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Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Greg Clark - May 22

Donny Barber - May 23

Jeannie Ward - June 13

Chantil Nasef - June 18

Elizabeth Daly - June 28

Community Spotlight Town of Pine Level



Congratulations to the Town of Pine Level!

Pine Level, located in Autauga County, incorporated on September 26, 2023, became the 13th municipality in our region. Zachary Bigley was elected as Mayor, with 5 Council members to better serve the community.

Pine Level has a population of nearly 400 residents. The town is growing bigger with new facilities, such as the First Community Bank, being built to serve nearby residents. Autauga County and Pine Level have also recently had a groundbreaking for a new ball park.

Mayor Bigley received approval to be a member of CARPDC's Board of Directors.

We look forward to serving your community and helping Pine Level grow!

For any questions, please reach out to the Town Clerk, Theresa Cook, at townclerkpinelevel@gmail.com

MONTGOMERY THRIVE CRITICAL HOME REPAIR

Montgomery County and the City of Montgomery worked together with CARPDC to find a way to provide low-to-moderate income homeowners of Montgomery assistance with critical home repairs. This introduced the Montgomery Thrive Critical Home Repair (CHR) Program. Signing the \$3m contract on October 2, 2023, CARPDC staff set out to assist in achieving this goal.

Tim Fletcher, pictured to the right, was hired as CHR Manager at CARPDC and the other members of CARPDC staff were ready to pitch in!

The staff at CARPDC began accepting applications at our office on October 16, 2023 at 8am. Over the first two days, we collected over 500 applications. Due to the large amount of applications received, ending just over 1,000, the application period was closed November 9, 2023. This program is a first-come, first-serve process.

As all applications were sorted by date and time received, contractors were selected and work has begun!



Tim says that he joined the CHR program because he wants to make a positive, tangible impact on the community. In his spare time, he enjoys boating and working on cars. Tim wants everyone to know that he is grateful to serve the community and hopes that the CHR program helps many people.

Around the Region

- CARPDC has received an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant to assist Elmore County in a strategic placemaking plan. CARPDC plans to conduct public outreach meetings in all of Elmore County's municipalities with a consulting firm that will be selected soon. After these public meetings, focus will shift to mapping important cultural aspects and telling each town or city's own story.
- Wetumpka hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of their second Fire Department on May 10, 2024. The new Fire Department is located at 1211 Holtville Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092.
- After closing the Crenshaw Park in 2023 for renovations to their playground equipment and amenities, Elmore County had a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, May 4, 2024! Mechel Raysor, one of our Community Development Specialists, brought her children to join in the fun. Swing by 1371 Crenshaw Road in Wetumpka to view the new improvements and additions!

2023 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

These applications submitted by CARPDC were approved and received funding for the year 2023. Thank you to Leslie York, Carol Sposato, Mechel Raysor, and Elizabeth Daly!

- City of Millbrook Demolition of Vacant, Abandoned, & Dilapidated Properties
- Town of Elmore Construction of a new Community Center
- Montgomery County Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation
- Town of Pike Road Construction of Inclusive "Miracle Playground"
- Autauga County Old Kingston Park Revitalization Project

Pending Projects - LWCF & ADEM Grants

- The Towns of Autaugaville and Eclectic currently have pending applications with ADECA's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- The Towns of Elmore and Autaugaville currently have pending/approved funding through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).