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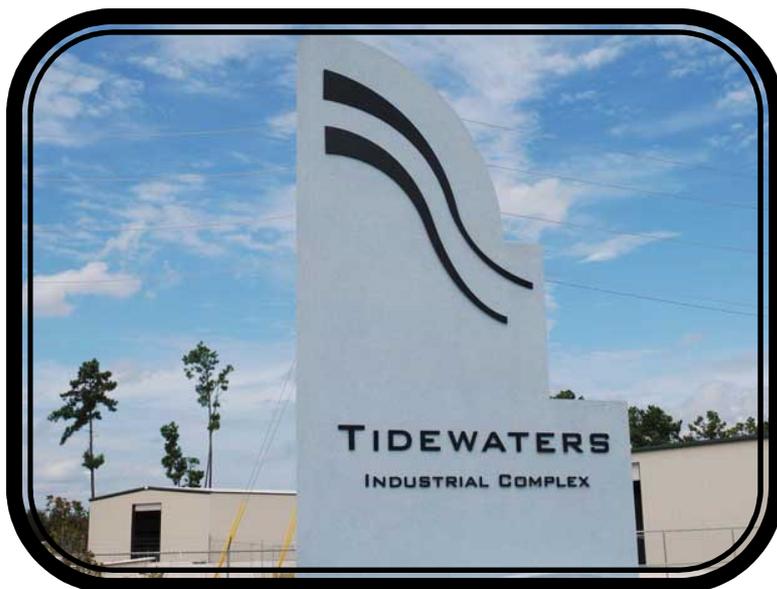
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CRC Awarded a Technical Assistance Grant

By: Lauren Robesky, Economics Development Director

September saw some great news for the CRC! We were awarded a \$12,500 Technical Assistance (TA) Grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant will partially fund a Targeted Industry Analysis for the McIntosh County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) and will be matched by funds from the IDA. This analysis will focus on the Tidewater Industrial Park, located in McIntosh County. The 380-acre park is a prime shovel-ready development site along the I-95 corridor.



A Targeted Industry Analysis provides a blueprint for focused economic development efforts built upon existing industries by attracting companies that would complement local existing industries and aid in the development of similar new companies within an economic region.

The research and production of a Targeted Industry Analysis will give the McIntosh IDA specific industries and ancillary industries on which to focus their recruitment efforts.

Interested in how a Targeted Industry Analysis can help your community? To learn more, contact Lauren Robesky lrobesky@crc.ga.gov or 912-437-0890. We are here to help!

Highlights from the Coastal Regional Commission Council Meeting

By: Colletta S. Harper, Administrative Services Director

The Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) Council met on Wednesday, September 11th at the Richmond Hill City Center in Richmond Hill, GA with 24 members in attendance, representing ten counties.

Action taken by the Council included:

- Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2013 meeting;
- Approval of Appointment of Planning Team Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (*all chairmen of our 10 county region*);
- Approval of Appointment of Regional Broadband Planning Team: Sean Register, Craig Root, Commissioner Reggie Loper, Mayor Jim Thomas, Chairman Kelly Spratt, Commissioner Walter Gibson, Mayor Edna Jackson, Shaw McVeigh, Chairman Robert Long, and Mayor Margaret Evans;
- Approval for CRC to write letter for Chairman's signature to federal delegation requesting additional funding for the dredging of the Brunswick Port; and
- Approval for CRC to write letter for Chairman's signature to Savannah State University President commending her for picking up the State Science Fair Program which allows students in three counties which dropped the program (Glynn, McIntosh, & Wayne) to be able to participate.

Other Items to note:

Mr. Don Masisak, Transportation Director explained the DOT procedural format that will be used for route/fare changes. CRC staff will be meeting with current TPOs to identify possible changes that will help increase efficiency and cut costs.

GDOL Commissioner Mark Butler described their Special Workforce Assistant Team (SWAT) that works with job seekers prior to a Job Fair Expo to instruct them on the proper way to dress, interview, prepare a resume, social media ethics, etc. The DOL also has a Business Ethics Student Training (BEST) program that they started in 20 high schools and the local business community. Through word of mouth, this program is now in 190 schools. October 17th DOL will be hosting "Paychecks for Patriots" hiring event in Savannah, Warner Robbins, Columbus, Atlanta and Augusta. The SWAT will also be working with them two weeks prior to the event.

Ms. Allison Segrest, Communications Specialist/Government Liaison presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Georgia Forestry Commission's five-year strategic plan and services provided by the Commission.

Mr. Duncan Ross, Senior Planner with Prosser Hallock provided a brief overview on the Digital Implementation Tool website. The website was created to monitor the implementation of the Regional Plan originally adopted by the CRC in 2010.

DRI #2345, East River Street, Savannah, GA was deemed to be in the best interest of the State.

The next meeting of the Coastal Regional Commission Council will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Richmond Hill City Center.

CRC's Transportation Department Assigns Two Full-Time Employees

By Don Masisak, Transportation Director



Taneka Beasley
Call Center Supervisor

The Transportation Department is pleased to announce the assignment of two temporary employees to full-time CRC employees. Taneka Beasley has been hired as the Call Center Supervisor and Shakai Joyner as the Senior Scheduler.

Both individuals have been employed as schedulers and will continue to perform that function as well as the new duties identified in their respective job descriptions. As the primary schedulers within the Call Center, Taneka and Shakai have demonstrated their ability to collaborate with the Dispatchers, TPO's and human service agencies in a CRC team approach and will be instrumental in the Department's commitment to operate an effective and efficient coordinated public transit system.



Shakai Joyner
Senior Scheduler

Great Services from the Coastal AAA



Dionne Lovett
Aging Services Director

"I would like to commend Dionne Lovett for the leadership she has shown in addressing the issues identified at the Veranda Property in Savannah. She quickly coordinated a group of Human Service Professionals to assess the situation and identified immediate needs in order to develop a plan of action. Dionne is an extension of the Division of Aging Services and the State Unit on Aging in advocating for the rights and welfare of all older adults in the planning and service area. This is just one example of the many ways an AAA director can impact the lives of older adults for whom we may not necessary provide a direct service, but yet we have responsibility under the Older Americans Act."

Dr. James Bulot, Director, Division of Aging Services, Ga. Dept. of Human Services

"The social service programs offered by the Aging Services division of the CRC have been greatly beneficial to my family and me. With my mother being recently diagnosed with dementia, the Aging Services Case-worker, Peggy Luukkonen, has been a tremendous caregiver offering insight, advice, and support. The Aging Services Division of the CRC cares for the elderly citizens of Coastal Georgia in many ways that deserve the communities' continued support. To the CRC Aging Services - Please keep up the excellent work; it is greatly appreciated!"

Sean Register, CRC Council Member



Peggy Luukkonen
Case Manager

"These comments show the level of commitment and caring that all of our staff shows for the community. Dionne and Peggy are excellent employees and true assets to coastal Georgia," stated Executive Director Allen Burns.

For more information about our Area Agency on Aging and the services offered, call 1-800-580-6860.

Coastal Georgia Caregivers Network to Host “Second Annual Day of Care for the Caregiver”

By: Algertha Taylor, Special Projects Coordinator

On October 25, 2013, the Coastal Georgia Caregivers Network (CARE-Net, Inc.) will host the “Second Annual Day of Care for the Caregiver” event at the Mercer Auditorium, William & Iffath Hoskins Center in Savannah, Ga. The event will welcome approximately 75 family and professional caregivers from the Coastal Region and is designed for the caregiver to enjoy a day of renewal, relaxation and rejuvenation through music, art, laughter, support and fellowship with other caregivers. Sponsors, partners and presenters included Memorial University Medical Center, Senior Citizens, Inc., Brightstar of Coastal Georgia, Coastal Ombudsman Program, Coastal Community Services Program, Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Gently Gardens, Hospice Savannah, Coastal Regional Commission—Area Agency on Aging and Honey Baked Ham. The event will also honor the Caregiver of the Year Award winners for the Coastal Region:

Personal Caregiver Award: Fredrica Chapman

Paraprofessional Caregiver Award: Diedra Starling of Senior Citizens, Inc.

Volunteer Caregiver Award: Eve Thomas

State winners chosen by the Rosalyn Carter Institute:

Family Caregiver – Michael Jones from the SouthWest GA CARE-NET

Para-Professional Caregiver – Gisele Umutesi from the Atlanta GA CARE-NET

Volunteer Caregiver – Eve Thomas from the Coastal GA CARE-NET



The Coastal Georgia Caregivers Network (CARE-NET), is a program of the Rosalyn Carter Institute and the Coastal Regional Commission—Area Agency on Aging. Formed in May 2002, it is a network of family and professional volunteers dedicated to identifying the needs and easing the burdens of caregivers through education and advocacy in the nine-county coastal region. Caregivers of elderly persons, children and adults with physical, mental, and cognitive disabilities, as well as grandparents raising grandchildren are included in those served by this network. For more information about and/or becoming a member please email CARE-NET Secretary at ataylor@crc.ga.gov.

Coastal Area Agency on Aging Welcomes a New GeorgiaCares Service Provider and Coordinator

By Pamela Rogers, Contracts Administrator



Evelyn Gay

Coastal Area Agency on Aging welcomes a new GeorgiaCares Service Provider, Georgia Legal Services, and further welcomes a new GeorgiaCares Coordinator, Evelyn Gay.

Ms. Gay is co-founder of the Elder Rights Project of Georgia Legal Services in Savannah, GA and a Senior Paralegal working with the Elder Legal Assistance Program. She is a champion for elder rights, an educator and a highly recognized benefits counselor for the GeorgiaCares Program. Evelyn's dedication to assisting older adults has been recognized by Area Agencies on Aging, the Division of Aging Services, local legislators and the Georgia Gerontology Society, just to name a few. We applaud Ms. Gay's commitment to serving older Georgians and look forward to working with her in the Coastal region.

Please see a list of scheduled Open Enrollments Events below. If you have questions about the GeorgiaCares Program, please call 1-866-552-4464 (option 4) or visit <http://www.mygeorgiacares.org>.

Coastal GeorgiaCares 2013 Medicare Part D Enrollment Events:

1. Oct. 10, 2013, 11am-1pmPembroke Senior Center
2. Oct. 18, 2013, 11am-1pm.....Summit Apartments for The Elderly (Statesboro)
3. Oct. 21, 2013, 11am-1pm.....Liberty County Senior Center
4. Oct. 22, 2013, 11am-1pm.....Rose of Sharon (Housing for Elderly and Disabled)
5. Oct. 23, 2013, 11:30 am-1pm.....St. Joseph's Hospital Lunch and Learn
6. Oct. 28, 2013, 11 am-1pm..... Long County Senior Center, Ludowici
7. Nov. 6, 2013 10 am-4 pm.....Armstrong Center in Savannah
8. Nov. 7, 2013 10 am-4 pm.....Altamaha Technical College in Brunswick
9. Nov. 11, 2013, 11am-1pm.....Effingham Senior Center
10. Nov. 12, 2013, 11am-1pm.....Senior Center 120 Davis St, St. Marys, GA
11. Nov. 13, 2013, 11am-1pm.....McIntosh Senior Center
12. Nov. 22, 2013 11am-1pm..... Bulloch County Senior Center

Pink Out Day Breast Cancer Awareness

Friday, October 25, 2013
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Glynn Place Mall
Brunswick, Georgia

Early Detection is the key to stamping out Breast Cancer in our Community therefore, we need your help!

Please come out and bring your loved ones, friends and neighbors. Together we can make a difference in the lives of so many through education!



Mammograms provided by Southeast Georgia Health System's Wellness on Wheels mobile health vehicle. A Physician's order is required and insurance is accepted. For more information, please call 912-466-5234.



Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Savannah, November 18-19,

Grants Training in Savannah, GA November 18-19, 2013

2013. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals.

For more information, visit http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/savannah-georgia-november-2013.html?utm_source=janet&utm_medium=email&utm_content=crc&utm_campaign=savannah-georgia-november-2013.

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Complete event details including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials and online registration are available at http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/savannah-georgia-november-2013.html?utm_source=janet&utm_medium=email&utm_content=crc&utm_campaign=savannah-georgia.



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Savannah State to Host Regional Science and Engineering Fair

Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne counties invited to participate in the Savannah Region competition

SAVANNAH— The Savannah State University (SSU) College of Sciences and Technology (COST) will host the 2014 Savannah Regional Science and Engineering Fair Feb. 11-13. The regional fair gives students a setting to develop important critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, teamwork and personal management skills, which are essential in today's fast-paced technological society.

The 2014 fair will expand to include middle and high school students from three additional counties – Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne – along with those from Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, Screven, Tattnall and Toombs counties. Since the program was dropped in Glynn, McIntosh, and Wayne counties, this expansion will provide those students an opportunity to participate in this great program, when they otherwise would not be able to participate.

The Savannah Regional Science and Engineering Fair is one of 22 regional fairs that take place throughout the state at the beginning of each calendar year. The top 15 percent of winners move on to compete at the Georgia Science Engineering Fair and possibly the International Science and Engineering Fair.

SSU RSEF website: <http://www.savannahstate.edu/cost/stem360/science-fair-ssu.shtml>

About COST

The mission of the College of Sciences and Technology is to deliver high quality education, scholarship and research in sciences, mathematics, engineering and technology. COST is committed to equipping students with the knowledge and skill set in sciences and technology necessary to assist in enabling the region and nation to excel with a competitive edge. The college is also committed to instilling within students values associated with human well-being, environmental quality and responsible citizenship.

About STEM 360

STEM 360, a Title III grant-funded activity, complements the COST mission by generating awareness and participation in STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – disciplines. The overall activity goal is to build an infrastructure that contributes to the retention, education and graduation of underrepresented minorities in the STEM subjects in the greater Savannah and surrounding areas.

About Savannah State University

Established in 1890, Savannah State University is the oldest public historically black college or university in Georgia and the oldest institution of higher learning in the city of Savannah. The university's 4,600 students select majors from 26 undergraduate and five graduate programs in three colleges — Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business Administration and Sciences and Technology — and the School of Teacher Education.

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Upcoming Events and Meetings:

CRC Council Meeting

November 13, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Richmond Hill City Center

CCSP Networking Meeting

November 19, 2013
10 a.m.
Richmond Hill City Center

Aging Services Advisory

Council Meeting
October 22, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Richmond Hill City Center

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*Serving the Cities and Counties of Coastal Georgia
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