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WTS-Rhode Island Golf Outing

WTS-Rhode Island is hosting an informal golf outing at the Firefly Golf Course in Seekonk, MA, on Wednesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. (rain date is Thursday, August 23). Firefly is an enjoyable par-3 golf course conveniently located 15 minutes from Providence. Join in afterwards at the Luxury Box sports bar for a pay your own way dinner. To register for this event contact Andrew Borges at 508-823-2245 Ext. 3011 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22.

RI Sustainable Communities Moves Forward With Stakeholder Engagement

Rhode Island continues to advance the goals of the three-year HUD Sustainable Communities grant it received in February 2012.

A major focus of the first year of the project is stakeholder engagement, and the Statewide Planning Program is reaching out to municipalities and organizations across the state to discuss the Sustainable Communities grant. SPP staff has met with members of the Washington County Regional Planning Council and the City of Providence's Environmental Sustainability Task Force to discuss the project and elicit guidance on how it can best serve the state's municipalities; a similar meeting is planned for early September on Aquidneck Island.

The Sustainable Communities Consortium, which oversees the

project, held its fourth meeting on July 18. Members engaged in a stakeholder identification exercise and continued to work on scope development. Additionally, Statewide Planning has begun to schedule regular meetings of the committees that will oversee the various elements of the project, including housing, economic development, and social equity. RI Sustainable Communities is eager to involve additional municipal, non-profit, and business representatives in the committees; if you are interested in participating, or if you would like more information on the state's Sustainable Communities project, please contact Melanie Army at melanie.army@doa.ri.gov or Chris Witt at chris.witt@doa.ri.gov. Information is also available on the [RI Sustainable Communities website](#).



2012 Southern New England APA Conference

The 2012 Southern New England APA Conference will be held September 20 to 21 in the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. Discover Hartford and reconnect with colleagues. Over 35 conference sessions address the information communities need today and for planning for tomorrow. Mobile workshops will take attendees out into the city and the region to experience planning in action. The conference also features over 100 session speakers and keynote guest speakers. On line [registration](#) for the conference is available. Additional information is available on the [Southern New England APA website](#).

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Water Resources Board

Scheduled for August 20 at 1:00 p.m.; meeting location will be posted on the [Secretary of State's website](#). The Finance Committee meets one hour prior to the board in the same location. For the latest schedule information please see the [Board calendar](#).

Transportation Advisory Committee

Scheduled for August 23 at 6:30 p.m.; Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. For the latest schedule information please see the [Committee Calendar](#)

State Planning Council

The August meeting has been **cancelled**. For the latest schedule information please see the [Committee Calendar](#).

Technical Committee

The August meeting has been **cancelled**. For the latest schedule information please see the [Committee Calendar](#).

RIGIS Executive Committee

No meeting scheduled for August. For more information on the committee, please click [here](#). Meeting agendas can be found [here](#).

Housing Commission

No meeting scheduled for August. For the latest schedule information please see the [Secretary of State calendar](#).

Municipal Training Offered

Achieving Mixed Use Zoning, Incentives, Design Guidelines

The Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative is offering, and South Kingstown is hosting, a workshop for Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and other interested parties in all Rhode Island communities. The workshop has been developed to help local officials understand and make effective use of the range of regulatory tools and incentives that are available to promote mixed use development. Presenters from The Cecil Group and Union Studio Architects (formerly Donald Powers Architects) will be conducting the workshop.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, September 25 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Neighborhood Guild, 325 Columbia Street, Peace Dale.

This workshop is free of charge but seating is limited. Advance registration by Tuesday, September 18 is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 273-5711 ext. 6.



Economic Development Investment Assistance

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is accepting applications for public works or planning grants for consideration in the first quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 (October – December 2012). Applicants are required to submit their applications to the Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Planning for State Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Certification prior to the submission to the Economic Development Administration. Draft applications should be sent to [Kevin Nelson](#) at the Division of Planning.

The Division of Planning must certify that the proposal meets federal and state criteria. Certified projects are placed on a "Priority Project List" which qualifies these projects to compete for grants under EDA's Public Works and Development Facilities Program. Eligible applicants include cities and towns, State agencies, academic institutions, public or private non-profit organizations acting in cooperation with State or local government, regional non-profit economic development organizations, and Indian Tribes.

A new link to detailed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy information is available at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/intergovt.htm or by contacting Kevin Nelson at kevin.nelson@doa.ri.gov or at 222-2093.

On the Move

Geographic Mobility in Rhode Island

For many, the moving truck is a symbol of neighborhood change, for better or for worse. Planners pay attention to the tendency of residents to move, or their “geographic mobility,” for many reasons. *Who, where, and how often* are important questions about geographic mobility; the availability of jobs and housing can drive decisions about where



people move, and conversely, the places where people want to live often attract businesses

and development. Learn more about geographic mobility patterns in Rhode Island in this month’s Census Bulletin, to be posted at www.planning.ri.gov/

Division of Municipal Finance

Municipal Memo: This Legislative Reference Service can be found at www.muni-info.ri.gov/legislation. The 2012 Municipal Memo has two separate sections: Introductions, and Municipal Legislation Enacted. Both current and past annual issues are available at this site.

Directory of City & Town Officials: This 2012 directory, updated to August 6, is available [here](#). The 2012 edition comes in two parts. Section 1 is City and Town Officials, Section 2 is State and Municipal Officials. The 2012 directory is only available electronically.

Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative/Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Electronic Calendar

The calendar is available for use by elected and appointed municipal officials and planners, citizen advocates, the natural resource protection community and the design and development community. Please see www.communityconnectionri.org for more information.



Office of Training and Development

The [Office of Training and Development course schedule](#) for Summer and Fall classes is now available. This schedule includes Introduction and Intermediate Microsoft Excel, Introduction to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Access Fundamentals and Design, and Maintaining and Improving Customer Relations. Information on [Rhode Island College Office of Continuing Education Professional Studies and Continuing Education](#) courses is also available.

Check the website for specific classes, times, and registration information. Please contact [Melissa Day](#) by email or at 222-2178 if you have any questions,

RIGIS Upcoming Event Calendar

The [RIGIS](#) (Rhode Island Geographic Information System) [upcoming event calendar](#) displays basic information on the programs and events. If you are interested in adding an event to this calendar, please submit the event details to [RIGIS Coordinator Shane White](#).

