

UPDATES

- New website coming! Completion anticipated in June 2016.
- Next Board Meeting: May 26th 2016.
Budget will be presented and public will have 30 days to review

AROUND THE REGION

2016 Regional Board Workshops for Planning and Development Regulations

The UNC School of Government is traveling across NC during May and June offering half-day workshops on legislative zoning decisions. Workshops are focused on local government planning, types of land use decisions, rezoning procedures and limits on zoning. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

The 2016 Great Places in North Carolina Program Now Open

Celebrating five years of recognizing and celebrating great places. This year's categories include: Great Main Streets; Great Main Streets in-the-Making; great places for healthy living; and Great Historic Rehabilitation Projects. Read more and nominate a community [here!](#)

2016 NC Tomorrow Summit April 18th & 19th North Raleigh Hilton

Statewide Strategies for Comprehensive Community and Economic Development, the 2016 Summit will offer best practices, case studies and skill-building workshops. The event will take place April 18-19 in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Highlights from NADO's 2016 Washington Policy Conference: NADO on the Hill

Over 175 participated in the 2016 Washington Policy Conference: NADO on the Hill from April 4 – 6. Attendees learned about the latest policy developments and the current political climate on Capitol Hill. Participants also met with members of Congress and their staff to highlight the work regional development organizations are doing to improve the economy and quality of life in their regions and the federal programs that assist them.

Trust for Public Land Releases New Report on Green Infrastructure and City Parks

The Trust for Public Land has released a new report City Parks, Clean Water: Making Great Places Using Green Infrastructure. Using case studies, data tables, and interviews with national experts, the report explores issues for both new and existing parks. Click [here](#) to download the report.

University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center Launches the Municipal Online Stormwater Training Center

The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland, in partnership with the Low Impact Development Center, Inc., has launched the Municipal Online Stormwater Training (MOST) Center, a platform designed to enhance the stormwater education and training experience by providing innovative, easily accessible online training and resources that engage and empower a variety of stakeholders to develop effective and affordable stormwater management programs. Click [here](#) to learn more about the MOST Center.

Interim Planning Director
Mark Warren



Mark Warren is serving as Interim Planning Director for Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments. Mark is recently retired after serving 32 years in local government working for the City of Oxford, Person County, City of Henderson and Town Administrator for the Town of Louisburg.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Spring Litter Sweep
April 16th-30th

Spring Litter Sweep is a North Carolina Department of Transportation biannual volunteer cleanup drive. All safety information and videos can be accessed online at <http://www.ncdot.gov> or you can contact Ann at (astroobant@kerrtarcog.org) for additional information.

NC MOVE Network
North Carolina Mobility Options Vision
and Education

NC MOVE Network is a group with a mission to improve mobility options in North Carolina. NC MOVE is dedicated to a vision of growth in customer-focused public transportation, and aims to create training opportunities, centralize resources, and foster statewide collaboration among mobility professionals. The Mobility Manager at Kerr-Tar COG, Tony Sumter, agreed to volunteer services that would help advertise and promote the NC MOVE Network within the social media website LinkedIn. For more information please visit the LinkedIn page or contact Tony at (tsumter@kerrtarcog.org).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Reentry and Crime Prevention Conference
April 28th in Raleigh @ SBI Auditorium

The purpose of this training is to provide information about current practices and the resources that are available to assist those returning to our communities after periods of incarceration. Our hope is that this will help to reduce recidivism and aid returning individuals in becoming productive members of society. By increasing awareness and resources, we are better able to prevent crime in our district. This is a free training, however, seats are limited and registration is required; will be on a first come basis. For more information feel free to contact Ben Foti (bfoti@kerrtarco.org)

AGING

Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act Sent to President for Signature

The bill reauthorizes aging programs for three years and includes reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) program. The bill takes steps to streamline federal level administration of programs, promote the efficient and effective use of transportation services, and improve coordination between programs at the federal, state, and local levels. The President is expected to sign the reauthorization bill into law.

Franklin County Aging Plan: "Creating Value & Sustainability for Older Adults in Franklin County"

On April 4, Jillian Hardin, Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging Director, presented the Franklin County Aging Plan "Creating Value and Sustainability for Older Adults in Franklin County" during the Franklin County Commissioners' meeting. The Franklin County Aging Leadership Planning Team, collaborated to develop this Aging Plan and identified two goals: Healthcare and Transportation. The objectives of the Plan focus on educating the public about existing various health and transit services, streamlining access to services for older adults, caregivers and professionals, collaborating with county agencies to reach out to the public and share information, and advocate for new services. Franklin County Commissioners unanimously approved the Franklin County Aging Plan. For more information or to read the plan, contact the Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging at 252-436-2040 or by email info@kerrtarco.org.

National Volunteer Week
April 10th-16th



April 10th-16th is Volunteer appreciation week. A special thank you to all of our volunteers. All volunteers make a difference in the community. Contact us at Kerr-Tar Council of Governments, 252-436-2040, to find out how to become a volunteer.

Elder Abuse Awareness Walk
Thursday, June 2nd @ Huck Sansbury
Recreation Complex in Roxboro, NC.
Registration starts at 9:30am

Millions of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited. Once a year on June 15, communities and municipalities around the world plan activities and programs to recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). It's an opportunity to share information and spread awareness about abuse, neglect, and exploitation in later life. Everyone can make a difference, but together, we can unite as one nation. Take a stand against elder abuse! Please contact Kim Hawkins, Regional Ombudsman at (252) 436-2040, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming workshops
Healthy Eating for Successful Living in
Older Adults
Fridays May 20th-June 24th, 1:30-4pm
Louisburg Senior Center, Louisburg NC

Chronic Pain Self Management Program
workshop
Wednesdays June 1st-July 6th, 1:30-4pm
Vance County Senior Center, Henderson, NC

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will be conducting a six week, Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults workshop at the Louisburg Senior Center in Louisburg, NC starting Fridays, May 20 through June 24, 2016 from 1:30-4pm. To register call Tara Goolsby at 919-496-1131.

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will also be conducting a six week Chronic Pain Self Management Program workshop at the Vance County Senior Center starting Wednesdays, June 1 through July 6, from 1:30-4pm. To register call Joyce Davis at 252-430-0257. For more information on both workshops call, Sheila Brown at 252-436-2040 ext. 6026.

"Medicare 101"
April 22nd, 2:30pm @ Vance County
Senior Center

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will partner with the Vance County Senior Center to offer a Free Medicare Seminar "Medicare 101" on April 22 starting at 2:30pm at the Senior Center. For more information and to register call Amber Gupton at 252-430-0257.

May 17th, 2:00pm Youngsville Library

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will partner with the Franklin County Aging Department to offer a Free Medicare Seminar "Medicare 101" on May 17 starting at 2pm at the Youngsville Library, in Youngsville, NC. For more information and to register call Christy Southhall at 919-494-5611.

Region K Senior Games and Silver Arts
Senior Games: March 24 - May 11
Silver Arts: May 19



Senior Games is a health promotion program for older adults. Games include cornhole, shuffleboard, track and field, bocce, and horseshoes, as well as Silver Arts, which highlights creative talents. Participants who win medals compete in the NC Senior Games; state winners go on to the National Senior Games. So far basketball, bowling, shuffleboard, and fun walk have been completed. Brad Allen was our esteemed guest speaker for our opening ceremony on March 24th. Email Melissa Catlett (mcatlett@kerrtarco.org) for more information.

About Us

MISSION

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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