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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

RAAC Meeting

- Wednesday, August 11
- 2:00 pm @ COG Office/Zoom*

KTRPO TAC/TCC Meeting

- Thursday, August 26
- 3:00-5:00 @ COG Office

COG Board Meeting

- Thursday, August 26
- 6:30 @ COG Office

**Subject to any new Covid recommendations and mandates*

Save the Date!

We are so excited to announce that the 2021 Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Annual Banquet will be **IN PERSON** this year! This year's event will be held **Thursday, September 23** at Vance-Granville Community College at 7:00 pm. Invitations have been sent out via email this year, so be sure to check your inbox and let us know if you plan to attend by August 23.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Reggie Horton

ROXBORO CITY COUNCILMAN

Roxboro City Councilman Reggie Horton is a Person County native and has been on the Kerr-Tar COG Board since January 2018. He was elected to City Council in 2017, and has also served previous terms. Reggie enjoys serving on the COG Board and learning about everything going on in the region. Retired after 26 years from Duke Energy, Reggie also spent 2 years in the Army, with one of those in Vietnam. He is a member of the American Legion, DAV, Elk's Lodge, Kiwanis, Person County Veteran's Council, and is a past National Commander in the Americal Division of the Veteran's Association.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Deborah Cozart

WORKFORCE PERFORMANCE &
ACCOUNTABILITY COORDINATOR



Deborah Cozart, Performance & Accountability Coordinator, has been with the COG for over 6 years. What she loves most about her role on the COG Workforce Development Board staff is the networking opportunities and the blessing of being part of a grant program that helps to improve the lives of individuals, employers, and overall community. One of Deborah's proudest achievements has been implementing Kerr-Tar's Workforce Development Board's Performance Matters Focus Group, which meets quarterly to discuss WIOA Grants' performance outcomes. The goal is to ensure data integrity and compliance fulfillments, discuss ideas, and implement plans to improve overall program performance and ultimately maintain successful outcomes for our Local Area WDB, our customers and job seekers, and our local businesses/employers. Fun fact about Deborah: she began taking violin lessons three years ago and finds so much joy in playing the violin along with the keyboard, and singing praise music.

American Rescue Plan

ARP Unique Grant Opportunities

Major announcements were made last week regarding the US Economic Development Administration's (EDA) American Rescue Plan Funding. Six unique programs were announced, collectively called **Investing in America's Communities**, and applications were opened immediately. What does this mean for you? This EDA investment is the largest economic development initiative from the Department of Commerce in decades (\$3 billion) and if utilized, can help your community build back better than ever.

Programs include:

1. Build Back Better Regional Challenge (**\$1 billion**): Designed to revitalize regional economies.
2. Good Jobs Challenge (**\$500 million**): This program will develop and strengthen regional workforce training systems and sector-based partnerships with a focus on programs targeted to women, people of color, and historically underserved communities.
3. Economic Adjustment Assistance (**\$500 million**): Grants will help hundreds of communities put people back to work through projects tailored to meet local needs.
4. Indigenous Communities (**\$100 million**): Program will work hand in hand with Tribal Governments and Indigenous communities to develop economic development projects.
5. Travel, Tourism, & Outdoor Recreation (**\$750 million**): Program will focus on accelerating recovery of communities that rely on these sectors.
6. Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks (**\$90 million**): Grants include funding for state planning efforts as well as grants to build Communities of Practice to extend technical assistance to support EDA's work with grantees.

Further information on these opportunities can be found on the [EDA ARP website](#).



Join Us

for a virtual training on

ARP Grant Opportunities



Wednesday, August 18
1:00-2:00 pm

featuring

Hillary Sherman
EDA Representative

[Register HERE](#)

Hosted by



Senior Games

Are you age 50 or older and do you enjoy some friendly competition? Good news! We have started planning our summer 2022 Senior Games! Over 50 competitive events will be held throughout the region from **March 24 through May 18, 2022**. Advance registration is required for athletic events and the creative arts.

Silver Arts, the creative arts dimension of Senior Games, features works by local artists in the categories of heritage, literary, performing, and visual arts.

We are very excited to have the leadership of our new Parks & Recreation partners, who bring years of expertise in organizing and running athletic events.

With this, we join about 73 other NC counties whose Senior Games are supported by their Parks & Rec departments. Each of our Senior Center partners has a member on the Senior Games Steering Committee, and shoulders much of the organizing and administration of the Games. The Senior Centers will register participants for their respective counties.

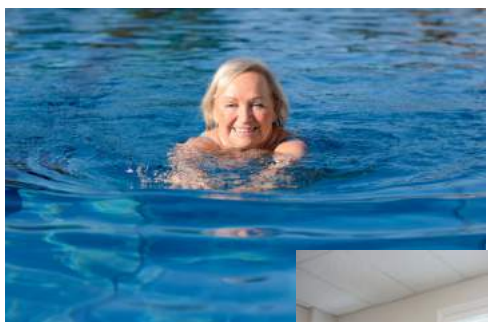
We also look forward to the support of our past and future community sponsors who make these games possible. If you know of any community organization who may want to join the fun, contact Mary Lynn.



Athletic events include:

- Track & Field
- Bowling
- Golf
- Cycling
- Swimming
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Billiards
- Pickleball
- Walking
- Running
- Football/Softball Throwing
- Basketball Toss
- Horseshoes
- Bocce Ball
- Cornhole
- Croquet
- Power Walking*
- Recumbent Cycling*
- And more!

*New for 2022



RAAC Meeting

The next Regional Aging Advisory Council Meeting will be held in person* at the COG Office on **Wednesday, August 11 at 2:00 pm.**

The COG Office is located at 1724 Graham Avenue in Henderson. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. Information will be emailed to all members in advance. If you are not on our email list and want to be involved, please contact Mary Lynn Baldwin at 252-436-2040 ext. 2036.

**Subject to any new Covid recommendations & mandates.*

Kerr-Tar
Area Agency on Aging
Your Anchor for Aging

Caregiver Support Groups

If you or someone you know would like to participate in a Caregiver Support Group, please call Austin Caton, Family Caregiver Support Specialist, at 252-436-2040 ext 6072. Caregiver support can go a long way in providing much-needed relief to folks who provide care to their loved ones.



Operation Fan Heat Relief

Operation Fan Heat Relief has distributed hundreds of box fans to older adults in the region. If you need a fan to manage the summer heat, contact your local senior center. Quantities are limited--first come, first served.



All of our Senior Centers are open! Visit their websites or call for details. Some may have limited schedules.

Franklin County Senior Center (Louisburg):	919-496-1131
Franklinton Senior Center:	919-494-5611
Granville County Senior Services (Oxford):	919-693-1930
South Granville Senior Center (Creedmoor):	919-528-0848
North Granville Senior Center (Stovall):	919-693-3383
Person County Senior Center:	336-599-7484
Vance County Senior Center:	252-430-0257
Warren County Senior Center:	252-257-3111

Granville County Receives SPR Funding

Granville County has been awarded State Planning and Research funds from the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Transportation Planning Division to begin a Feasibility Study along the Butner and Oxford portion of the East Coast Greenway, either primarily along SR 1004 (Old 75) or a rail-with-trail option along the Norfolk Southerns (NS) line. Work on the feasibility study is expected to begin in the fall of 2021. At the July 22 KTRPO meeting, the additional funding received by the TPD was approved. Funds will be used to solicit consultants through the RFLOI and follow the state's procurement process. The KTRPO will provide the Towns of Butner and Oxford with periodic updates.



Exciting Economic Development Announcements

Glen Raven, Inc., a leading provider of innovative performance textiles, will create 205 new jobs as it expands its Custom Fabrics operations in Warren County according to the Governor's Office. The company will invest up to \$82 million in Norlina. Read more in the press release found [HERE](#).



POLYWOOD

Polywood, a manufacturer of outdoor furniture made from recycled plastics, will expand its operations in Person County to create 300 jobs over 5 years. Governor Roy Cooper announced that the company will invest \$61.6 million to build additional capacity at its manufacturing and distribution center in Roxboro. Read more about this expansion by clicking [HERE](#).

KTRPO TAC/TCC Meeting

The Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (KTRPO) joint TAC/TCC will meet on **Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 pm** at the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Offices located in Henderson. The agenda and related meeting materials will be posted onto the KTCOG website and sent to members as the meeting date approaches.



US DOT RAISE Grant



U.S. Department of Transportation

RAISE GRANTS

Rebuilding American Infrastructure
with Sustainability and Equity

The Kerr-Tar Rural Planning Organization (KTRPO) submitted its Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to the United States Department of Transportation last month. The RPO, working with the East Coast Greeway, submitted a Rural S-Line Corridor Feasibility Study identifying segments through rural communities within Granville, Vance, and Warren Counties. The RPO thanks our members of Congress, the North Carolina General Assembly, and the mayors for their letters of support.

2021 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program

The Rural Economic Development Division (REDD) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization Program (CDBG-NR). The NC Department of Commerce will administer approximately \$10 million in CDBG-NR funds awarded to the State by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation, infrastructure support for housing development, and public facilities. Special consideration will be given to projects impacted by the Pre-2015 US Treasury recapture. As required, North Carolina State CDBG allocations will be allocated to non-entitlement areas across the state, which include incorporated municipalities under 50,000 people and counties under 200,000 in population.

Please be aware that NC Commerce now requires that all visitors to the building have a scheduled appointment. For this reason, applications and other program documents must be sent by US Postal Service or an overnight service. All applications are due to REDD by **Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm.** [Click HERE for NOFA, applications, and guidelines.](#)



Fall 2021 Litter Sweep Dates Announced

The Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the dates of the Fall Litter Sweep will be **September 11-25**. Litter is unsightly, costs millions of dollars to clean up, and can hurt the environment, tourism, and the state's quality of life.

Everyone should do their part by:

- Securing their loads before driving. Unsecured trash can fly from a vehicle and end up as roadside litter.
- Holding onto trash until it can be disposed of properly. Keep a litter bag in your vehicle so you can properly dispose of trash later.
- Recycling when possible. Recycling protects the environment, saves landfill space, and keeps the community clean.



New Strategic Plan Highlights Importance of Workforce Development

The state's new economic development strategic plan, titled First in Talent and published July 16, brings North Carolina's workforce front and center in the mission to build more prosperous and resilient economy for all North Carolinians. The comprehensive economic development plan is a four-year plan that identifies three key goals critical to the state's economic development strategy:

- Prepare North Carolina's workforce for career and entrepreneurial success.
- Prepare North Carolina's businesses for success by growing and attracting a talented workforce.
- Prepare communities across North Carolina to be more competitive in growing and attracting a talented workforce and businesses.



[Click HERE to read the Strategic Plan](#)

[Click HERE for the Press Release](#)

Share Your Good News!

If you have news, events, announcements, or other items you would like included in an upcoming newsletter, please email [Beth Davis](#), Kerr-Tar COG Regional Engagement Specialist.

S-Line Transit-Oriented Development Study Kickoff

The NC Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division invites you to kick off the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Study with leaders from communities along the S-Line corridor. Come and join us to advance the vision for passenger rail in our region.

Monday, August 23, 2021
9:30-11:30 am

The Wake Forest Renaissance
Centre for the Arts
405 Brooks Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Hosted by

Integrated Mobility Division
NC Department of Transportation



New Face at the COG

We are pleased to welcome Taylor Colleton to the Kerr-Tar COG who will be with us for the next 11 months as a Lead NC Fellow. Taylor received both her undergraduate and graduate degree from UNC Charlotte. She graduated with a BA in Political Science and Minor in Biological Sciences last May. This May, she received her MS in Business Management. Some of Taylor's achievements include being awarded the UNC Charlotte Distinguished Leadership Medal, Who's Who Among Students Award, and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. President of the Year Award. Taylor is excited for this opportunity to put what she learned in undergrad into practice and learn about the impact local governments have on their community members. She will be working with the Planning & Economic Development Department here at the COG.



SUCCESS STORY: ADAM PERKINS

Adam Perkins participated in a RESEA (reemployment) appointment in November 2020.

He met with Career Advisory Phyllis Green virtually, who was very impressed with his knowledge and credentials. A former Army Officer and Police Officer, Adam is also a graduate of WSSU and UNC-Wilmington. He was able to find employment in December, however he was still interested in exploring other career avenues. After working together on his career search, Phyllis learned of an opening in May with EDSI, a partner in the NCWorks Career Center, and felt that Adam was a great fit for the position. After filling Adam in on the position, he applied and was hired, and began work on July 26.



COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

The Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board, NCWorks Career Center, Granville County Economic Development, City of Oxford, Vance-Granville Community College, and Piedmont Community College are hosting the Kerr-Tar Community Job Fair on **Saturday, August 21 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm** at Hix Field at 313 E. Spring Street in Oxford. Job seekers will be able to learn about career opportunities and apply for jobs at 20 employers in Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, and Warren counties. Individuals will also be able to visit resource providers and obtain information that can be of assistance as they prepare to enter the workforce or change careers. For more information, contact the NCWorks Career Center at 919-693-2686. You can also visit www.vgcc.edu/career-fair or www.kerrtarworks.com for updates.



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LABOR MARKET UPDATE](#)

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](#)

[Town of Middleburg](#)

[Town of Norlina](#)

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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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