

## **Aging Leadership Planning Team**

The North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has received a three-year grant to design and implement a "Planning for Aging" initiative. The Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has been chosen as a pilot AAA to work hand-in-hand with the DAAS throughout this project. The AAA has subsequently chosen Wilson County in which to establish an Aging Leadership Planning Team. This is an honor for the **Wilson County Council on Aging** and their Senior-Friendly Communities Initiative and will ultimately benefit the older adults residing in Wilson County, as well as having an intergenerational impact.

It is the vision for this initiative that North Carolina will be a *livable and senior friendly state*. The mission is that each county in North Carolina will implement an Aging Leadership Planning Team in order to create culture and systems changes in the community to promote independence, dignity and choice for older adults. The Team will be taking a *Consumer Driven Approach*, which means that before funding and program decisions are made, the voice of senior adults will be heard.

**The Wilson County Council on Aging meets the third Tuesday of each month from 3:30PM until 4:30 PM at the Wilson County Senior Activity Center located at 1808 South Goldsboro Street** (next to the NC Dept. of Motor Vehicles and the Agriculture Building). Senior adults, their caregivers, resource providers and organizations serving our Wilson County senior adult population are encouraged to attend these meetings and get involved in helping to make Wilson County livable and senior friendly for our growing senior population.

For further information on this aging planning initiative contact Heather Proctor, Director of the Area Agency on Aging at 252-446-0411. For information on the Wilson County Council on Aging contact Denise Stinagle, Assistant County Manager at 252-399-2804 for a current listing and contact information for the officers of the Council on Aging.