# Newsletter

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# Mill Creek Watershed Partnership

# A Note from the Watershed Coordinator

We are excited to announce that our face-to-face programs are back! The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership worked closely with the AgriLife Extension Offices in Austin and Washington Counties to bring the following programs to the watershed:

- Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems
- Texas Well Owner Network
- Riparian & Stream Ecosystem workshop
- Lone Star Healthy Streams
- Texas Watershed Steward

Updates on the implementation of the Mill Creek Watershed Protection Plan will be shared at each of these programs. Scroll down for details!

One easy way to stay informed about the upcoming events is to follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. You can also visit our <u>website</u> to learn more about the Mill Creek Watershed Protection Plan and our programs.

### Evgenia



# **Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems**

The Mill Creek Watershed Partnership and the Washington County AgriLife Extension Office are pleased to host the Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems workshop on August 27. Visit our website to learn more and register.

Please note that the upcoming Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems program is a short 2-hour course which cannot result in certification to maintain your system; only the 6-hour course can lead to certification.

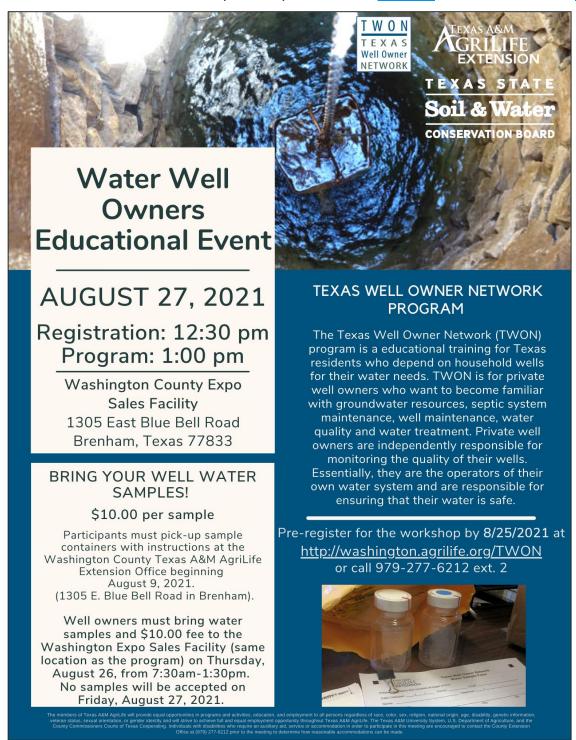


If you have any questions, please contact Kara Matheney at <a href="kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu">kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu</a> or Evgenia Spears at <a href="millcreek@ag.tamu.edu">millcreek@ag.tamu.edu</a>.

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### **Texas Well Owner Network**

If you want to learn more about groundwater resources and water quality, and maintenance of septic systems and water wells, the Texas Well Owner Network program is for you! **Bring your well water samples** the day before the workshop to be screened for nitrate, total dissolved solids, and *E.coli* bacteria. The cost is \$10 per sample. Visit our website to learn more and register.



If you have any questions, please contact Kara Matheney at <a href="mailto:kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu">kjmatheney@ag.tamu.edu</a> or Evgenia Spears at <a href="mailto:millcreek@ag.tamu.edu">millcreek@ag.tamu.edu</a>.

# **Lone Star Healthy Streams**

Another great workshop is coming to the Mill Creek watershed!

The Mill Creek Partnership has been working closely with the Austin County AgriLife Extension office to offer the Lone Star Healthy Streams workshop. This program educates Texas livestock producers and landowners on how to best protect Texas waterways from bacteria originating from livestock production and non-domestic animals. Three general CEUs are available!



To learn more about this program please visit our <u>website</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Wiley at <u>Leanne.Wiley@ag.tamu.edu</u>.

# Save the date!

# Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop

Save the date to join us for the Riparian and Stream Restoration training this fall! This program will focus on the function of streams and riparian zones and cover the topics on basic hydrology, watershed processes, riparian vegetation, and many more!

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### **Texas Watershed Steward**

The Texas Watershed Steward workshop is a statewide program that offers a great opportunity to learn about the watershed approach to address nonpoint source pollution and water quality impairments. The topics include watershed impairments, water quality law and policies in Texas, water quality improvement projects, best management practices, and others.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Kenney Agricultural Society Hall Bellville, TX

The details about the upcoming programs will be posted on our <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> once they become available.

### Virtual Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems Course

Need to become certified to maintain your septic system? Great news! You can complete the Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems course <u>online</u>! Once registered, you will have 30 days to finish this class. Upon completion, contact your TCEQ authorized agents to finalize the certification process.

### For Austin County residents

Erica Resendez at 979-865-5911 or <a href="mailto:planning3@austincounty.com">planning3@austincounty.com</a>

### For Washington County residents

Mark Marzahn at 979-277-6290 or mmarzahn@wacounty.com

Both Austin and Washington Counties accept this course for certification. If you reside in a county other than Austin or Washington, please contact your TCEQ authorized agent to verify if the online format is sufficient to grant certification.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Dr. Anish Jantrania at Anish.Jantrania@ag.tamu.edu.

# Want to get involved?

Reach out to Evgenia Spears at millcreek@ag.tamu.edu or (979) 845-2862.

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