

Kerr Tar Regional Council Of Governments

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September 2016

UPDATES

- Annual Awards Banquet: Thursday, September 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.
- TAC/TCC Meeting: Thursday, October, 13th @ 3:00 p.m.

AROUND THE REGION

Annual Awards Banquet
Thursday, September 22, 2016



The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Henderson Vance Farmers' Market. Our guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Patricia Mitchell, Assistant Secretary of the NC Department of Commerce/Rural Division. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dress is business casual. Awards will be presented and new officers will be installed. If you have any questions please contact Gina Parham at gparham@kerrtarcog.org.

TAC/TCC Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2016
3:00 p.m. @ COG Office

TAC/TCC meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rescheduling the meeting will allow for us to take into account the results of the NCDOT's Regional Impact Project programming into the next STIP from SPOT. It will also allow time for the KTRPO P4.0 Subcommittee to meet and for any additional information to be circulated and posted prior to the TAC/TCC meeting. Please feel free to attend the meeting in person or via Conference Call.

Conference Call Option:

Phone #: 1-888-636-3807

Access Code: 7668349

For more information contact Ann Stroobant at astroobant@kerrtarcog.org.

North Carolina Economic Development Resources

Click [here](#) for North Carolina Economic Development Resources. Please keep in mind that the Kerr-Tar COG may assist you with putting together your grant application, as well as administering it. Contact Diane Cox at dcox@kerrtarco.org for more information.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Kerr-Tar Regional Impact Projects Released by NCDOT

We have three regional highway projects and two regional transit projects. Please click [here](#) to view the table.

NCDOT's 2017 Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative

If you are interested in applying for the NCDOT's 2017 Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative, please be reminded that the deadline is Thursday, November 10th by 5:00 p.m. To find out more about these grants, click [here](#). You will need a resolution from the RPO for the approval process, please contact Ann Stroobant at astroobant@kerrcog.org by September 23 if you are planning to apply.

FEMA Online Presentations & Courses

FEMA has tons of classes including workplace violence awareness training, active shooter training, diversity awareness course, civil rights and FEMA disaster assistance, introduction to the incidents command system for healthcare/hospitals, and much more. Click [here](#) for more information.

EPA Releases New Fact Sheets on Climate Change

EPA released a series of fact sheets, "What Climate Change Means for Your State," which focus on the impacts of climate change in each of the 50 states and the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico. These 52 fact sheets compile information from previously published synthesis and assessment reports to provide a handy reference for state and local policymakers, businesses, and individuals who are looking to communicate impacts of climate change in a given state. Click [here](#) to check out the new fact sheets.

Hazard Mitigation for Natural Disasters

Water and wastewater utilities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards including earthquakes, flooding, drought, tornadoes, and wildfires. Use EPA's new Hazard Mitigation Guide to identify cost-effective projects that will increase your utility's resilience to natural disasters. Click [here](#) to learn more.

DOE-Funded Research Looks to Improve Range of Electric Cars

The U.S. Department of Energy thinks it can solve two of the largest obstacles standing in the way of the electric car. Many experts have asserted that the limited range of modern electric vehicles and the amount of time it takes to charge the batteries are the primary reasons why they still make up a miniscule portion of the automobile market — less than 1 percent, according to HybridCars.com. But with a pair of research projects, the DOE is betting that it can more than double the energy density of lithium-metal batteries and dramatically increase the speed of charging. [Read more...](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation Has A Free App—US Transit Trends Data

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) wants to make transportation information more accessible to the public. Transit trends data for roads, bridges, airports, railroads, transit systems, ports, waterways and pipelines is now accessible by smartphone. Click [here](#) to read more.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NCWorks Career Center

On Monday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 23 the NCWorks Career Center in Oxford hosted GKN Driveline of Roxboro for a Career Fair. GKN Driveline is the world's leading supplier of automotive driveline technologies and systems. The career fair was to help GKN recruit for a variety of available positions including machine operator, forklift driver, quality technician, and maintenance technician. After having a discussion about reaching out to other candidate pools in our region by having an offsite career fair, GKN scheduled a date and sent a recruiting team consisting of 5 Interviewers and a Scheduler to the NCWorks Career Center in Oxford for 2 full days of interviews. Over the 2 days, 45 potential candidates attended of which 35 have been invited to the GKN Roxboro location to receive pre-hire paperwork and a facility tour. Once a hiring decision has been made GKN and their eligible new hires will be participating in our On the Job Training program as the new employees adjust to their new jobs. GKN is just one of the many examples of how our people are using the programs and services we have to partner with and support the local business community which in turn creates opportunities that strengthen the entire community.

NCWorks Partnership Conference
October 5 - 7, 2016
Greensboro, NC

The NCWorks Partnership Conference traditionally draws upwards of 1,000 Workforce Development Professionals from across the state. Attendees represent labor, state and federal government, education, community-based organizations, community colleges and the private sector. In its 28th year, the Conference continues to offer timely topics and networking opportunities. Register online now (until September 26th) to receive the early-bird rate of \$225! Click [here](#) to visit this site or to register online.

Regional Labor Market Overview

The Kerr-Tar Region sees decreases in unemployment and increases in employment compared to one year ago. Regional employment for Kerr-Tar is currently 97,008 with 2,131 more people working today than one year ago. Currently there are 1,842 online advertised vacancies, with 246 fewer vacancies than same period one year ago. For more information and statistics click [here](#).

AGING

Special Workshop for Caregivers and Professionals

October 7th 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Granville Co. Senior Center

Dementia Capable NC: A Strategic Plan for Addressing Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias is special workshop being offered to caregivers and professionals. We invite you to come and hear the actionable strategic plan to address dementia and help relieve the burden on families caring for someone with dementia by 2017 and to learn about newly allocated funding that will be available to help families through project C.A.R.E. Presenters include, Mark Hensley, MS, Project C.A.R.E. State Director and Alzheimer's Support Specialist at N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services and Lisa P. Gwyther, MSW, LCSW, Director, Duke Family Support Program. There is no charge to attend but a reservation for seating is required. Contact Suja Jacob at 252-436-2040 or sjacob@kerrtarcog.org to reserve your seat.

NADO 2016 Annual Training Conference

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments / Area Agency on Aging wins NADO award for the Elder Abuse Awareness Walk that took place in Person County. Aging Director, Jillian Hardin, will attend the NADO 2016 Annual Training Conference in San Antonio, Texas, October 15th-18th to accept the award.

Surfing the Silver Tsunami: A Boomer, Senior, and Caregiver Expo
October, 10th 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vance Granville Community College Civic Center

Please come join us as we prepare for the future for our Senior Citizen, Baby Boomer, and Caregiver Community. There will be vendors from across the region to help answer questions and help prepare for a secure and fulfilling future. There will be entertainment throughout the day, as well as door prizes. No cost to attend, and attendees may float in and out at their leisure. For more information contact Melissa Catlett at mcatlett@kerrtarcog.org.

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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ABOUT US

COMMUNITIES SERVED

Franklin County
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Town of Bunn
Town of Butner
City of Creedmoor
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City of Henderson
Town of Kittrell
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Town of Macon
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