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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JAN
10**

Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council Meeting:
January 10th at 10 a.m., COG Office

**JAN
19**

Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 19th, 2026, COG Offices will be closed

**JAN
22**

Kerr-Tar COG Full Board Meeting: January 22nd at 6:30 p.m., COG Office

**MAR
10**

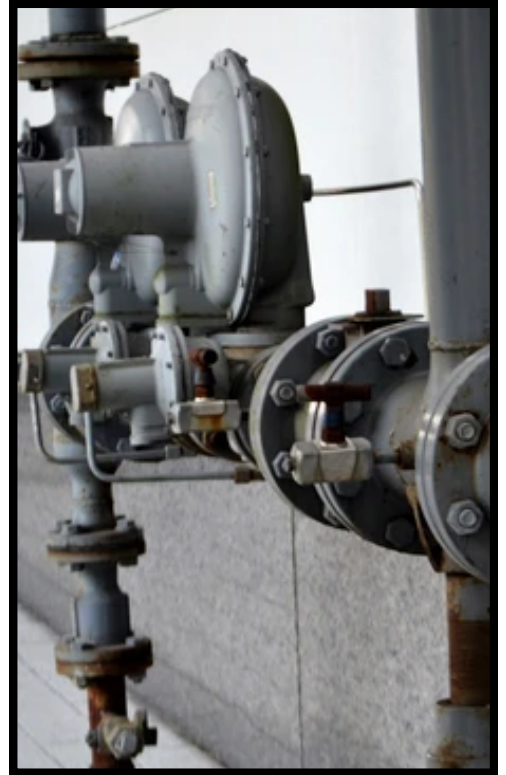
Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board Meeting:
March 10th at 6 p.m., COG Office

CITY OF HENDERSON AWARDED SEID GRANT

On December 2, 2025, the City of Henderson was awarded a \$500,000 State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant from the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) to support its Water Line Extension Project. This funding will expand city-owned water infrastructure to address private-well testing and support the installation of 1,540 linear feet of waterline, improving water access for eight households. The project is designed to strengthen local infrastructure and support long-term economic development.

This project aligns with SCRC's Five-Year Strategic Plan and State Economic Development goals by improving essential infrastructure that supports growth, enhances service delivery, and promotes future development opportunities within the City of Henderson.

We congratulate the City of Henderson on this successful application and look forward to the positive impacts this project will bring to the community.



WARREN COUNTY AWARDED SEID GRANT



On December 4th, 2025, Warren County was awarded \$500,000 in funding from the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) to support construction of a new right-hand turn lane at the Triangle North Warren Industrial Park. The project will improve access for tractor-trailers and heavy equipment to the future Vance-Granville Community College Transportation Training Hub.

Project activities include the construction of 428 linear feet of roadway, enhancing transportation access for seven businesses within the industrial park. This investment will strengthen local infrastructure, support workforce training efforts, and improve economic development opportunities across the region. We congratulate Warren County on this achievement and the support it will bring to the community.

WARREN COUNTY AWARDED GOLDEN LEAF GRANT

On December 4, 2025, the Golden LEAF Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$1,087,460 to Warren County through the Golden LEAF SITE Program - Development phase. The funding will support the extension of a waterline to the Hwy 1 Industrial Site, a key step in preparing the site for future economic development.

Golden LEAF funds will be used for construction, engineering, due diligence, and potential environmental remediation associated with the project. This investment will help strengthen site readiness, improve infrastructure capacity, and enhance Warren County's ability to attract new business and industry.

The award reflects Golden LEAF's continued commitment to supporting rural communities by expanding infrastructure and increasing the availability of development-ready industrial sites across North Carolina.



PUBLIC INPUT FOR HN-0015 ROUNABOUT AT U.S. 158 AND DORSEY RD.



"The N.C. Department of Transportation plans to build a roundabout where U.S. 158, U.S. Business, and Dorsey Road (S.R. 1611) meet, near the Vance County line, in Granville County. The purpose of the project is to create a safer experience for users and streamline traffic flow. Roundabouts reduce serious crashes by slowing traffic and eliminating dangerous left turns while helping vehicles move more smoothly than traditional stop signs. The new layout will make it easier and safer to access nearby homes, schools, and businesses, with drivers spending less time waiting at intersections. In addition, the design includes wider shoulders and a truck apron around the center island to allow large vehicles to safely navigate the roundabout.

To submit comments for consideration during the current phase of project development, please submit before **January 9, 2026**. The public is encouraged to leave comments using the project email or phone number. Email: US158-DorseyRd-Roundabout@PublicInput.com or by calling 984-205-6615 enter project code 8564.

For more information, click [**HERE.**](#)

ICE STORMS, FREEZING RAIN & WINTER STORMS

Follow the tips in this guide to keep safe and warm during ice storms and freezing rain.

When Ice Storms Are Most Common

- ✓ Between November and March

Warning Signs

- ✓ Weather forecasts predicting freezing rain
- ✓ Icy buildup on surfaces, trees, and power lines
- ✓ Reports of accidents due to slippery roads
- ✓ Rain during the day, followed by sub-freezing temperatures at night which causes rain to freeze on trees and surfaces

Preparing Your Home

- ✓ Insulate pipes to prevent freezing
- ✓ Cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home
- ✓ Keep a supply of rock salt or ice melt for walkways and driveways
- ✓ Ensure heating systems are in good working order
- ✓ Make sure your emergency kit is well-stocked

Keeping Your Pets Safe

- ✓ Include pet supplies (food, medicine) in your emergency kit
- ✓ Bring pets indoors during icy conditions
- ✓ Wipe off your pet's paws after they've been outside to prevent salt or chemicals from irritating their pads
- ✓ Consider microchipping your pets in case they get lost

Keeping Livestock and Farmland Safe

- ✓ Provide shelter for livestock to protect them from icy conditions
- ✓ Ensure water sources are not frozen
- ✓ Store feed in a dry and accessible location



What To Do In Case Of Emergency

- ✓ Avoid unnecessary travel
- ✓ Stay indoors and keep updated on weather conditions
- ✓ Use caution when walking outside to prevent slips and falls
- ✓ If you must travel by car, consider snow tires or snow chains for your vehicle's tires

Building An Emergency Kit



- ✓ Non-perishable food and water for several days (aim for at least 1 gallon of water per person per day)
- ✓ Blankets, warm clothing, and extra layers
- ✓ Flashlights, batteries, and a weather radio
- ✓ Rock salt or ice melt for de-icing walkways

CHRISTMAS FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

On December 15, Area Agency on Aging staff joined the South Granville Senior Center for a joyful Christmas celebration filled with music, laughter, and holiday cheer. Participants enjoyed a spirited game of Name That Tune: Christmas Carol Edition, featuring a mix of beloved classics and newer holiday favorites. The celebration wrapped up with everyone receiving a festive goodie bag, making for a fun and memorable holiday gathering.



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SENIORS' HEALTH INSURANCE
INFORMATION PROGRAM

N.C. Department of Insurance • Mike Causey, Commissioner
855-408-1212 (toll free) • www.ncdoi.gov

JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. It often has no symptoms and if it's not detected and treated, people can lose their sight.

Prevent vision loss by finding and treating problems early.

Medicare covers a glaucoma test once every 12 months for people at high risk for the disease. You're at high risk if you have diabetes, are African Americans age 50 and older, everyone over age 60, and anyone with a family history of glaucoma. The Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance apply.

Ask a SHIIP counselor for more information at 252-436-2040 ext.2036.



SENIOR GAMES SHOWCASE

Anyone interested in the Kerr-Tar Regional Senior Games and Silver Arts is invited to participate in the Senior Games Showcase sponsored by the North Granville Senior Center. We will share information, skills, and registration on site on Friday, January 30 at 1:30 PM. The North Granville Senior Center is located at 301 Oxford Street in Stovall.

For more information, please contact Crystal Allen at callen@kerrtarcom.org or 252-436-2040 ext 2036.



2026 KERR-TAR SENIOR GAMES & SILVER ARTS

GAMES INCLUDED:

Badminton, Basketball, Billiards, Bocce, Bowling, Corn hole, Croquet, Cycling, Disc Golf, Discus, Running and Standing Long Jumps, Football Throw, Golf, Horseshoes, Mini Golf, Pickleball, Shuffleboard, Softball Throw, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Track Events. (individuals compete for awards in their own gender and age category within five year increments (50-54, 55-59, 60-64...))

SILVER ARTS INCLUDES:

Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Heritage Arts, Performing Arts

WHEN TO REGISTER

Early Registration:

February 2-February 16, 2026

Cost: \$15.00

Entry Deadline: March 2, 2026

Cost: \$20.00 *after Feb. 16th*

Additional Fees:

Bowling: \$5.00

Golf: \$40.00

Mini Golf: \$3.00



REGISTER HERE

Register at your local Senior Center or visit this link to register online

<https://torch.ncseniorgames.org>



For more information about Senior Games and Silver Arts 2026

Please contact Michael Patterson at (252) 436 - 2040 ext. 6072 or

Crystal Allen at (252) 436 - 2040 ext. 2036



FREE to participants

Granville **A MATTER OF BALANCE**

Experience the Award-Winning
8-week program
proven to reduce falls!

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risk at home
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

Wednesdays & Fridays

Dates: January 21, 23, 27, 30
February 4, 6, 11, 13

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: South Granville
Senior Center, 114 Douglas Dr,
Creedmoor, NC 27522

To register, please contact:

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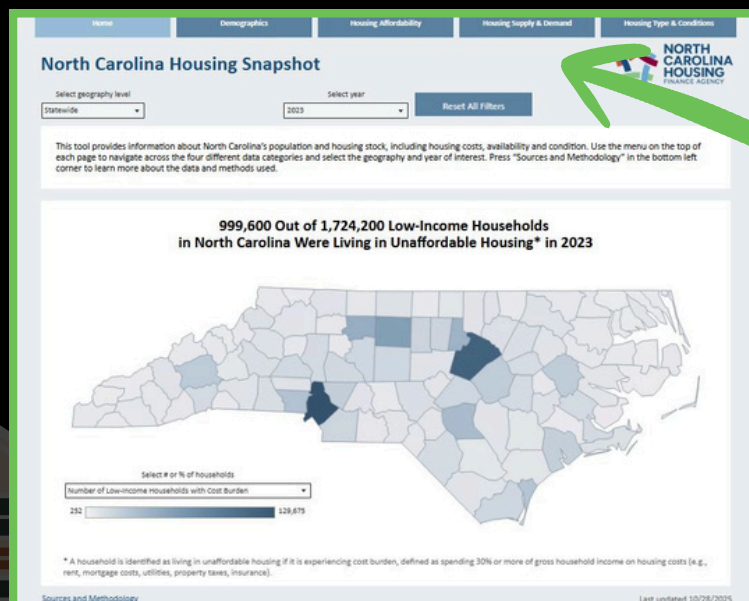
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AMOB BENEFITS:

- Reduce fear of falling
- Improve flexibility & strength
- Reduce pain & feel great

Joint Office of
**Energy and
Transportation**

- How many residents are cost-burdened
- Age of each county's housing stock
- Population change and
- Other information that is vital to understanding the need for affordable housing across the state.



EDA ANNOUNCES FY 2025 PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT FUNDING

"On September 16, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) released its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This update, the first since October 1, 2024, was to "specify EDA's updated investment priorities and to make other technical changes.

A summary of the major changes includes:

- Simplified match requirement chart: It removed Category E and F (E-24 month unemployment rate is at least 175 percent of the national average, 60 percent federal match) and (F- per capita income is not more than 65 percent of the national average, 60 percent federal match).
- Additional Requirements for Workforce Projects: Projects focused on workforce training must demonstrate alignment with industry needs. Applicants should identify in-demand, skills-based credentials and promote worker mobility through tools like competency-based assessments and technology-driven career navigation. Funding may support either program design—developing curricula and training systems—or program implementation, including direct training and wraparound services. Projects must track outcomes like employment and earnings, prioritize transparency in data, and include training in AI literacy to prepare workers for evolving labor market demands.
- Alignment with Executive Order (EO) 14173: Pursuant to EO 14173, 90 FR 8633 (Jan. 21, 2025), Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity, the NOFO now stipulates that grantees who receive a U.S. Department of Commerce financial assistance award:
 - (1) agree that compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal antidiscrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of Title 31 United States Code; and
 - (2) certify to the Department that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

For more information, or to view the NOFO, [click here.](#)

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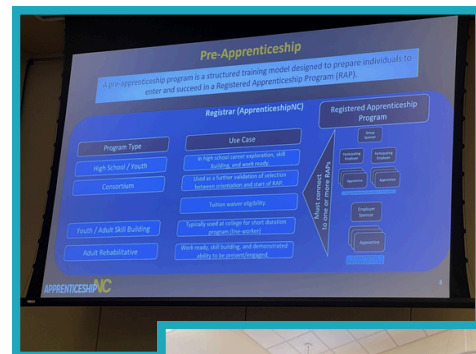
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

WORKFORCE TEAM ATTENDS NCWORKS APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN GREENSBORO

On December 9-10, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and NCWorks staff attended the NCWorks Apprenticeship Training in Greensboro, NC. The two-day training provided valuable insight into the state's apprenticeship framework and highlighted apprenticeships as an effective workforce development strategy for both employers and job seekers.

Participants took part in discussions on registered apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, and work-based learning models, along with best practices for building strong employer partnerships. The training emphasized how apprenticeships help businesses develop a skilled talent pipeline while offering individuals hands-on experience, industry-recognized credentials, and clear career pathways.

This training strengthens Kerr-Tar and NCWorks' ability to support local employers interested in apprenticeship programs and enhances our capacity to connect job seekers with high-demand opportunities across the region.



NCWORKS ORGANIZES PLANT TOUR AT CAROLINA GIANT TIRE IN HENDERSON

On December 15, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and NCWorks Business Services participated in a plant tour at Carolina Giant Tire in Henderson, NC. The tour offered an inside look at the company's operations and underscored its important role in supporting the region's manufacturing and industrial sectors.

During the visit, staff gained insight into production processes, workplace culture, and workforce needs, along with opportunities for collaboration related to hiring, training, and retention. Plant tours like this strengthen partnerships between employers and workforce development partners by promoting open communication and shared understanding.

Kerr-Tar and NCWorks look forward to continuing to work with Carolina Giant Tire to support its workforce needs and connect job seekers with quality employment opportunities in the Henderson area.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Diane Cox
January 9th



Lisa Holland
January 14th

ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lisa Holland
1 year

Kerr-Tar

Regional Council of Governments

COMMUNITIES SERVED

Franklin County
Granville County
Person County
Vance County
Warren County
Town of Bunn
Town of Butner
City of Creedmoor
Town of Franklinton
City of Henderson
Town of Kittrell
Town of Louisburg
Town of Macon
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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