area, Honey Creek Cave, and Guadalupe State Park. The Texas Commission for Environmental Quality will be holding the Public Meeting on the waste water permit (Proposed Permit No. WQ0015835001) **entirely on-line at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th. Toll Free Call In: (415) 930-5321 (access code 647-255-712) On-Line: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> (Enter Webinar ID 585-699-835)** Those without internet access may call (512) 239-1201 before the meeting begins to request assistance in accessing and participating.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the application during an Informal Discussion period and the Formal Comment period. Participants must submit comments during the latter (Formal Comment) part of the meeting. Read GEAA's comments [here](#).

For all of you bar and restaurant proprietors opening up after the quarantine, please read [this note of caution](#) on how to safely dispose of old beer that was left on tap.

In other news - The EPA is pleased to announce the release of [Saving the Rain: Green Stormwater Solutions for Congregations](#). This document is for leaders and members of congregations who want to make their places of worship more ecologically resilient and protective of water resources as part of their faith practice. Congregations can use this guide for help with constructing green stormwater management practices to enhance their landscapes.

The guide walks readers through a comprehensive process on how to educate the congregation, identify champions, organize working groups, partner with local governments, and identify green infrastructure opportunities at their places of worship. Included is information to help congregations plan, design, and build as well as links to resources and tools for assessing and mapping areas to place green stormwater practices and is available at <https://www.epa.gov/nps/saving-rain-green-stormwater-solutions-congregations>. GEAA's [Watershed Management of the Edwards Aquifer Region](#), available for free download, will provide instructions and an extensive planting guide. Congregations are invited to contact us for help getting started.

Finally, we invite you to enjoy [Shattering Sacred Ground](#), a lovely video about Balmorhea Springs.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and, perhaps, cooling off with a dip in your local springs and rivers.

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