

**Economic Development Regional  
Highlights and Events Newsletter**  
6/3/2021

**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**

**USDA Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural  
Communities and Households**

**Applications are ongoing**

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

**TEDC 2021 Mid-Year Conference**

Omni Hotel

11 Cowboys Way Frisco, Tx

June 9-10, 2021

Registration Fee: \$350 members/\$400 nonmembers

[Click Here!](#) To register.

**Texas 2021: Leading Sustainable Transformations  
in our Communities Virtual Conference**

June 29-July 1, 2021

Registration Fee: \$99

[Click Here!](#) To register.

**Texas Mainstreet Designation**

Applications due July 30, 2021

[Click Here!](#) To apply.

**2021 Texas Groundwater Summit**

Hyatt Regency Hill Country

San Antonio, Tx

Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2021

Registration Fee: \$375

[Click Here!](#) To register.

**Central Texas Highlights**



**Copperas Cove 4th Annual Food Truck Festival**

June 12, 2021

Copperas Cove City Park

1206 West Avenue B

Copperas Cove, Tx 76522

[Click Here!](#) To read more.

**Did You Know?**

**Nature Tourism in Texas**

Outdoor recreation, called “nature tourism” by economists, has provided a reliable, socially distanced outlet for Texans navigating a locked-down world and proved once again that open space is a valuable asset for state and local economies. In the May edition of *Fiscal Notes*, the Comptroller’s office examines the economic impact of nature tourism and the millions in government revenue for vital programs it provides. [Click Here!](#) To read more.

**Connected Nation**

After years of advocating for digital inclusion, Connected Nation, its statewide program, Connected Nation Texas (CN Texas), and many other advocates have been clear about two persistent issues that prevent communities from maximizing the benefits of connectivity. [Click Here!](#) For more information.

**The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**, opened the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program to applicants on May 12. The program provides discounts on internet service and related equipment, including laptops, desktop computers, and tablets, to eligible households. [Click Here!](#) For more information.