

# CAPCOG CONNECTIONS

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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Big Success

Residents of Burnet, Llano, and San Saba counties brought in nearly 170,000 lbs. of materials for recycling or safe disposal during the Burnet-Llano-San Saba County Household Hazardous Waste Collection event held recently in Kingsland.



The Capital Area Council of Governments' (CAPCOG) Solid Waste Department helped sponsor this landmark three-county household hazardous waste collection event spearheaded by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

Residents from over 1,100 households hauled in about 85,000 lbs. of recyclable materials, including 3,300 scrap tires, 450 gallons of used oil, 530 used oil filters, and 567 lead-acid batteries (according to preliminary estimates). Participants also turned in nearly 85,000 lbs. of household chemicals and other wastes for proper disposal, including an estimated 6,800 gallons of paint.

In addition, in a product exchange

center, residents claimed a total of 4,700 lbs. of reusable materials, in-

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A worker organizes materials dropped off during a recent household hazardous waste collection.

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## Rogers Receives Professional Award

Glenda Rogers, Director of Aging Services for The Capital Area Council of Governments, was the recipient of the "2006 Texas Outstanding Professional in Aging" award during the Texas Conference on Aging 2006 held recently in El Paso. Each year during the Texas Conference on Aging, the state's premier educational conference on mid-life and older adult issues, awards are presented to outstanding organizations and individuals for their work.

Gary Jessee with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (TDADS) noted "Glenda truly represents our ideal for an AAA Director. She supports an environment where program participants are happy, staff members are loyal, and quality is goal number one."

"Throughout TDADS's transition she maintained a positive attitude, focusing on the positive and avoiding the negative. She has been willing to spend a large amount of her time helping TDADS on workgroups and projects. She always says 'yes!'"

Ms. Rogers has worked at the Capital Area Agency on Aging since 1994. She is currently serving her second term as President of the Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging (t4a). As president, she (Continued on page 6) see **ROGERS**



**Glenda Rogers**  
2006 Texas Outstanding  
Professional in Aging

# CAPCOG To Host City Officials Workshop July 18th

The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) will host a Newly Elected City Officials Workshop for Smaller Communities on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the CAPCOG Board Room at 2520 IH 35 South, Suite 100. The workshop is targeted for newly elected mayors and city council members or aldermen of the smaller communities in CAPCOG's service area.

The workshop will give an overview of the structure of city government, council procedures and actions, roles of elected and appointed staff, duties and responsibilities of Boards and Commissions, municipal annexation and boundary changes, open meetings, open records, and ethics.

Instructors for the workshop include Scott Houston, Director of Legal Services at TML; Bennett Sandlin, general counsel for TML; John Philpott Special Projects Director at TML; and Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager, City of Georgetown.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Brief presentations from CAPCOG and the Texas Municipal League (TML) will follow registration. Then topic discussions will begin at 9:30 a.m. At 4:15 p.m. wrap-up and final questions will conclude the workshop.

In addition to being helpful to the elected officials, these workshops have proven to be very valuable to appointed staff and to citizen board, commission, and

committee members as well.

There will be a \$25 fee to cover the cost of meals and materials. To register call Brenda Henderson at 512/916-6000 or David Partlow, Regional Services Coordinator, at 512/916-6045.



Over 30 elected officials from the CAPCOG service area attended last year's workshop.

## AAA Honored By Meals on Wheels During Annual Meeting



Dan Pruett (left) presents Lori Conner (right) with the Partner of the Year award.

Meals on Wheels and More named the Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area its "Partner of the Year" for 2006 at its Annual Meeting in April. In presenting the award, President and CEO Dan Pruett said that the AAA is "a wonderful partner, committed to helping seniors in our community and willing to look for innovative ways of doing it. Our Country Wheels program is a perfect example of that spirit." He added that Meals on Wheels and More and the clients it serves are grateful to the AAA. Lori Conner, Program Specialist, ac-

cepted the award on behalf of the agency.

Through a collaboration of Meals on Wheels and More and the AAACAP, Country Meals was started in late 2005. Country Meals is a home delivered meal program that delivers frozen meals to homebound elderly clients who live in rural areas of the region and who have no other means of getting a balanced meal in their home. The AAACAP purchased the delivery van and authorizes services for clients. Meals are purchased from Meals on Wheels and

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## AAACAP Volunteer Earns National Recognition for Service

Ms. Margarine Beaman received the MetLife Foundation Older Volunteers Enrich America Award from The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) in ceremonies held in Washington D.C. recently. This national program honors 25 outstanding older volunteers for contributions to their communities each year. Margarine Beaman has been a Volunteer Ombudsman for the Capital Area Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area (AAACAP) since June 1999.

"We are very pleased that Margarine was selected for this national award. For many years, she has been a well-recognized figure in our community and has given her time and energy to the visually impaired, disadvantaged children, and the elderly. She is the consummate volunteer and we wish we could clone her," stated Glenda Rogers, Director of Aging Services for AAACAP.

In addition to her work at the AAACAP, Margarine is an RSVP volunteer, is the current President

of the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board, and is active with the Capital Area Workforce Development Board, the Central East Austin Community Organization, Crime Stoppers, Executive Women International, Reading Is Fundamental, and the East Austin Rotary, among many others.



Margarine Beaman

# RRC Holds 2007-2008 CDBG Organizational Meeting

The Governor's Capital Area Regional Review Committee (RRC), a committee appointed by the Governor to oversee review of community development funds, held their 2007-2008 organizational and training meeting in May. The RRC is comprised of 12 members from throughout the region who participate in the scoring of applications in a fair and equitable manner to ensure that the identified needs of the region are met.

The overall role of the RRC is to establish procedures for the review and scoring of applications for the Community Development (CD) Fund and the Community Development Supplemental (CDS) Fund, review and score all such applications within its region, and hear appeals that originate at the regional level.

One of the main objectives for the organizational and training meeting was so that each of the RRC members could participate in the process for determining regional priorities.

The RRC was responsible for developing the scoring criteria in the following categories: project priorities, merits of the project, and local effort.

It is anticipated that the application for the CD and CDS funds will be available June 30 with an anticipated due date of August 31.

It is likely the scoring meeting for these applications will be held sometime between November 2006 and January 2007.

For more information on the RRC, please contact Eric Dusza, Community Planner at [edusza@capcog.org](mailto:edusza@capcog.org) or (512) 916-6184.



*Executive Director of ORCA, Charlie Stone, discusses the upcoming CDBG program with members of CAPCOG's regional review committee.*

## Public Safety Agencies Team Up

CAPCOG public safety agencies are making plans to ensure that emergency services personnel will be available to citizens in the event of a pandemic or natural disaster. Recognizing the vital importance of ensuring that the public will have the manpower it needs in case of such a situation, public safety agencies throughout CAPCOG's 10-county region have teamed up to form the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (T.E.R.T.).

The members of T.E.R.T. are dispatchers, dispatch supervisors, communication center managers, police, fire, and EMS employees who are cross-trained to respond at a moment's notice.

Team members will be utilized as a support team for any agency that finds they are unable to function or becomes overtaxed.

T.E.R.T. members are trained and experienced in a variety of radio and computer-aided dispatch systems that are utilized in communication centers. They are able to respond to a center and assume dispatching police, fire, and EMS responders and answering 9-1-1 calls. They coordinate relief efforts such as the transportation of needed food staples, medical care, and any other supplies that may become necessary.

These responders must be able to support themselves with basic necessities to avoid becoming a burden to those they are attempting to help. This usually consists of reporting with food, water, and any equipment that the T.E.R.T. personnel need to be self-sufficient.

With the advent of the T.E.R.T. team, our region will be much more prepared to handle any crises that may arise.

## Guide Lists Resources For Youth Development

*America's Promise*, a coalition of communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals supporting youth development programs, publishes the "Guide to Federal Resources for Youth Development" to provide information on federal funds available to support youth development programs.

The guide lists more than 100 federal programs, including programs from the U.S. Department of Justice, which are cross-referenced to five core resources regarded as crucial to effective youth development.

The "Guide to Federal Resources for Youth Development" is available online at: [www.americaspromise.org/partners/federal\\_funding\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.americaspromise.org/partners/federal_funding_guidelines.pdf)

# CAPCOG Implements Regional WebEOC System

All ten CAPCOG county Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) will have a new emergency management tool to use later this summer. WebEOC is a software product designed by Emergency Services Integrators (ESI) that uses web-based technology to bring real-time emergency information management to any size EOC.

WebEOC is a tool used to facilitate communication, resource allocation, and decision-making during emergency situations. Any authorized user can access the system remotely using an internet connection and provide real-time information such as road closures, shelter status, supplies needed, or any pertinent information related to the

emergency.

Williamson County and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) are already using WebEOC.

Therefore, in order to link the remaining CAPCOG counties, one server was purchased for installation at the Combined Transportation & Emergency Communications Center (CTECC) for the Austin/Travis County EOC and a second server was purchased for installation at CAPCOG for the other eight remaining county EOCs.

These two servers were installed in late March at which time CAPCOG staff and CTECC staff received training on system administration. For the three year regional contract beginning March

2006, no additional costs will occur to the county EOCs for use of the system during that time.

A regional workgroup made up of CAPCOG stakeholders and state representatives will serve during the planning period of April, May, and June to develop the framework for information flow, set policies and procedures and implementation deliverables.

The anticipated pilot phase of the WebEOC system would commence in July pending approval by the CAPCOG Executive Committee.

For more information about WebEOC, contact Kent Cawley at (512) 916-6013 or [kcawley@capcog.org](mailto:kcawley@capcog.org). Refer to the website at <http://www.esi911.com/esi/>

## Ozone Season Will Require Central Texans to Continue Their Commitments Toward Reducing Vehicle Emissions



Days with an abundance of sunshine and hot temperatures in Central Texas signal the peak ozone season.

When emissions of nitrogen oxides from vehicle exhaust and power plants combine with volatile organic compounds emitted from gasoline and other solvents (VOCs) in the presence of sunlight and high temperatures, ozone forms in the air.

Ozone at the Earth's surface irritates the lining of the lungs, reduces lung function, and can aggravate existing respiratory conditions, especially in seniors, young children, and those with asthma. Not only is it harmful to humans, but it also affects plants and animals.

It is important to work to reduce ground-level ozone levels to keep our population healthy and to avoid being designated non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Exceeding federally regulated ozone standards not only

means that our air is considered unhealthy, but Central Texans could be subject to increased regulation and federal sanctions, which could affect transportation funding.

Elected officials in the five-county Austin/Round Rock MSA have been proactive in combating ground-level ozone formation by entering into a voluntarily agreement with EPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to implement a locally developed clean air plan known as the Early Action Compact (EAC).

Measures included in the EAC allow for mandatory vehicle emissions testing in Travis and Williamson counties and for enforcement of certain restrictions on excessive idling of heavy-duty trucks ([www.engineoff.org](http://www.engineoff.org)).

We are now in the second year of the three-year plan to demonstrate attainment of the federal ozone standard. In addition to the regulatory measures being implemented, it will be especially important for individual members of the

public and businesses to continue to practice voluntary emission reduction measures since all are necessary for us to maintain compliance with the standard.

The CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas ([www.cleanairforce.org](http://www.cleanairforce.org)) offers tips about small alterations in our lifestyles that help improve air quality.

Actions such as refueling after 6:00 p.m., properly maintaining your vehicle, carpooling and vanpooling can greatly impact whether or not Central Texas violates air quality regulations.

Commute Solutions ([www.commutesolutions.com](http://www.commutesolutions.com)) serves as an informational resource about commuting and strives to directly reduce single occupancy vehicles (SOVs).

Area employers continue to do their part by committing to being a Clean Air Partner ([www.cleanaipartnerstx.org](http://www.cleanaipartnerstx.org)). These companies have pledged to work to reduce commute based emissions by 10% over three years.

This program has doubled in size over the past few years and serves as a great resource for Central Texas businesses.

# CJAC Releases Prioritization Listing for CJ Grants

The Capital Area Council of Governments' Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) met in April to review and prioritize Region 12 applications for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), State Fund 421, and Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) grant funding through the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. A total of 19 applicants across the funding sources presented their applications.

Agencies being recommended for funding through VAWA grants include: Bastrop County Women's

Shelter, City of Austin, Williamson County Crisis Center, Political Asylum Project of Austin, Hays County, Travis County, and the Deaf

Abused Women & Children Advocacy Center.

State Fund 421 grant applicant recommended for funding consideration include: Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Training Academy, City of Austin-APD, Caldwell County Juvenile Board, SafePlace, Bastrop County Women's Shelter dba Family Crisis Center,

421 State Planning Fund



Any Baby Can of Austin, Inc., Travis County Domestic Relations Office, and Southwest Key Program, Inc.

SDFSC grants recommended for funding consideration include: SafePlace, City of Austin, Hays County, Bastrop County Women's Shelter dba Family Crisis Center; SafePlace, River City Youth Foundation, Marble Falls Independent School District, City of Pflugerville, and Southwest Key Programs, Inc.

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## CJ Community Plans To Be Updated

CAPCOG's Criminal Justice Planner, Michelle Casanova, will begin working with the ten counties in Region 12 in early June to update and revise current community plans which are necessary to make application for any Criminal Justice funding from the Governor's Office. These plans contain information on community trends in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and victim services, and are the primary documents

referenced by the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) during the application prioritization process. If you would like to be included in the CAPCOG-facilitated community planning efforts, please email your contact information to: [mcasanova@capcog.org](mailto:mcasanova@capcog.org). Be sure to list Region 12 Community Planning Process in the subject line of your email correspondence.

## RTA Sets Dates For Next Basic Peace Officer Courses

The CAPCOG Regional Training Academy (RTA) will begin Class 43 of the Basic Peace Officer's course on June 19, 2006. This 33 week class will meet at the RTA campus from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday and numerous Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the duration of the course. During the first week of May, the CAPCOG Regional Training Academy began Class 42 of the Basic Peace Officer's course. That 20 week long class is being held at the RTA campus and meets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The RTA recently graduated two Basic Peace Officer classes. The 29 students of Class 39 began their nighttime course, held at the Pflugerville Police Department, in June 2005. Graduation ceremonies were held at the Extension Auditorium at

the State Capitol for the remaining 21 students in February 2006. Judge Sara Livingston of the Travis County Civil Courts was the keynote speaker. The 38 students of Class 40 began their daytime course, held at the RTA, in October 2005. Graduation ceremonies were held at Senate Chambers at the State Capitol for the 35 remaining students. Captain Chris Bratton of the Round Rock Police Department was the keynote speaker.

During the month of January 2006, the RTA provided the Forensic Investigative

Hypnosis Certification course. This course is seldom provided, but extremely important. By law, Investiga-

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Bruce Harlan, Training Coordinator, instructs new cadets how to use the ASP shield.

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cluding more than 450 gallons of recycled paint, saving more than \$3,400 in disposal costs.

This event supports CAPCOG's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to develop and manage a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection and diversion program in providing on-the-spot recycling and re-distribution of latex paint at HHW collections events.

CAPCOG was able to support the effort by purchasing supplies, dollies, and paint mixers with grant funds provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in addition to providing technical assistance and administrative support.

More than 80 volunteers assisted in the event, including volunteers from LCRA, the Kingsland Lions Club, Marble Falls Rotary Club, Texas Cooperative Extension – Master Gardeners, Ferguson Power Plant Clean Texas Citizens Advisory Committee, Llano County Sheriff's Department, Burnet County Sheriff's Department, and Goodwill Industries.

Other sponsors of the collection event included Llano County, City of Llano, Burnet County, City of Burnet, City of Marble Falls, San Saba County, Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant's Clean Texas Citizens Advisory Committee, Texas Cooperative Extension, Colorado River Foundation and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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More who delivers the meals and is responsible for vehicle fuel and maintenance.

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torts must complete this course and pass the TCLEOSE examination in order to aid traumatized victims in retrieving repressed information from a crime. This course was attended by 25 investigators who were from our region, as well as investigators from Florida, Connecticut, and Hawaii. This course was instructed by Marx Howell, retired DPS Inspector; Frank Malinak, Texas Rangers Service; and Jim Huggins, Texas Rangers Service.

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stays involved with activities at the Capitol, state agencies, and human service agencies to represent aging interests. She keeps the aging network abreast of current aging issues, happenings, and trends.

"What an honor to be recognized by other professionals in the field of aging in Texas. While none of us do this work for the recognition, it feels really good," commented Ms. Rogers. "I have always felt called to work in human services because I know one person's caring can make a difference in the lives of older adults."

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The CJAC meets to review and prioritize funding applications and submits a list of recommendations to the Governor's Office, CJD.

All final funding decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Governor's Office, CJD.

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