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Keeping the Hill Country in Blanco County™

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Current Blanco County Conditions

Stage 3 drought declaration is in effect

See declaration at: [Drought Declaration](#)

See drought conditions map at [South | U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

Blanco County burn ban not in effect

Call (830)868-7104 prior to burning

City of Blanco Stage 3 drought declaration is in effect

Water Leak Hotlines

City of Blanco (830)554-0716

Johnson City (830)868-7111 Extension 2

Presentations

Would you like BCCI to give a presentation to your group? These organizations did:

On January 16, Bill Sisak did a BCCI presentation for the Blanco County Master Gardeners at the CRC in Johnson City.

On January 18, Bob Heinonen did a BCCI presentation for the Blanco County Daughters Of The Republic Of Texas at the Texas Regional Bank in Blanco.

BCCI Best Practices Art Contest

Planning continues for the first annual **BCCI Best Practices Art Contest**. Each year a collectible poster will be created from the Grand Prize winning artwork. Each year will have a different BCCI Best Practices theme.

Mid-May has been set for the formal announcement of the Plan. The contest is being targeted for late October. The theme for this first year is ***Land & Wildlife Conservation***.

Quarterly Gathering

On Tuesday, January 28, **Carley Howell**, Blanco County Agent for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension presented how to save water and have your property look beautiful. She gave a PowerPoint presentation using the new Gem Of The Hills 100-inch monitor.....wow!

Over 45 people attended the event while braving a very foggy evening on the road. Beverages and snacks were provided by Board Member Lisa Atckison.

Unfortunately, **Kathryn Brady**, Blanco County Agent for Natural Resources Conservation Service, who was going to co-present, was ill and could not attend.

BCCI Meets With Developers

Bill Sisak, BCCI Vice President, has begun meeting with subdivision developers and HOA's. Bill reports there is a lot of interest in using **Best Practices**. Check out our website at [BEST PRACTICES | BCCI \(bccitx.org\)](http://BEST PRACTICES | BCCI (bccitx.org)). Email Bill Sisak at bill@bccitx.org for information or to ask questions.

Blanco County SQM Cluster

As reported last month, our sister organization, the Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky, is installing at least 13 Sky Quality Meters (SQM) across Blanco County to monitor the darkness of the night sky across the county as a part of its 10 Year Plan Of Action. The SQM Cluster will help determine if we are gaining or losing in the effort to remove light pollution. To receive update information on the progress of this project, contact sqm.bcfns@gmail.com to get on their **Update** list.

What else is happening?

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

- A BCCI presentation has been scheduled for the Liberal Ladies luncheon in Blanco on February 28th. If you would like a presentation for a group, contact bob@bccitx.org
- BCCI continues to have its monthly and special Board meetings at Texas Regional Bank in Blanco. **Thank you, [Texas Regional Bank](#) for letting us use your great Community Room!**

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

Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you.

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