

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS NEWSLETTER

CENTRAL TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 9, 2023

51st Annual Hamilton Dove Festival

The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is putting on its annual Hamilton Dove Festival this **September 2nd!** The day will be filled with a wide range of activities, including the Dove Run 5K and fun run mile, vendors and food trucks, a rodeo, a parade, and a concert! Downtown Hamilton will be filled with fun things to do, so be sure to check it out!

For more information and to register for the 5K and fun run mile , click [here!](#)

85th Annual San Saba Pro Rodeo Days

Come check out San Saba's 85th Annual Pro Rodeo Days for a parade, muttin' bustin', calf scrambles, and more **August 18-19th!** The parade will be **10:00 AM** on August 19th with a dance and concert by Branded Heart right after! The rodeo will be held at the San Saba Rodeo Arena.

Old Town Cameron Summer Saturdays

Ever wanted to learn how to build a model train set? Visit the Milam County Railroad Museum for their Old Town Cameron Summer Saturdays this August to install model tracks, wiring, landscaping, and more! Enjoy pizza and ice cream sundaes on the side! This will take place the first three Saturdays in August (August 12th and 19th are the next meetings) from **10:00 AM-7:00 PM.**

Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) Digital Opportunity Plan Surveys

The BDO is in the process of creating the Texas Digital Opportunity Plan. This plan will guide future funding and broadband program implementation and serve as a roadmap over the next five years for expanding the availability of reliable and affordable broadband, device access, and digital skills. To create the plan, the BDO has a public survey and a survey for local governments and organizations to identify need for broadband as well as existing programs and service. The BDO is also hosting public meetings across the state to obtain feedback. Please complete the public or local government survey [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **August 31st.**

DID YOU KNOW?

U.S H.R. 1752

The U.S House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved H.R. 1752, the Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility (E-BRIDGE) Act, legislation to remove hurdles for broadband projects under Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants. The E-BRIDGE Act, if voted into law, will allow local communities to partner with the private sector and give them more flexibility in complying with their funding match requirements. For more information and to read the bill, click [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

IEDC Economic Development Academy

August 15-18th

Registration Fee:

Members-\$1,140

Non-members-\$1,400

To register, click [here!](#)

Modeling the Economic Impact of Truck-Only Lanes

August 16th, 1:00-2:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)

Building Trust with a Transparent Budget

August 16th, 12:00-1:30 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)



HUD Overview of Fair Housing Planning and Process

August 29th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Registration Fee: Free

To register, click [here!](#)