

**Economic Development Regional
Highlights and Events Newsletter**
9/14/2021

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.

**Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)
Programs and No-Cost Resources Webinar**

Sept. 16, 2021 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m. CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

**2021 National Recreation and Park
Association Hybrid Conference**

Nashville, Tn
Sept. 21-23, 2021
[Click Here!](#) To register and
view registration packages.

**TEDC Leveraging Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds
for Lasting Impact (Webinar)**

Sept. 29, 2021 10:30am-11:45am
Registration Fee: \$79 for nonmember/
\$295 for group rate
[Click Here!](#) To register.

**Connected Nation Texas
Broadband Workshops (Webinar)**

Sept. 30, 2021 1:00pm CDT
Registration Fee: Free
[Click Here!](#) To register.

Central Texas Highlights

Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful (KCCB), will be hosting their Fall Eco Fling on October 15 and 16, 2021. Eco Fling is a free educational event for our community and surrounding areas, featuring children's crafts and a fashion show made of recycled or repurposed items. This family friendly event is for adults and children of all ages. For this year's location and time contact Roxanne Flores-Achmad at rflores-achmad@copperascovetx.gov

Did You Know?

**Texas Comptroller Announces Creation of Broadband
Development Office**

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has announced that the USDA is investing \$167 million in 12 states to deploy broadband infrastructure in rural areas without sufficient access to high-speed internet. Acting Texas State Director Daniel Torres announced that one of those projects totaling \$4.4 million is in Texas. This announcement comes as part of the USDA's next round of funding allocations for the ReConnect Program. The program provides loans and grants to construct, improve or acquire facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

The purpose of the Challenge Grants program is to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Awards aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials. The program funds two distinct types of projects, capital and digital infrastructure. Applications are due September 28, 2021. [Click Here!](#) To learn more.