

Upcoming Events

Annual Governor's Summit

DATE: May 3 - May 5
LOCATION: Mobile, AL
INFO: edaa.org

Older Americans Luau

DATE: May 10 at 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Ingalls Harbor Pavilion

EDAA Summer Conference

DATE: July 30 - August 2
LOCATION: Point Clear, AL
INFO: edaa.org

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North Alabama Hiring Fair



On April 13, NARCOG attended a Hiring Fair in Huntsville for adults with disabilities. Several businesses and organizations across the region attended the expo. Multiple companies sponsored this event, including Disability Resource Network, The Horizons School, Phoenix, and United Ability.

A sponsoring representative from the expo commented, "hosting this [event] gives people opportunities to meet different companies... and to see people putting themselves out there who may not have had that opportunity to do it before [has made] this a wonderful experience."

NARCOG appreciates the opportunity to speak with job seekers and share programs that may be beneficial to these individuals, including programs like SenioRx, Senior Community Service Employment Program, and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

Transit Meeting Recaps

On April 12, The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) held a series of Public Involvement Meetings to gather input regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). There were meetings in Cullman, Lawrence, and Morgan County, each held in an open house format.

The STIP is a four-year program that identifies the statewide transportation projects which utilize federal funding. This program supports state, county, city, Federal Lands, and Tribal projects and can include different project types such as roadways, bridges, railroads, freights, public transit, bicycles,

and pedestrian ways. Public involvement is crucial to the development of a STIP that will best meet the ongoing transportation needs of the state.

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Celebrating Administrative Professionals

April 26 is recognized as Administrative Professionals Day. NARCOG values our Administrative Professionals for all of their hard work.

Kim Dove, Director of Administration, shared, "This week, we wanted to recognize our wonderful administrative professionals with breakfast and treats to express

sincere appreciation for their compassion, diligent work, and willingness to assist all of the successful NARCOG programs and services. NARCOG has grown tremendously in staff positions and services to our communities, and we couldn't do what we do without them."

We celebrated multiple people in

the organization, including Cathleen McCulloch, Sandra Coleman, Denise Balentine, Jeffrey Adams, Sheree Tanksley, Linda Jones, Brenda Johnson, Teresa Daniel, Dee Tucker, and Lori Garcia. We appreciate their commitment to helping make sure NARCOG runs smoothly.

NARCOG Executive Director, Robby Cantrell, comments on how "incredibly grateful [he is] for this team! They are our backbone. These wonderful team members are truly dedicated to making a positive impact on the people we serve. We love our work family!"



Cathleen McCulloch



Jeffrey Adams



Sandra Coleman



Dee Tucker



Denise Balentine



Sheree Tanksley



Linda Jones



Lori Garcia

Town of Fairview Awarded nearly \$235,000 Rebuild Alabama Act Grant funds for Road Improvements

NARCOG is pleased to announce that the Town of Fairview has been awarded \$234,950 in Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) grant funds to rehabilitate Wesley Avenue (Co Rd 1527), beginning at the intersection of Wesley Avenue and AL-69, then north and ending at the Fairview town limits.

The project will include resurfacing Wesley Avenue along with

widening the shoulders. The project will also include intersection improvements at the intersection of Wesley Avenue with AL-69 and Welcome Road.

NARCOG prepared and submitted the grant application for the Town with the assistance of Cullman County's engineer, Bryan Cheatwood, and is excited for the Town and its residents.

Planning Department Events and Deadlines

April 28, 2023

PY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Application Deadline

May 3, 2023

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant Workshop

May 31, 2023

ALDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application Deadline

July 24, 2023

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Application Submission Deadline



Teresa Daniel



Brenda Jones

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On April 13, NARCOG held a Public Meeting regarding the recently concluded transit study. NARCOG Transit strives to efficiently use available funding to provide the highest quality of service pos-

sible to meet the community's transit needs. This Transit Study will guide the agency with a clear 5-Year implementation for providing public transit service that better meets the needs of citizens in

Urban area and the region while increasing ridership.

Public involvement in these meetings was crucial in developing an ALDOT STIP and the NARCOG 5-Year plan. It is important to

hear the public opinion on public transportation to help better serve their area.

Anniversaries

Tiffany Oldacre
April 12 - 1 Year

Deann Saint
April 22 - 4 Years

New Hires

Tamera McCloud
Medicaid Waiver Case Manager

Teresa Daniel
Program Administrative Assistant

Lawrence County Awarded \$50k for Firefighters and Rapid Responders

NARCOG is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities. In the spirit of the NARCOG Foundation, NARCOG has awarded \$50,000 to the Lawrence County Firefighters and Rapid Responders Association (LCFRRA) to be equally split among the 10 fire departments. These departments include

Caddo-Midway Fire & Rescue, Chalybeate Volunteer Fire Department, Courtland Fire Department, Hatton Volunteer Fire Department, Hillsboro Area Volunteer Fire Department, Moulton Fire Department, Mount Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department, Speake Volunteer Fire Department, and Town Creek Fire De-

partment. The LCFRRA is currently working on lists of what the awarded money will be used for; and will report back to NARCOG how they used the funds. Funds are expected to be expended within a 120-day period upon acceptance of the award.

Past and Upcoming Aging Events

On April 13, the NARCOG Senior Medicare Patrol hosted a Fraud Prevention Event at Freight House in Hartselle. Guests were invited to listen to panelists speak about financial and healthcare fraud. Panelists included Tricia Pruitt from the North Alabama Better Business Bureau, Amy Flour from the Alabama Department of Senior Services, and Faith Feaga from the Alabama Securities Commission. Guests were able to ask important questions at the end of the seminar.

On May 10, NARCOG is hosting our Annual Older Americans Luau. Seniors from Cullman, Lawrence, and Morgan County are invited to attend at no cost to them. This event will include games from multiple sponsors, shaved ice, a live DJ, balloon

artists, and more. Lunch is included for all seniors. NARCOG is excited to celebrate the older adults who have worked in and live in our Region.

NARCOG is always looking for ways to get more involved at the local senior centers. This summer, team members will be visiting various senior centers across the Region and creating palette gardens for the seniors to enjoy. The gardens will consist of easy to manage vegetables, including foods like tomatoes and peppers.

NARCOG will be exhibiting at the Cullman Strawberry Festival on May 5, 2023, and also at a Health Screening Event on May 19, 2023 at Turner-Surles Community Center.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

You're Invited to the NARCOG
Annual Luau

MAY 10 | 9:30 AM - 1 PM

Ingalls Harbor Pavilion
802-A Wilson St NW, Decatur, AL 35601

Lunch • Games • Dancing
Door Prizes • Live DJ

Call Kylie Bolyard at 256-355-4515 for more information.

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AGING UNBOUND! MAY 2023