

## First Monthly Electronic TCOG Newsletter Published

**Welcome to the first monthly electronic newsletter** where you will read about TCOG program achievements, be reminded of important dates and deadlines, and learn more about how TCOG works to improve quality of life for citizens, assist municipal and county governments, and plan for the future of Texoma. Each issue will focus on different programs and activities - highlighting success stories, sharing lessons learned, and linking you to other important resources. We encourage you to forward this newsletter to others in the region or have them sign-up to receive the newsletter directly. Just send us an e-mail at [msmith@texoma.cog.tx.us](mailto:msmith@texoma.cog.tx.us) to subscribe.



### Older Americans Month 2009 Living Today for a Better Tomorrow

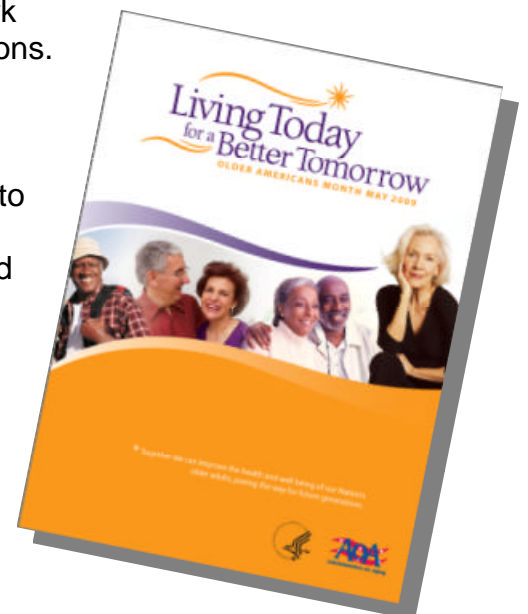
May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults and create community-wide opportunities to help older Americans improve their quality of life. This year's theme is "Living Today For a Better Tomorrow," and we, as a nation, must work together to give older adults the tools they need to make healthy decisions.

Senior adults in Texoma need your help.

The **Texoma Senior Citizens Foundation** has been helping seniors in Texoma since 1985. Any size financial gift will be added to other funds to help make a senior or disabled adult's life a little better. The goal is to prolong well-being, independence and dignity of all older Texomans and their caregivers. If you would like to give a "tax deductible gift" please send it to:

Texoma Senior Citizens Foundation [TSCF]  
1117 Gallagher Dr., Suite 200  
Sherman, TX 75090

For more information call: (903) 813-3580



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Months of planning and preparation by the 911 Program staff culminated April 16<sup>th</sup> with the first Regional 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Awards Banquet. More than 100 guests attended at Austin College Wright Center for an evening of dinner and a movie, starring our local 9-1-1 dispatchers, followed by our guest speaker Tony Harrison, President of The Public Safety Group, with award presentations, door prizes and lots of excitement. Contact: Peggy Shelley—903-813-3570



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Over 39 tons of hazardous household waste were collected at the Texoma Council of Governments Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection on April 18, 2009.

With collection sites in Sherman, Bonham, and Gainesville that were open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, a total of:

- 796 vehicles passed through the sites
- Dropping off 2,712 lbs of oil based paint in Bonham
- 1,696 lbs of oil and oil filters in Gainesville
- 15,485 lbs of electronic waste in Sherman
- Over twelve tons of all waste collected was electronic waste such as computer monitors, CPU's and televisions all of which will be recycled
- Collected over 10,000 lbs of junk batteries which will be recycled into new batteries
- 1333 tires collected



According to the TCOG survey results, most participants were from Sherman, Denison, Bonham and Gainesville, but residents from as far west as Muenster in Cooke County and as far east as Honey Grove in Fannin County participated in the event.

The collection event was sponsored by a Municipal Solid Waste grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The TCOG household hazardous waste events are held every other year.

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## Now That's Success



How do you know if you are meeting your Program goals?  
 Accurate and timely reporting? .....Yes.  
 Staying within budget?.....Yes.  
 Administrative efficiency?.....Yes.

These are all goals used to measure success. But the real proof is client satisfaction. As evidenced by this **TCOG Weatherization** client who stated,

"You and your team made me realize there are still caring people in the world. I feel as though I just won the Extreme Home Makeover edition, or the lottery. The new windows give us picture views that I have dreamed of for years and the insulation makes the house cozy and comfortable. Thank you so very much for changing my home, but mostly for changing my life!"



Now that's success!

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## Texoma Area Summer Youth Activities Guide!



The summer season conjures thoughts of vacations, swimming, picnics, and other enjoyable activities. With less than one month until summer vacation, parents everywhere are already contemplating that little phrase from their children, "I'm bored!" Never fear, the 2009 Texoma Area Summer Youth Activities Guide is here!

The guide features local attractions in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin and Bryan counties and is a handy tool to assist families with entertaining and educational events. There are low-cost and no-cost options, tips and creative ideas for fun, as well as, comprehensive information about local community programs and resources.

The guide will be distributed to elementary and middle schools and area libraries. from May 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>. You can also pick-up a guide at the office of 2-1-1Texoma. For more information about this and other community resources, dial 2-1-1 or visit their website [call211texoma.com](http://call211texoma.com).

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