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Memorandum

To: Blanco Chamber of Commerce and Old Blanco County Courthouse
From: Rachel Lumpee, City of Blanco Mayor
Date: May 12, 2022
Subject: Parking in the Pecan Bottom

On November 9, 2021, the Blanco City Council unanimously moved to designate the Pecan Bottom as a nature park. In the past, vendors for Market Days and Lavender Festival have parked their vehicles on the Pecan Bottom.

The City has begun working on turning the area into a park; the area will no longer be mowed as we will be identifying the different types of vegetation that is in the area. The plan is to create natural structures for a playground such as stumps and boulders for climbing, hiding, and exploring. The idea behind creating natural structures is so that if and when there is a flood again and it washes away, the structures won't be hard to replace. Fall is the perfect time to plant grasses and other seeds. According to the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, "Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher, which may occur all winter in Texas. During the winter months, the root systems of fall-planted plants develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can survive its first hot, dry summer with much less stress and watering."

Therefore, beginning September 1, 2022, parking will no longer be acceptable in that area.