



THE BULLETIN

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The Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG), is the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency created by the local governments pursuant to Alabama State Legislation in June, 1967.

“It is a voluntary Association of 37 governmental units in the five county region of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, and Winston Counties along with the municipalities therein,” reports Keith Jones, Executive Director since 2000.

NACOLG is not a government, but is an extension of city and county government through which officials get together to decide issues of region-wide importance and work together to solve problems that stretch beyond local government boundaries. All NACOLG policy decisions are made by local elected officials. This insures all NACOLG programs and policies reflect the interest of the member governments.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Doug Evans
December 1

Joe Flippen
December 8

Christmas Party
December 15

No Meetings
Dec 22 & 29

NACOLG/Department of Aging Services operates 25 Senior Centers throughout the five county region of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, and Winston Counties along with the local municipalities.



The Elderly Nutrition Program provides seniors with nutritious meals and the opportunity to be active, while building new friendships. A variety of services are provided at local Senior Centers in a social meal setting. In some areas, a meal delivery program is available for homebound seniors who qualify.

Doug Evans will introduce Chief Assistant District Attorney Will Powell during the next Exchange Club meeting .

NACOLG's Public Transit program operates Dial-a-Ride demand responsive service through which passengers schedule rides in advance and are transported from their origin to their destination for a fee. This service is available in the Shoals Area within ten miles of the city limits of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Tuscumbia, and Sheffield and in Russellville, Hamilton, and Haleyville. Jones said the fee is just \$3 for a one way trip.

Service is provided throughout the rural areas of Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, and Marion counties based on a variable rate when vehicles and drivers are available. In addition, NACOLG Transit provides transportation to public and private non-social service agencies under fee for services contracts. Current contracts include the Area Agency on Aging, The YMCA of the Shoals, The ARC of the Shoals, Riverbend, and NAMI Shoals, Inc.

Jones commented that during FY 2014 had seen the Government Services Department implement some of the most important projects related to Disaster Recovery. Examples included groundbreaking for the Hackleburg Grocery Store, Hackleburg Housing Authority complex and town hall/police department building; repaving of streets and road impacted by the terrible tornado in Franklin County, Hackleburg, Haleyville, Phil Campbell Marion and Winston Counties.



The flags for the Christmas Parade are now available for the GIVEAKI-DAFLAGTOWAVE program.

The parade is set for a **Thursday night December 10.** Contact Joe Flippen and Adin to set a time and place to meet.

Our own "Santa" will not be Santa this year, so the Christmas Party Committee will have to make other plans for the party. Adin mentioned it will be on the regular Tuesday meeting day (Dec. 15). The committee reports that those wishing to help with monies or gifts to help the boys and girls in the Attention Homes do so by the December 8 regular meeting.

Please turn in your pecan sales monies quickly. At last count, there are 5 cases of **regular** pecans left in Teresa's office. There are **NO** chocolate or roasted pecans available at any of the banks.



Congratulations go to Carolyn Chandler who proudly announced she and Carl celebrates 57 years of wedded bliss!

Jenny Mitchell has asked to let all members know who was not at the meeting that we will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 9th at the Salvation Army store on Court Street and on December 12th at Sam's. If anyone did not get to sign up but will available to help, please call me at 256-718-4202.