



# KERR-TAR

*Council of Governments*

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Upcoming Events

- NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature 30 Year Anniversary: **Tuesday, June 6, 5:30pm @ NC Museum of History in Downtown Raleigh**
- UPLIFT North Central Regional Workshop: **Thursday, June 8, 10:00am-4:00pm @ Mayo Park Environmental Education and Community Center**
- Bike Safety Bash: **Saturday, June 10, 9:00am-12:00pm @ Henderson Police Department**
- Region K Elder Abuse Awareness & Prevention Walk: **Thursday, June 15, 9:00am-1:00pm @ Creedmoor Community Center**
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers: **Every Tuesday, May 16-June 21, 1:00-2:30pm @ Plank Chapel United Methodist Church**
- COG Board Meeting & Budget Public Hearing: **Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm @ Kerr-Tar COG Office**
- Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meeting: **Thursday, June 22, 3:00pm @ Kerr-Tar COG Office**

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# Kerr-Tar COG Visits NC General Assembly

The Kerr-Tar COG team visited the General Assembly for NC Regional Council Advocacy Day on Wednesday, May 17 to meet with the region's elected officials. Pictured are Representative Ray Jeffers, COG Executive Director Diane Cox, Senator Mary Wills Bodie, Representative Frank Sossamon and COG Board Member Danny Wright



Click [HERE](#) to check out the accompanying report from NCARCOG to learn what Councils of Governments are doing to support statewide local recovery through regional collaboration.

# DEQ Soliciting Projects to Replace Lead Service Lines

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently announced new funding to replace lead service lines in drinking water systems, made available through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). DEQ is soliciting information on potentially eligible lead service line replacement projects. Drinking water systems with potentially eligible projects are invited to submit their project information to be considered for BIL funding. For more information, including instructions for applying, click [HERE](#).



# North Carolina Digital Equity Survey



Help the state make plans to address accessibility and affordability of digital devices and the internet as well as digital skills for all North Carolinians. Please take the state's first Digital Equity Survey to share feedback that will help inform the N.C. Digital Equity Plan and how federal funds will be used for digital equity programs. Start the 10-minute survey [HERE](#).

# 2023 Kerr-Tar AAA Senior Games

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging's (KTAAA) Regional Senior Games wrapped up on Thursday, May 18 at the Warren County Armory with Silver Arts competitions and Closing Ceremonies. The event was a huge success, and our participants certainly enjoyed dancing and celebrating their successes. Congratulations to all of our State Finalists from the 2023 Kerr-Tar Regional Senior Games! This year, regional Parks & Recreation departments managed athletic events with the active involvement of the KTAAA Steering Committee, regional Senior Centers, and volunteers. We are so thankful for all involved, until next year!

## Scenes from Senior Games



# Franklin County Senior Spring Day



The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging (KTAAA) participated in Franklin County's 2nd Annual Senior Spring Day, which was hosted by the Franklin County Department of Aging. The event was held on Tuesday, May 23 at Riverbend Park. Approximately 400 individuals were in attendance enjoying a variety of aging activities, music, dancing, and more! Our KTAAA staff educated attendees on the multiple services we provide throughout the region. A great time was had by all in attendance!

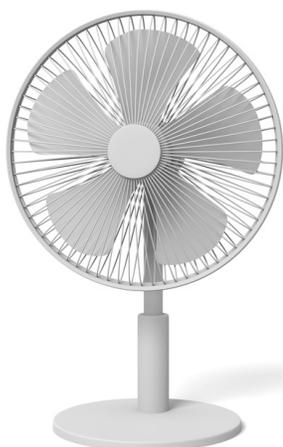
Pictured are: Michael Patterson (Family Caregiver Specialist) and Barbara Unrein (Aging Specialist).

## June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

**June 15** is recognized as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and has been observed by the World Health Organization since 2011. It serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to bring attention to the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Kim Hawkins, KTAAA Regional Ombudsman, is asking to help promote awareness by choosing a day during this season and wearing something purple in support of the victims of this crime and their family members.



## Operation Fan Heat Relief



Our annual Operation Fan Heat Relief is underway for older adults who need a box fan to keep cool this summer. Interested people may contact their senior center to get on the list. First come, first served!

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

# Check out the event below!



2023



Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:00 am-1:00 pm

REGION K ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS & PREVENTION

**WALK**



## Prevent Elder Abuse

FREE and Open to  
the Public

Creedmoor Community  
Center/South  
Granville Senior Center  
108 E. Wilton Avenue  
Creedmoor, NC 27522

Free t-shirts,  
refreshments, &  
other goodies  
available

## Reminders/Awareness

- ✓ June 15th is observed internationally as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"
- ✓ Each year, NC recognizes Vulnerable Adult & Elder Abuse Awareness from Mother's Day to Father's Day

Wear PURPLE & SILVER to show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect and/or decorate your vehicle.

Prizes will be given to the three participants that best display their support for elder abuse awareness & prevention.

## For more information, contact:

Tyeisha Hewett  
Granville County  
DSS  
(919) 693-1511

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Kimberly Hawkins  
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Agency on Aging  
(252) 436-2050

## New Staff Member: Madeline Galliano

Please join us in welcoming our new RPO Coordinator, **Madeline Galliano**. Raised in the Bay Area in California, Madeline moved to North Carolina to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Environmental and Sustainability Studies from UNC Greensboro. She then lived in Rhode Island and received a Master's in Environmental Science & Management with a concentration in Earth & Hydrologic Science as well as a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Hydrology and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in GIS & Remote Sensing. A few fun facts about Madeline: she is a huge San Francisco Giants and 49ers fan, loves the snow and has a twin brother who is a minute older than her! Welcome to the team Madeline!



## Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program NOFO

The **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program** created under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is a competitive grant program to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure as well as hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors or in other publicly accessible locations.



Deadline to apply for the CFI Grant Program is **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**. For more information, including the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), click [HERE](#).

## Safe Streets & Roads for All Grants

The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is now open! Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM EDT on Monday, July 10, 2023**. For more information, click [HERE](#).

# Check out the event below!



# BIKE *Safety* BASH

Brought to you by:  
**KERR-TAR COG,  
GRANVILLE VANCE  
PUBLIC HEALTH, &  
CITY OF HENDERSON**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM**



*For kids of  
all ages!*

**Bring your bike (or borrow one of ours)!**  
**Come and test your bike handling skills and get a FREE bike helmet! There will be bike raffles, ice cream, and more!**  
**Ribbon cutting ceremony for all NEW Downtown Henderson bike amenities**

For more information, contact  
Kenia Gomez-Jimenez at  
(252) 436-2040

**EVENT LOCATION:**  
*Henderson Police Department*



# Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board's WIOA Plan

The Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board's updated regional local WIOA plan has been posted on our website for review and public comment. It can be found [HERE](#). Written comments concerning the Plan may be submitted in writing via email to [info@kerrtarco.org](mailto:info@kerrtarco.org).

Additionally, written comments may also be submitted by mail:  
 High Country Workforce Development Board  
 Attn: Lou Grillo  
 PO Box 709  
 Henderson, NC 27536



## Success Story: *Alexis Miller*



Alexis Miller is a 22 year-old Vance County resident who joined the NextGen Program in November 2022. Alexis identified her career pathway as Healthcare and decided to start phlebotomy training with Medical Careers Readiness. She successfully completed training and received her phlebotomy credential in March. Shortly after completing training, Alexis worked closely with NextGen staff and the Business Services team to secure a WEX assignment with Sunflower Direct Primary Care in Henderson as a Phlebotomy Intern. Congratulations to Alexis!

## Success Story: *Truck Driving Training*

Three VGCC WIOA Youth participants completed truck driving training on Thursday, May 18: Kameron Daniel of Granville County, Scottie Edmonds of Granville County and Samir Williams of Warren County. All three participants enrolled in the WIOA youth program at VGCC to pursue CDL-truck driving training. The training started March 13 of this year and with hard work and dedication, all three successfully completed the program. Samir Williams received perfect attendance and has found employment with Sunrock. Kameron and Scottie are actively seeking employment.





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## 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](#)
- [City of Oxford](#)
- [City of Roxboro](#)
- [Town of Stem](#)
- [Town of Stovall](#)
- [Town of Warrenton](#)
- [Town of Youngsville](#)

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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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