

Executive Director Search

Northwest Colorado Council of Governments is seeking an Executive Director. Please visit the employment opportunities page of NWCCOG's website for job announcement and description.

NWCCOG Elects Officers for 2012

Peter Runyon, Eagle County Commissioner was elected Chair to the NWCCOG Council at the January 26th meeting in Eagle. Jeff Shroll, Town Manager of Gypsum was elected Vice-Chair, and Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County Commissioner, was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The following is a list of representatives to the NWCCOG Council for 2012:

County Representatives:

- *Eagle County - Peter Runyon, Commissioner (Chair)
- *Grand County - James Newberry, Commissioner
- *Jackson County - John Rich, Commissioner
- *Pitkin County - Rob Ittner, Commissioner
- *Summit County - Karn Stiegelmeier, Commissioner (Secretary/Treasurer)

Municipal Representatives:

- Aspen - Derek Johnson, Council member
- Basalt - Bill Kane, Town Manager
- Carbondale - John Hoffmann, Trustee
- Dillon - Tim Westerberg, Council member
- Eagle - Willy Powell, Town Manager
- Fraser - Jeff Durbin, Town Manager
- Frisco - Bill Pelham, Council member
- *Glenwood Springs - Dave Sturges, Council member
- Granby - Jennifer Pierro, Mayor
- Grand Lake - Jim Peterson, Trustee
- *Gypsum - Jeff Shroll, Town Manager (Vice Chair)
- Hot Sulphur Springs - Herchel Deputy, Mayor
- *Kremmling - Tom Clark, Mayor
- Minturn - Jim White, Town Manager
- Montezuma - John Carney, Trustee
- Red Cliff - Duane Nelson, Trustee
- Silverthorne Ann-Marie Sandquist, Council member
- Steamboat Springs - Sonja Macys, Council member
- Vail - Stan Zemler, Town Manager
- *Walden - Mark White, Trustee
- Winter Park - Drew Nelson, Town Manager

*Executive Committee

NWCCOG Council Meeting Schedule for 2012

All NWCCOG Council meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month with the exception of the December meeting due to the holidays.

- March 22nd - Kremmling
- May 24th - Walden
- July 26th - Steamboat Springs
- August 23rd - Strategic Planning Session - Silverthorne
- October 25th - Aspen
- December 6th - Vail

All Council meeting packets are posted on NWCCOG's website on the Friday before the meeting date.

Alpine Area Agency on Aging

Welcome New Leadership and RAC Members

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce the results of its 2012 Officers election for the Regional Advisory Council (RAC). The new RAC officers are: John Bade (Eagle County), Chairperson; Bert Roy (Eagle County), Vice Chairperson; Anne Crane (Summit County), Secretary. The term for these Officers is January 2012 thru December 2013.

Below is a list of the 2012 RAC members and their respective lengths of service. These individuals serve with no compensation from the NWCCOG or the Alpine AAA to carry out the mission: to identify needs, provide programs and services, and increase community awareness to promote the dignity, independence, and well-being of Region XII's older citizens. To ensure representation the RAC is linked through a liaison role to the county councils on aging and the NWCCOG Council. The Alpine AAA would like to thank and recognize the following members:

- 25 yrs - Marty Ames-Senior Coordinator alternate (Pitkin County)
- 17 yrs - Anne Crane-Summit County appointee
- 16 yrs - Eunice Marte-Optimal representative; Peggy Randall-Buckau-Optimal representative
- 11 yrs - Wendy Petefish-Senior Coordinator alternate (Jackson County)
- 7 yrs - Bonnie Jolly-Jackson County appointee
- 6 yrs - John Bade-Eagle County representative
- 5 yrs - Sharon Schoenberger-Senior Coordinator alternate; Commissioner Nancy Stuart-Grand County appointee
- 4 yrs - Kathryn Grohusky-Senior Coordinator alternate (Summit County)
- 3 yrs - Mildred Alsdorf-Optimal rep.; Bert Roy-Eagle County appointee
- 2 yrs - Ron Boller-Summit County appointee; Debbie Overeynder-Pitkin County appointee; Seth Sachson-Pitkin County appointee; Debra Snider-Jackson County appointee
- 1 Yr - Marijke Brofos-Eagle County appointee; Karen Koenemann-Senior Coordinator alternate; Charlotte Waddell-Grand County appointee; Ron Tinkum-Grand County appointee; Mark White-Jackson County appointee; Debbie Buckley-Optimal representative; Garnet Dye-Optimal Representative
- New Members beginning January 2012: Consuelo 'Coni' Aguilar-Optimal rep.; Councilor Dave Sturges-NWCCOG Council rep.; Georgeanne Waggamann-Pitkin County appointee

March 19 Deadline for Mini-Grant Application

There are still funds available for aging network partners serving Region 12 who would like to submit an application for the Region 12 Regional Advisory Council mini-grant program. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis and awards made on a rolling basis as funding permits or until the application deadline. The application deadline date is no later than 5:00 pm (mtn.time) Monday, March 19, 2012. The program guidelines and application form are available on the NWCCOG website.

Annual Senior Awards Ceremony scheduled

The Regional Advisory Council's 24th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony date has been scheduled: Wednesday, May 16, 2012; 10:00 am; Summit County Community-Senior Center in Frisco, Colorado. Nominations are now being accepted for the county and regional Senior of the Year and Friend of the Seniors award categories. Please contact Jean Hammes for more information.

Weatherization Program

December marked the start of the weatherization of Holy Cross Village, a 60-unit affordable-housing apartment complex located in Gypsum, Colorado. Each of the apartments there will receive a new 95%-efficient forced air furnace, a programmable thermostat, additional attic insulation, and general work such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, door weather-stripping, water heater blankets, air sealing and insulation of attic ductwork, etc. Work at Holy Cross Village will continue through January and February 2012.

On December 15, 2011, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu announced that DOE had met the Stimulus (ARRA) goal of weatherizing 600,000 homes three months ahead of schedule. DOE has indicated savings realized by participants in the Weatherization program average 35%, generating \$320 million of energy savings per year. The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) has been recognized as one of the top success stories of Stimulus. In NWCCOG's region, the Weatherization program employs 27 full-time NWCCOG workers, as well as supporting staff of subcontractors, manufacturers, suppliers, etc. In November 2011 NWCCOG weatherized its 1,000th home since July 1 2009, the start of Stimulus production in Colorado.

NWCCOG to Host Blueprint Connect Regional Road Tour Meeting on February 28th in Frisco

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) will be touring the state to roll out the next steps for the Colorado Blueprint, the statewide economic development strategy that was developed over the last year. The meeting in NWCCOG's region will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at the Summit County Commons in Frisco (Buffalo Mountain Room) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. OEDIT is inviting all economic development stakeholders in the region including local economic development groups, county commissioners, town board/council members, workforce representatives, local businesses and regional partners. Please contact June Walters for more information.

Rural Resort Region's Regional Coordinating Council to Develop One-Click, One-Call Transportation Coordination Program

In 2012, the Rural Resort Region (RRR)'s Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) has received funding from several sources to develop a regional call center to coordinate transportation for seniors, disabled adults, and veterans. The RCC has been awarded \$10,000 from The Colorado Department of Transportation; \$130,000 for 24 months from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) for the Mobility Manager position; \$322,600 over 18 months from the FTA Veteran Affairs for the One Click/One Call hardware and software; and \$50,000 in FASTER funds. This project is a top priority for the Rural Resort Region in 2012.

NWCCOG Completes 2011 Town of Silverthorne Community Survey

NWCCOG conducts community surveys for jurisdictions as a member service. NWCCOG recently completed the 2011 Town of Silverthorne Community Survey. NWCCOG completed surveys for the Town of Silverthorne in 2003, 2005, and 2007, thus allowing for valuable trend analysis. Please contact Rachel Lunney if your jurisdiction is interested in a community survey, or would like more information about this service of NWCCOG.

Grant Opportunities

For links to full announcements on these grants, visit NWCCOG's Grant Opportunities Page

- USDA - Rural Business Cooperative Service: grants and loans for Rural Energy for America Program. Deadlines vary from 2/21/12 to 6/29/12.
- National Institute of Justice - funding for research on policing to improve criminal investigative processes and promote police integrity in law enforcement agencies. Deadline 4/25/12.
- Colorado Parks & Recreation Association - grants for tree planting and community gardens. Deadline 3/30/12.
- Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor - Workforce Innovation Fund grants. Deadline: 3/22/12.

Upcoming Events

- Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Saving Places Conference - February 1-2, 2012, Colorado Convention Center
- 11th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference San Diego, CA -February 2-4, 2012
- Grant Writing USA Grant Management Class Colorado Springs, CO - February 6-7, 2012
- CML's Annual Legislative Workshop Denver, CO - February 22, 2012
- Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute 21st Annual Conference Denver, CO - March 1-2, 2012
- ICC Colorado Chapter Education Institute Denver, CO - March 5-9, 2012