

**Economic Development Regional  
Highlights and Events Newsletter**  
3/3/2021

### Key Services

- Comprehensive Planning
- Historic Preservation
- New Elected Officials Guide
- Grant Writing & Administration
- City Homepage Templates
- [Economic Development](#)
- [Transportation Planning](#)
- [GIS Mapping Services](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### Lessons Learned: In-Person Training During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mar. 10, 2021 1:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### Data and Analytics for Economic Developers to Support the US Manufacturing Economy Webinar

Mar. 10, 2021 10:30am-12:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: \$79 individual/\$295 for groups

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### TEDC 2021 Virtual Austin Women in Leadership Symposium

Mar. 18, 2021 9:00am-12:00pm CDT

Registration Fee: \$59

[Click Here!](#) To register.

#### CTCOG's Economic Development Seminar

Mar. 18-19, 2021 9:30am-4:30pm CDT

Registration Fee: Free

Email [Helen.owens@ctcog.org](mailto:Helen.owens@ctcog.org) to register.

#### Leadership Central Texas 2021

Applications due Apr. 1, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

#### Rural Internship Program 2021

Applications due Apr. 1, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

### Central Texas Highlights

#### Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas

March 10, 2021 Governor Greg Abbott's newly issued Executive Order (GA 34) declared the state of Texas 100% open and lifted the mask mandate. Businesses may still limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their own discretion. If COVID-19 hospitalizations in any of the 22 hospital regions in Texas get above 15% of the hospital bed capacity in that region for seven straight days, a County Judge in that region may use COVID-19 mitigation strategies. However, County Judges may not impose penalties for failing to wear a face mask. Restrictions are imposed at a County level, may not include reducing capacity to less than 50% for any type of entity. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

#### Harker Heights

Dana Peak Park being a paid use park, gate fees and rental fees will cover the City's park operation expenses allowing the City to provide greater recreational opportunities without costs to the City's taxpayers. The City has start up monies budgeted in the FY 2020/21 budget should the Council decide to lease the Park. These monies total \$88,500.00 and will cover purchases of equipment needed by the City to operate the park. If the City decides not to lease the Park, then these monies will be returned to the general fund. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

### Did You Know?

#### Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Low or No Emission Program (Low-No) Program. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$180 million of Fiscal Year 2021 funds for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles as well as related equipment or facilities and workforce development training. Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity FTA-2021-001-LowNo. Proposals must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on **4/12/2021**.