

NWCCOG Welcomes the Town of Snowmass Village as a new member

NWCCOG would like to welcome the Town of Snowmass Village to its membership. Snowmass Village joins 5 counties and 21 other municipalities to make up NWCCOG's membership. A complete list of members and representatives to the NWCCOG Council can be found on [NWCCOG's website](#).

NWCCOG Council Elects Officers for 2013; Demographic and Economic Trends Presentation by State Demographer

The NWCCOG Council held its first meeting for 2013 on Thursday, January 24th at the Summit County Commons in Frisco. Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County Commissioner, was elected to serve as Chair; Jeff Shroll, Gypsum Town Manager will serve as Vice-Chair, and Tom Clark, Mayor of Kremmling will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. A complete list of Council members can be found on [NWCCOG's website](#). Dan Schroder, Summit County CSU Extension Director gave a presentation on the Summit County Wildfire Council and County Wildfire Protection Plan ([click here for more information](#)). Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer, gave a presentation on Region 12 Demographics and Economic Forecast. [Visit NWCCOG's website for this presentation](#).

Weatherization Thermostat Recycle Program



When the NWCCOG Weatherization Team replaces an old inefficient furnace, they also properly recycle the existing mercury-bulb thermostat to keep the mercury from causing water pollution. A sturdy shipping bin is used to send the thermostats to a recycling facility supported by the thermostat manufacturing industry, and the thermostats are recycled at no cost to NWCCOG. NWCCOG has recycled several hundred thermostats since joining this recycling program, and recycled 83 thermostats this year. The hundreds of thermostats recycled by NWCCOG's Weatherization Program can make a significant difference in water quality in our region, as some sources indicate one improperly disposed thermostat contains enough mercury to pollute a 25-acre pond to the extent the fish would not be edible.

NWCCOG Economic Development District Board Elects Officers on January 24th

The NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) Board of Directors met on January 24th at the Summit County Commons in Frisco. The EDD board of directors will serve as the formal governing body for the NWCCOG EDD, which is a federally-designated economic development district. The makeup of the board must adhere to the following criteria set forth by the EDA: between 51% and 65% government representatives; between 35% and 49% non-government representatives. Of the non-government representatives, at least one must be from the private sector, and at least one must be from a stakeholder organization (chamber of commerce, education sector, or workforce sector). For a complete board roster, please visit the [EDD District page on NWCCOG's website](#).

Rob Ittner, Pitkin County Commissioner will serve as Chair; John Rich, owner of Richland Propane LLC. (and former Jackson County Commissioner) will serve as Vice-Chair; Tom Clark, Mayor of Kremmling will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The NWCCOG EDD also has assembled a working group made up of a broad range of economic development stakeholders from throughout the region (government, chambers of commerce, business associations, workforce, education, private businesses, etc.). This working group is more flexible than the board, and is open to any stakeholder interested in working on projects that will further the economic successes of the region. If you are interested in participating on the working group, please contact [Rachel Lunney](#) 970.468.0295 x106. [Please visit NWCCOG's website for more details about the working group](#) including 2013 meeting schedule, meeting summaries from 2012 meetings, EDD working group member list, and more.

Alpine Area Agency on Aging Recognizes Regional Advisory Council Members for Years of Service

One of the keys to the success of the Alpine Area Agency on Aging is the dedication of its Regional Advisory Council members. Serving with no compensation from the NWCCOG or the Alpine Area Agency on Aging, these members faithfully represent the older adults of their county as well as the interests of older persons across Region 12.

As we begin 2013, the Alpine Area Agency on Aging would like to recognize the following Region 12 Regional Advisory Council members that have attained the following lengths of service. The Alpine Area Agency on Aging is appreciative of their contributions:

26 yrs: Marty Ames-Pitkin County Senior Coordinator (alternate)

19 yrs: Anne Crane (Secretary)-Summit County appointee; Peggy Randall-Buckau (at-large representative)

12 yrs: Wendy Petefish-Jackson County Senior Coordinator (alternate)

18 yrs: Bonnie Jolly-Jackson County appointee

7 yrs: John Bade (Chair)-Eagle County appointee

4 yrs: Mildred Alsdorf- At-Large representative for Garfield County; Bert Roy (Vice-Chair)-Eagle County appointee

3 yrs: Debbie Overeynder-Pitkin County appointee; Seth Sachson-Pitkin County appointee; Debra Snider-Jackson County appointee

2 yrs: Marijke Brofos-Eagle County appointee; Debbie Buckley-At-Large representative; Carly Reitman-Eagle County Senior Coordinator alternate; Charlotte Waddell-Grand County appointee

1 yr: Coni Aguilar-At-Large representative; Carol Conroy-Grand County Senior Coordinator alternate; Gavin Larney-Summit County Senior Coordinator alternate; Dave Sturges-NWCCOG Council representative appointee; Georgeanne Waggaman-Pitkin County appointee.

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging would also like to welcome these new members to the council: Sandy Bainbridge (Frisco), Commissioner James Newberry (Grand County) and Chuck Florence (Fraser) whose terms began January 2013.

If you would like to get involved with the Region 12 Regional Advisory Council (you may have heard it referred to as "RAC") there are six vacancies for At-Large representatives. If you are interested in being a member of the RAC please contact Jean Hammes at 970-468-0295.

Deadline for 2013 Region 12 Mini-Grant Program is May 31, 2013

The Alpine Area Agency on Aging's mini-grant program is again being offered in 2013. The amount of funding available is approximately \$6,676. The identified priority projects include Advocacy, Coordination, Emergency Service Delivery Situation, Equipment, Program Development, and Training & Professional Development. The mini-grant program is administered through the Regional Advisory Council, and is to support applicants or implementation located within Region 12 that includes Eagle, Grand, Jackson, Pitkin and Summit counties. Deadline to submit an application is May 31, 2013; awarded projects must be fully completed by June 30, 2013. Funding for the mini-grant program is provided through State Funds for Senior Services. Information and application is available on the NWCCOG website www.nwccog.org.

Colorado Bark Beetle Cooperative is Seeking an Elected Municipal Representative for the Steering Committee

The Colorado Bark Beetle Cooperative (CBBC), a 501c3, is seeking an elected municipal representative from within the 9-county CBBC region of NW Colorado (Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Lake, Park, Pitkin, Routt, and Summit) to sit on its Steering Committee. The basic role of this position is to represent municipalities throughout the region by "participating with the CBBC in matters pertaining to the orderly, effective, efficient and harmonious development and implementation of actions to address the effects of the bark beetle outbreak in the

Region." Meetings occur quarterly, beginning on the 3rd Thursday of January, usually at CMC in Breckenridge.

The CBBC is a place-based collaborative to address the environmental, social and economic impacts of bark beetles on high altitude forests. The steering committee is comprised of federal, state, and local government representatives and representatives of utility and water providers, wood products industry, conservation and public interest groups. By-laws and Articles of Incorporation are available if more information is needed. If you are interested, please contact [Abbie Cobb](#) or call 970-389-8210.

Pitkin County Code Amendment Offers Extra Space to Make Homes more Accessible

Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners recently approved new floor-area exemptions to the county's land use code for new and existing homes to improve their accessibility to those with physical disabilities. The allowances aren't just for the occupants of the residence; the added floor space is available to those who want to make their home accessible to friends or family members, as well. It's about "visit-ability" as well as accessibility, according to the county.

For new and existing homes that are limited in size by what's called a floor-area ratio (the permitted floor area is based on the size of the lot), 350 square feet of added space is available to make the residence compliant with the American National Standard related to accessibility. In addition, for existing residences, there are square footage allotments for stairs/ramps and elevators.

Kudos to Pitkin County. This is a step towards meeting one of the goals set forth in NWCCOG's recent initiative: Seniors in Our Mountain Communities regarding improving the livability/accessibility/visit ability of our housing to accommodate our rapidly aging population.

For more information, contact the Pitkin County Planning Department.

These exemptions are designed to accommodate certain accessibility standards, which will help with the livability and accessibility for not only seniors but for the disabled as well. Now, the code makes allowances for elevator installation, enlarging bathrooms, improving access into various rooms and access from a parking area to the home's entrance. In addition, limited encroachment into road and yard setbacks is permitted for access ramps, and a 50-square-foot addition to an accessory structure is allowed for a bath facility.

Save the Date: Senior Day at the Capitol in Denver on March 20th

For more information and to RSVP contact Colorado Senior Lobby at 303-832-4535.

25th Annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 8th

This event will be held at the Summit County Community & Senior Center in Frisco on Wednesday, May 8th. To submit an award nomination and for event information please contact [Jean Hammes](#) at

970-468-0295.

NWCCOG Assembles Core Team to Attend Colorado Workforce Development Council's Sectors Summit

The Colorado Workforce Development Council will present the 2013 Sectors Summit Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 to take existing and emerging regional sector partnerships to the next level of impact by broadening and deepening collective efforts between education, workforce development, economic development, and industry. A Sector Partnership is a regional collaboration of business and industry, in partnership with workforce development, economic development, and education to ensure that workers are prepared to meet the growing demands of specific industry sectors within a geographic area. Ideally, Sector Partnerships take on more than workforce issues, such as infrastructure, broadband, supplier development, to name a few.

NWCCOG is very pleased that the following will make up the Region 12 core team:

Economic Development:

Chris Romer, Executive Director - Vail Valley Partnership
DiAnn Butler - Economic Development Director, Grand County
John Rich - Owner of Richland Propane LLC., (former Jackson County Commissioner)
Jason Haber, Council member, Town of Snowmass Village
Susan Fairweather, Economic Development Manager, Town of Dillon
Lindsey Shorthouse - Coordinator, NW Small Business Development Center
Rachel Lunney - NWCCOG Economic Development District

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Education:

Mark Rydberg, Business Services Director, Summit School District (representing K-12)
Suzanne Price, Director of Customized Business Services, Colorado Mountain College
Margaret Maxwell, Instructional Chair, Aspen Campus - Colorado Mountain College

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Workforce:

Jack Taylor, Employment Specialist, Colorado Workforce Center

More to come on the outcome of the Sectors Summit. For more information contact [Rachel Lunney](#).