

HOLIDAY CLOSING

ASCOG will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day and will open for business Tuesday, May 30.



National Regional Transportation Conference

June 28 – 30, 2017 • Denver, Colorado

NATIONAL RECOGNITION RECEIVED

ASCOG and SWODA, our sister COG to the west, were selected by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to participate in a 16 county pilot regional rural transportation project. The union spawned the creation of the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Organization (SORTPO) which has been selected to receive a NADO 2017 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for its project titled “Partners in Planning.” This award will be presented as part of the 2017 National Regional Transportation Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado from June 28th – 30th. Kudos to the involved organizations and their staffs.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Operational grant forms and certification for volunteer departments will be completed in early May. Training has started with many departments as well as fund raisers.

Many departments are either refurbishing or needing trucks for tankers or grass rigs. The need is great but funding is an issue. ASCOG will continue to make every reasonable effort to meet the needs of ALL the departments.

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2016 REAP CONTRACTS

All who have 2016 REAP Contracts have less than **TWO MONTHS** to spend your REAP funds. The deadline is June 30, 2017. If you have any questions you need to contact **Tom Zigler** (580) 736-7971. or e-mail zigl_to@ascog.org.

2018 REAP WORKSHOPS

Significant funding cuts are expected for the 2018 REAP program; the exact amount is still unknown. Despite the uncertainty, four workshops are planned. They are tentatively being scheduled for the last week in July and the first week in August. Look for the exacts time and dates in the June News and Briefs. The due date for Applications is close of business on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The 2018 REAP Application and Instructions will be on the ASCOG website July 10, 2017.

Now is the time to review your 5 year plan and prioritize your community needs. If you have questions about REAP or your 5 year plan, please contact **Tom Zigler** at zigl_to@ascog.org or (580)736-7971 or **Steve Kelly** at kell_st@ascog.org or (580) 736-7965.



SENIOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

The Center for Creative Living and BancFirst are hosting a Senior Health and Wellness Expo May 19 at the Worley Center in the Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton. ASCOG's **KEN JONES** and **DACIA NIX** will be speaking at this event. Jones will focus on Senior Medicare Fraud and Nix will be speaking on the role of Long-Term Care Ombudsman. For more information, contact **KEN JONES** at (580) 736-7972 or jone_ke@ascog.org.

MEDICARE EXTRA HELP AVAILABLE

Medicare Assistance Specialist **KEN JONES** will be at the following sites between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to help Medicare beneficiaries seeking assistance with paying for prescription drugs. For more information contact **KEN** at the number listed above.

- **Ringling** Nutrition Site - May 2
- **Frederick** Nutrition Site - May 9
- **Cyril** Senior Center - May 11
- **Elgin** Nutrition Site (10:00 a.m. - noon) - May 16
- **Wichita Mountains** Area Senior Center (noon - 1:00 p.m.) - May 16
- **Comanche** Senior Center - May 30

ARE YOUR CODE BOOKS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW?

11 O.S. Section 14.109 requires municipalities to compile and publish their penal ordinances in a permanent form every ten years. It also requires the municipality to publish biennial (every other year) supplements for any changes to the codebooks' penal ordinances. 11 O.S. Section 14.111.E states that no municipality may levy a fine (or deferral fee in lieu of a fine) of over \$50 until the municipality has compiled and published the ordinances as required. If your municipality is not in compliance with the law, please contact **SUSIE LINDSAY** in ASCOG's community and economic development division. She can help you get your ordinances compiled and published.

DISCLAIMER: All ordinances should be reviewed by your attorney prior to publication. ASCOG personnel are not attorneys.

**“Before you act, listen.
Before you react, think.
Before you spend, earn.
Before you criticize, wait.
Before you pray, forgive.
Before you quit, try.”**

Ernest Hemingway

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Call **Ronnie Ward** at (580) 736-7970 or **Nancy English** at (580) 736-7019. We'd love to hear from you.