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East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) to Host Community Meetings

EBRCOA will host a series of community meetings in March and April 2017 to discuss the organization's plans to expand services available to seniors across East Baton Rouge Parish and gather public input.

"We hope the Baton Rouge community will join us at the upcoming community meetings to learn about our plans to expand the great services the council provides for seniors from across this community," said Dr. Brandon Dumas, EBRCOA Board Chair.

EBRCOA, under the oversight of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, currently receives funding from federal, state, local and private philanthropic funds to support 18 service programs and 15 senior centers and nutritional sites. In November 2016, the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish approved a new millage that provides additional funding to the organization. This additional funding will be used by EBRCOA to expand its services and eliminate current waiting lists.

Tasha Clark-Amar, EBRCOA CEO stated, "Every day we are entrusted with the great mission of supporting and caring for the seniors of our parish. The need for services is real and growing, and our seniors are part of what makes Baton Rouge such a special place."

In addition to the community meetings hosted at senior centers around the parish, the Millage Implementation Task Force will meet in April 2017. The Task Force is comprised of seniors, representatives from governmental agencies, elected officials, faith-based organizations and non-profit agencies from across the parish. Formed to assist and advise the COA Board and staff, the Task Force will provide input and oversight as funds are received and plans for expanded services are implemented.

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 16, 2017 · 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Dumas House Senior Center – 1313 North Sherwood Forest, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 · 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Florida Blvd. Senior Center – 5790 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Thursday, March 23, 2017 · 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Capital City Event Center – 6955 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 · 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Pearl George Senior Center – 4000 Gus Young Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Friday, March 31, 2017 · 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Charles R. Kelly Community Center – 3535 Riley Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Millage Implementation Task Force Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 · Noon to 1:30 PM
Botanic Garden at Independence Park – 7950 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Thursday, April 6, 2017 · 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Central Senior Center – 6923 Oak Cluster Drive, Central, LA 70739

Thursday, April 6, 2017 · Noon to 1:30 PM
Baker Senior Center – 3334 Jefferson Avenue, Baker, LA 70714

Monday, April 10, 2017 · 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
United Health Care Homewood Aquatic Center – 3653 Granada Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 · 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Foster Road Baptist Church Senior Center – 11333 Foster Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70811

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The EBRCOA was founded in 1973 to serve seniors (persons over 60 years of age) who live in East Baton Rouge Parish, through 15 senior centers and 16 service programs. EBRCOA is also an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) with oversight from the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs and the ability to utilize the federal Older American's Act (OAA) funds to leverage funding resources (federal, state, local, and private philanthropic dollars) to expand and improve for services. seniors. More information about EBRCOA is available online at www.ebrcoa.org.