



Welcome to TARCOG!

We are pleased to bring you TARCOG's new monthly e-newsletter. You will find updates about current projects, announcements of upcoming events, and information about the impact we are having in our communities.

Our website is also new and improved, redesigned to help you find the information you need.

TARCOG exists to serve as a unifying regional partner that helps improve the quality of life throughout northeast Alabama. We are proud to serve you, and we look forward to building a stronger region together.

[Visit Our Website](#)

Serving People: Celebrating Older Americans Month



Observed every May, Older Americans Month was first established in 1963 to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country.

To celebrate Older Americans Month this year, TARCOG staff assisted with events in all five county regions: **Jackson County:** Luau on the Lake on May 5; **Madison County:** 24th Annual Retirement Lifestyle Expo on May 9; **Marshall County:** Older Americans Festival, Football Blast on May 11; **Limestone County:** Countywide Bingo on May 12; **DeKalb County:** Countywide Bingo on May 17.

Each event was highly successful with great staff support and community involvement. A total of **1,730 seniors** attended events across the five-county region.

The events were also supported by community leaders, including Mac McCutcheon, Chairman of the Madison County Commission; Collin Daly, Chairman of the Limestone County Commission; and Nick Nyberg with the Alabama Department of Senior Services.

These events were made possible by our partners throughout the region: Jackson County Council on Aging, Studio 60 Senior Center, Marshall County Council on Aging, Limestone County Council on Aging, DeKalb County Council on Aging, and Fort Payne Parks and Recreation.

We look forward to next year's Older Americans Month celebrations!

Growing Our Economy: How We're Helping Our Community

Our Economic Development & Planning (ED&P) team provides an array of services to local governments and acts as an advocate for partners and citizens throughout the region. Check out some of our recent successes:

U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) Receives Funds for New Space Camp Operations Center

The ED&P team helped the USSRC receive \$1 million of Appalachian Regional Commission funds to support expanded STEM-based programming for Space Camp. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for a new, state-of-the-art Space Camp Operations Center, where students will train in aviation, aeronautics, robotics, cyber, and related career pathways.

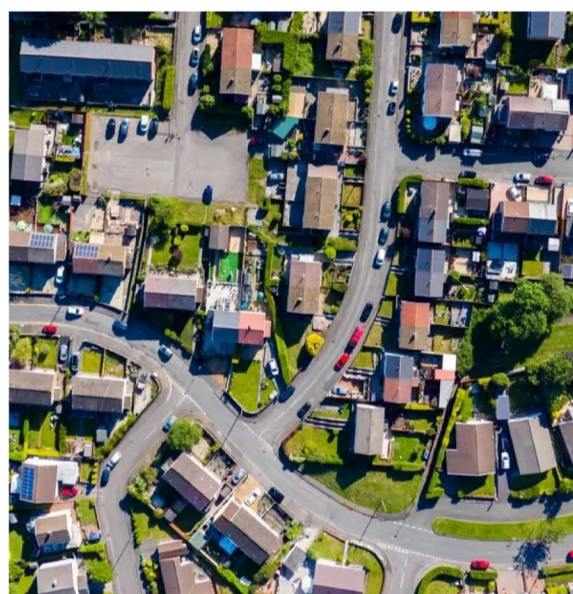
Pryor Field Regional Airport Receives Funds for New Industry Growth

With help from the ED&P team, partners in Limestone County received \$1 million of Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funding and \$1 million of Appalachian Regional Commission Southern Aviation and Automotive Workforce funding. Along with local matching funds, these grants will enable the Pryor Field Regional Airport to extend the wastewater system to the airfield. The project will leverage \$25 million in private investment and create 250 well-paying aviation-related jobs in Limestone County.

TARCOG Initiates Regional Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan

The TARCOG Rural Planning Organization received \$400,000 of U.S. Department of Transportation funding to conduct a regional transportation safety plan for all municipalities in the service area. The action plan is a requirement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. All participating jurisdictions will be eligible to apply for SS4A implementation funding. This region-wide planning effort will address transportation safety issues across the TARCOG region.

Learn More About Our ED&P Programs and Services



Save the Dates

2nd Annual PEACE Conference & Fraud Summit

Wednesday, June 28
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Huntsville

The PEACE Conference (Preventing Elder Abuse and Criminal Exploitation) & Fraud Summit is open to the public. CEUs will be offered, and lunch will be provided. Registration opens in June.

Check the TARCOG website for more details coming soon!

[See Our Events Calendar](#)

Masters Games of Alabama, District 2

June 14 & 16
Athens Rec Center in Athens, AL

June 20
Monrovia Community Center in Huntsville, AL

June 22
Braham Springs Rec Center in Huntsville, AL

June 26
AMF Pin Palace Bowling Lanes in Huntsville, AL

Come cheer on the District 2 teams for the Masters Games! All events are free to attend.

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