

MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

JUNE 2017



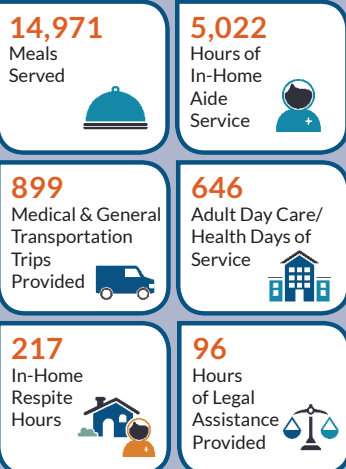
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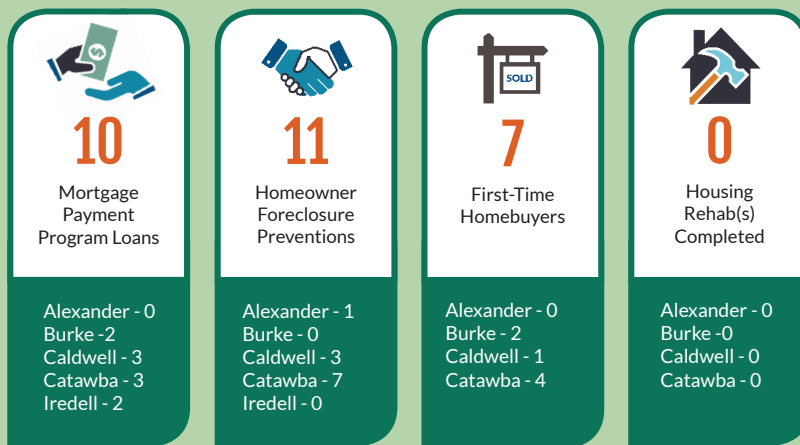


- 6 community presentations
- 6 housing and home improvement projects
- Local Contact Agency program had 3 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; 4 LCA follow-up visits; 3 in-reach visits with facility social workers; 5 Information and Options Counseling contacts.
- 4 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 26 facilities; received 5 new investigations; closed 6 cases; and provided technical assistance to 22 individuals; and provided 3 trainings to facilities.
- Project CARE completed 12 assessments, 3 Home Visits and granted 0 vouchers during the month of June (total of 64 vouchers issued out of 64 for the territory). Completed 7 outreach visits to referral agencies and presented training sessions to reach more than 80 people with Project CARE information.

With an eagerness to serve the aging population, Amber Thompson joins the Western Piedmont Area Agency on Aging as a summer intern. Amber is a recent graduate from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's of Science in gerontology and a minor in psychology. Throughout her college career, Amber was constantly intrigued by the aging population and knew she wanted to pursue a career that would put older adults' needs above her own. During the past two years, Amber has served as a caretaker for an elderly couple and the experience has become an eye opener as she has learned how to become completely selfless as she serves the aging population. "The aging population has taught me so much about my own life, and others around me. I am eager to constantly learn and adapt to different situations that this field brings." The AAA is glad to have Amber join their team for the summer.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Long
Rick Oxford
Leah Martin
Laurie Powell
Lisa Helton
Ken Hollar
Jennifer Cannon
Helen Whisnant
Deanna Butcher



Urgent Repair Program funded \$150,000 for Alexander, Burke and Caldwell for North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Scott Miller
Daniel Ezell
Tom Bell
Todd Stroupe
Trey Schweitzer



Greenway Transit

- Greenway Passenger Sampling Trips - 19

General Mapping Support

- Claremont, Hickory, Hildebran, Rutherford College, Greater Hickory MPO, Greenway Transportation, University Mill District Map and WPCOG Community & Economic Development

Data

- Hickory fire hydrant distance analysis
- Water/Sewer/Stormwater data request

Application Programming

- City of Hickory ArcGIS online zoning and overlay application
- City of Hickory ArcGIS Online Hickory By Choice Future Land-use application
- City of Hickory Food Truck ArcGIS online application
- Began building georeference database of 1973 aerial photos of four-county region
- Added manhole ID functionality to Maiden GIS multi-utility viewer
- Coordinated with Town engineers regarding procedures for mapping and assessing Drexel wastewater infrastructure

Other Activities

- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Project
- Coordinated with Greenway Transportation to make Alexander and Catawba Counties' bus schedules available on Google Maps

John Marshall
 Johnny Wear
 Taylor Dellinger
 Teresa Kinney
 Erin Schotte
 Cody Money maker
 Leslie Meadows
 Averi Ritchie
 Duncan Cavanaugh

Planning

- Attended 16 Commission, Council and Planning Board meetings
- Recreation presentation for Rutherford College public meeting
- Rutherford College held a public forum on new park initiative
- Presented Recreation opportunities to Glen Alpine Steering Committee
- Land use mapping for Glen Alpine and Zoning Ordinance Review
- Reviewed Minor Subdivisions for Hudson, Gamewell and Rutherford College
- Claremont rezoning of 5.26 acres from Business to Manufacturing
- Held a Claremont Plan Review Committee meeting for Advance Pierre Foods cafeteria project.
- Working with Sawmills Town Attorney to enforce repairs/ demolition of two abandoned homes
- Recombination Plat Review in Sawmills

Transportation

- Attended MPO TCC, TAC, Travel Demand Modeling, Road Network and Alternative Criteria Meeting
- Met with the Town of Catawba to discuss planning contract
- Met with developers to discuss NC 16 improvements
- Attended NADO's Rural Transportation Conference
- Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority Meeting
- System Performance/Freight/CMAQ Performance Measures Webinar

- Multiple meetings regarding the Title VI and Environmental Justice sections of the MTP

Data

- Answered 45 requests for data during month of June
- Completed an estimate of retail sales in Downtown Hickory
- Completed analysis comparing household income, tax rates and budget information for multiple counties
- Determined economic impact of 2017 Hickory Hops
- Attended meeting with Alexander County School Staff to discuss data trends in the region
- Created press release on the drop of unemployment rates in the region to less than 4%
- Completed work on Summer 2017 Economic Indicators Newsletter
- Gave presentation on Workforce and Economic Development strategies and CEDS Performance measures on June 7 CEDS committee meeting




Environmental

- Advertised Annual Western Piedmont Air & Water Quality Conferences
- Septic Tank Repair construction and repair continued
- Began work on an Environmental Assessment for Alexander County

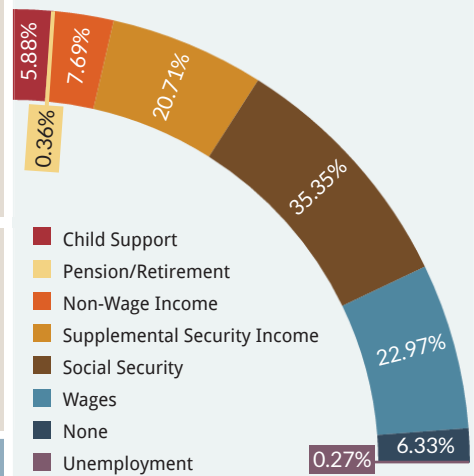
REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Stephanie Harvey
 Vicky Abernethy
 Kala Guido
 JoAnn Parlier
 Elizabeth Moncrief
 Kim Duncan
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 1,122 Units Leased	 68 In Office Client Meetings	 104 Inspections Completed	 0 Vouchers Issued	 1,507 Waiting List
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 16 Total Vouchers Pending	 0 Congratulation Letters	 \$425,247 Paid on Tenant's Behalf	 \$379 Average Housing Assistance Payment
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Primary Income for Section 8 Tenants



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wendy Johnson
 April Lail
 Elizabeth Hilliard
 Donna Gilbert
 Matthew Xiong

JOBSEEKER SERVICES

 3 Scholarships Issued Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships	 13 Trainings On-the-Job-Training (OJT) & Work Experience	 145 New Register Unemployed People not working that newly registered in NCWorks.gov	 252 1x NCWorks Registrants People that registered in NCWorks.gov for the first time
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EMPLOYER SERVICES

 363 Employers served at NCWorks Career Centers
 12 Staff assisted Recruitment Events at a Career Center or Employer Site
 2,317 Job openings in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell & Catawba Counties