

Air monitoring station comes to Caldwell County

The Capital Area Council of Governments established its first air quality monitoring station in Caldwell County on May 28.

The new addition, installed at the Lockhart police and EMS station, should help improve understanding of air quality upwind of Austin on high-ozone days when winds come out of the south and southeast and will provide a more complete picture of ozone exposure within the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area.

CAPCOG's network of ozone monitors throughout the region includes six permanent stations: two in Williamson County, two in Hays County, one in Bastrop County and another in Fayette County.

Those stations supplement the two regulatory ozone monitors in Travis County operated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and help characterize ozone transport throughout the region.

Data from CAPCOG's six existing monitoring stations are reported to TCEQ's website at www.tceq.texas.gov/cgi-bin/compliance/monops/8hr_monthly.pl.

Though data from the Lockhart station won't be reported to the state's site, it will be available monthly upon request.

Learn more about CAPCOG's Air Quality Program at www.capcog.org/airquality.

New program manager aboard for Area Agency on Aging care coordinators

Rene Oldstein has joined CAPCOG's Area Agency on Aging as the new program manager for care coordinators.

Oldstein, whose career has spanned banking, real estate and health care, brings diverse experience including service as executive director of a 103-bed assisted living and Alzheimer's care facility.

She also helped in the startup and operation of two 22-bed Alzheimer's communities in Austin.

Oldstein holds an Assisted Living Manager certification in Texas and an Administrator license in Alabama.

Her passion for working with older adults has included volunteering with organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and participating in fundraisers to benefit seniors.



Cadets from CAPCOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Peace Officer Class No. 67 graduate this month after eight months of rigorous training. Visit training.capcog.org for upcoming BPOC opportunities.

Upcoming Events

CAPCOG Executive Committee, 10 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, June 12 **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

Central Texas Clean Air Coalition, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12 **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

Sustainable Places Project Regional Forum: From Vacant Lots to Vibrant Centers, 9-11 a.m. Thursday,
June 13 **Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark**

Area Agency on Aging free medication screenings for older adults and elder caregivers, June 19 and July 17
WellMed Charitable Foundation Senior Community Center, 706 W. Ben White Blvd., Suite 125A, Austin

CAPCOG Regional Exercise Coordination Work Group, 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, June 25
CAPCOG Pecan Room

Capital Area Public Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26
CAPCOG Pecan Room

9-1-1 Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, June 26
CAPCOG Pecan Room

Solid Waste Advisory Committee, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 11 **CAPCOG Pecan Room**

Class: Intermediate Spanish for Law Enforcement, July 15-17
Georgetown Police Department

Capital Area Regional Transportation Planning Organization, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 28
CAPCOG Pecan Room

Aging Advisory Council, 1-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5
CAPCOG Pecan Room

Training: Basic Peace Officer Course No. 70 (full time, day), Oct. 7-March 20
CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room

Training: Basic Peace Officer Course No. 71 (part time, night), Nov. 18-July 7
Pflugerville Police Department

This month at CAPCOG

Forum talks place-making, economic development

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Use of Force Simulator available

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New technology next step in 9-1-1 updates

Popular simulator available

CAPCOG's state-of-the-art Use of Force Simulator for peace officers is available to local jurisdictions. Contact Regional Law Enforcement Academy Director Mike Jennings at 512-916-6164 or Chief Randy Holmes at 512-916-6161 for details.

Community grant applications scored; funding TBD

CAPCOG and the Texas Department of Agriculture have scored the 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant applications for the region's counties and cities with populations less than 50,000.

The grants aim to expand economic opportunities and improve living conditions with projects that meet U.S. Housing and Urban Development program priorities.

The local grant awards will help support water and sewer-related projects.

Applicants will be notified of their award amount: once federal allocations to Texas for the 2013 cycle and related regional funding amounts are determined.

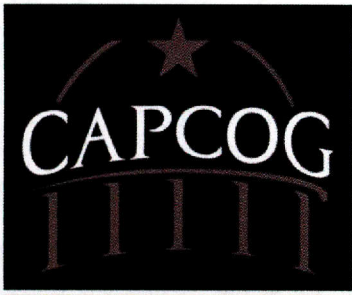
Get the final scoring sheet and learn more about the CDBG program on the Regional Planning page at www.capcog.org.

New technology next step in 9-1-1 updates

CAPCOG's Emergency Communications Division is moving the region another step closer to Next Generation 9-1-1, a national initiative to expand emergency call-taking capabilities in today's technologically mobile world.

The division has been training area public safety answering points, or emergency communication centers, on new equipment that eventually will help PSAPs handle calls from sources such as text, video, images and more — in addition to voice-only calls.

Training and equipment installation will continue at PSAPs across the region through summer.



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Grant Alerts

U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center Competition
Deadline: June 17, 2013
www.grants.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Opportunity Grant
Deadline: June 24, 28 or 30, depending on electronic filing, postmarked and mailed filing or application for partnership funds
www.grants.gov

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program Request for Proposals
Deadline: June 25, 2013
www.grants.gov

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Rebate Grants Program
Deadline: June 28, 2013
www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/terp/rebate.html

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program
Deadline: Sept. 10, 2013
www.grants.gov

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Area mayors, leading economist tackle place-making and economic development at June 13 regional forum

The Capital Area Council of Governments' Sustainable Places Project presents the free regional forum, "Central Texas Place-Making: From Vacant Lots to Vibrant Centers," featuring four mayors and leading economist Jon Hockenyos in a look at economic development strategies to transform the futures of local communities, 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 13, 2013, at Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark, 4140 Governors Row, Austin.

The forum, open to local governments, planning consultants, real estate developers and the public, includes breakfast and marks the fifth in a series of CAPCOG Sustainable Places Project (SPP) regional forums focused on mobility, housing, economic development and other factors of future prosperity.

Mayors Debbie Holland of Hutto, Marc Holm of Elgin, Todd Purcell of Dripping Springs and Dr. Lew White of Lockhart, whose cities each have a demonstration site participating in the SPP, will discuss various topics such as land development, code revisions, public improvements and business strategies to revitalize target areas and spur economic growth.

Hockenyos, president of Austin-based economic and public policy firm TXP Inc., will also weigh in on the public-private partnerships and financing mechanisms needed to implement tomorrow's place-making today. He will be joined by acclaimed architects and planners Jim Adams and Jana McCann, who also serve on the SPP team and lead the Austin urban design firm McCann Adams Studio.

It all began a decade ago with a planning effort to help the region manage future growth. The "activity centers" concept emerged as a preferred vision: nodes of growth, connected by transportation options, with pedestrian-oriented housing, employment, education and retail opportunities.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2035 Plan continued that vision, aligning transportation funding with activity centers.

Carrying the activity centers concept forward, CAPCOG and regional partners have teamed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and others to host the SPP, which integrates planning, analytics tools and community visioning to help Central Texas governments maximize public-sector return on investment.

The project includes demonstration sites – in Austin, Dripping Springs, Elgin, Hutto and Lockhart – that will use scenario-planning tools developed in collaboration with the University of Texas.

The City of Austin, for example, whose demonstration site centers on a proposed urban rail system to link downtown, UT, the Capitol, Mueller Redevelopment and the airport, is also applying the analytics tools to future possibilities at Lady Bird Lake's south shore. As a result, SPP team members explored potential scenarios for a more sustainable and resident-friendly waterfront at a recent public meeting.

Register for CAPCOG's limited-seating regional forum by June 11 at www.sppregionalforum.eventbrite.com.

Did you know?

The Sustainable Places Project is hosted by CAPCOG and a regional group of local governments and organizations collaborating since November 2011 to implement a \$3.7 million HUD grant.

The project aims to integrate planning at the regional level rather than operate in silos.

Correction: Last month's newsletter incorrectly listed well-baby and well-child visits among the preventive services available to Medicare beneficiaries under the Affordable Care Act.

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