

HOLIDAY CLOSING

ASCOG will be closed on Monday, February 19, for President's Day and will open for business Tuesday, February 20.

STAY OUT OF THE SKUNKHOUSE DOGHOUSE!



**Don't forget your sweetie on
Valentine's Day, February 14.**

LAWTON-FORT SILL REGIONAL JOINT LAND USE MEETINGS

A **public workshop** for the JLUS will be held at the CETES building at Cameron University beginning at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5**. Everyone residing or working in Fort Sill areas is encouraged to participate.

The JLUS **Technical Committee** will meet at CETES conference center at **3:00 p.m. also on February 5**.

Lastly, the **Policy Committee** will meet at the CETES Sarkeys Conference Room on the Second Floor of the CETES Building at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6**.

If you have questions or comments or just need directions, call TOM ZIGLER at (580) 736-7971.

ASCOG News 'n Briefs

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NEW ASCOG OMBUDSMAN SUPERVISOR KIM RHODES



ASCOG finally has a new Ombudsman Supervisor! Kim has 4 years of administrative experience and is currently a graduate student seeking a dual Master in MBA and Public Health. Kim is filling the position left vacant when Ruben Sotello was tragically killed in an auto accident. We are extremely pleased to be able to fill that position and even more so that we have found someone with Kim's credentials and outgoing personality.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

The Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) southeast division has formulated and completed long range plans for Jefferson, Stephens, Cotton and Tillman Counties. The long range plans for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 are being researched and formulated for Grady and McClain Counties.

If you live or work in either Grady or McClain Counties, you are highly encouraged to go to the SORTPO website www.sortpo.org and complete the public opinion survey. When you enter the site, locate either Grady or McClain Counties and answer the survey. If you live in any of the eight counties that make-up ASCOG and have not taken the survey, we need that information to formulate transportation plans. Just because some plans have been completed does not mean that we stop acquiring information. The long range plans are a living document always in need for updates with new information to improve transportation in Southwest Oklahoma.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Titles have been delivered to the Valley View, Corum and Empire volunteer fire departments. The Hydro Fire Department will have an inspection for title also.

The [Destry Horton Wild Land School](#) will be held [February 16,17,18 on Fort Sill Post](#). This will be the Eighth Annual school held for area fire fighters to receive new or recurring training for firefighting or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) purposes.

Recertification and Operational funding forms for the 2019 fiscal year will be emailed this month to all fire departments. These forms must be completed and returned to Perry Brinegar, ASCOG Rural Fire Defense Coordinator, no later than April 15, 2018.

ASCOG MEDICARE COUNSELORS PROVIDE PRESENTATION ON FRAUD PREVENTION

ASCOG Medicare Counselors Kris Manriquez and Ken Jones will be at the following locations in February to provide Fraud Prevention presentations:

February 8 - City of Comanche Nutrition Center – 11:00 a.m. – Ken

February 14 – Mangum Nutrition Center – 9:50 a.m. - Kris

February 15 - Grandfield Senior Center – 11:00 a.m. – Ken

February 16 – Elgin Nutrition Site – 11:00 a.m. – Ken

February 20 – Hollis Nutrition Site – 10:30 a.m. – Kris

February 22 – Granite Nutrition Site – 11:00 a.m. - Kris



2017 REAP Contracts

All 2017 REAP Contracts have **less than six months** to spend your REAP funds. The **deadline is June 30, 2018**. If you have any questions you need to contact Tom Zigler (580) 736-7971 or e-mail zigl_to@ascog.org.

CDBG APPLICATIONS DUE DATES

Community Revitalization (CR) for Fire Trucks, Roads, Community Buildings, etc. - **March 31, 2018**

Water and Wastewater Construction and Engineering - **May 1, 2018**

Commerce will not consider any application unless it includes a copy of the completed FY2017 Audit or Agreed Upon Procedures.

If you have any questions about Community Development Blocks Grants, please contact **TOM ZIGLER** (580)736-7971 or e-mail zigl_to@ascog.org or **STEVE KELLY** (580)736-7965 or kell_st@ascog.org.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE NUTRITION SITE CLOSURES

ASCOG has scheduled two public hearing for nutrition sites who face potential closure for serving fewer than 25 meals per day. For more information, please contact **KEN JONES**. The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

February 20 - Ryan Public Hearing,
Ryan Nutrition Center – 11:00 a.m.
February 21 – Wayne Public Hearing,
Wayne Nutrition Center – 11:00 a.m.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Call **RONNIE WARD** at (580) 736-7970 or **NANCY ENGLISH** at (580) 736-7019. We'd love to hear from you.

