



MEDIA ADVISORY:

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Local and national housing advocates to examine rural housing options for older adults in Lenoir County

KINSTON -- Like many parts of the state and nation, older adults in Lenoir County are challenged by the lack of affordable, suitable housing that can help them age in their homes and communities.

With the assistance of the RL Mace Universal Design Institute, AARP North Carolina is sponsoring a Community Forum at 2:00 pm, on, Wednesday, January 26, that will bring together national, state, and community leaders to find ways to increase and improve housing options with a special focus on rural housing in Lenoir County.

The goal of the community forum is to drive growth in affordable, appropriate housing for older adults and it is open to those who register at: <https://bit.ly/LenoirCoHousing>

Invited presenters include:

- Don Hardy, *Mayor, City of Kinston*
- Aaron Gaskins, *USDA Rural Development Housing Program*
- Andi Reese, *Lenoir County Council on Aging*
- Linda Rouse-Sutton, *Lenoir County Board of Commissioners*
- Richard Duncan, *Executive Director, RL Mace Universal Design Institute*
- Rodney Harrell, *Vice President, Family, Home and Community, AARP*
- Rosalie Calarco, *Associate State Director for the Coastal Region, AARP NC*
- Bobby Funk, *Mills Construction*

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