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Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Hires Executive Director

The Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Executive Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Chad Eggen has been selected to serve as the executive director of the organization. Eggen will begin his duties on April 16, 2015.

Mr. Eggen is very familiar with regional planning commissions and the role they play in providing services to local governments. He held the position of regional planner and grant writer for the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission in Ashland, Missouri from 2010 to 2012. He has also served on the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee. Having most recently served as the administrator for the City of New Madrid, Missouri, Eggen also brings firsthand knowledge of the many issues faced by communities.

"I am honored to accept this position, and I appreciate the opportunity the Board has entrusted in me to lead the organization," said Eggen. "I am very excited and eager to work with the professional staff, county and city officials and other stakeholders in the region. Working together and collaborating, I believe we can make a difference. I look forward to meeting people, being an advocate for the region and continuing the mission of promoting development and planning for the future."

Through the positions he has held, Eggen has gained experience collaborating with elected officials, economic development groups, chambers of commerce, schools and various advisory groups. He began his career in public service working in state government for the Missouri General Assembly and holds a master's degree in public administration.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Chairman Murray Bruer stated that he is very pleased the executive board has found such a qualified new director for the organization. "I have spoken with Chad and I feel he has the potential to further the growth of Boonslick RPC," shared Bruer. "We are looking forward to his joining our organization."

Welcome, Chad! We look forward to working with you.



Just-a-Note



As mentioned in our most recent newsletter, BRPC is seeing changes. Beginning on April 16th, Mr. Chad Eggen will take over the duties of executive director for the organization. The staff is looking forward to working with Chad in our efforts to serve the BRPC

membership. We would like to thank the BRPC Executive Board members for their work in filling the executive director position. They devoted many hours to meetings, reviewing resumes, interviews, and making a hiring decision. We recognize the many demands on their time and appreciate their willingness to serve in leadership roles for the organization.

A special thanks to BRPC Chairman Murray Bruer. Throughout the transitions he has been in close con-

tact with staff and has always been willing to take a call or stop by the office to make sure everything was going well.

To the BRPC staff—thank you all for making sure that projects moved forward, reports were prepared and our communities continued to be served.

Lastly, thank you to BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer who stepped in once again to serve as interim director during this time of transition. Chuck made every effort to see that BRPC not

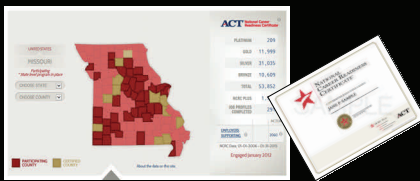
only “kept the doors open” but also moved forward.

One of the definitions of “community” is a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common interests and goals. BRPC certainly demonstrated a sense of community as everyone worked together through the recent changes in leadership.

Thanks to all,
Jane Cale
BRPC Office Manager

*Coming together is a beginning.
Staying together is progress.
Working together is success.*
-Henry Ford

Warren County Officially Designated a “County in Progress” in its Goal of Being Designated as a Work Ready Community



Congratulations to Warren County for being officially designated a “County in Progress” in its goal of being designated as a Work Ready Community! In 2012, Missouri was selected as one of the first seven states to participate in the Certified Work Ready Communities (CWRC) initiative. This is a voluntary initiative guided by key leaders in each county. Achievement of CWRC status recognizes that:

- A county can provide and deliver a quality workforce with the skills employers need to be “work ready”
- Goals have been met for individuals in the workforce earning a National Career Readiness Certificate
- Goals have been met for local business engagement

Warren County has been given until January 16, 2017 to submit the appropriate documentation required to meet full certification. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper at jtoerper@boonslick.org.



Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper (at far right) leads a group of business, educational, workforce development and community leaders in a planning session. A special thanks to Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jan Olearnick who has taken the lead role in engaging local businesses in the process as the county works toward this designation.



East Central Missouri Recycling Center Celebrates 5th Anniversary on Earth Day



Five years ago on April 22, 2010—which happened to be the 40th anniversary of Earth Day—the East Central Missouri Recycling Center held its grand opening. Elected officials, representatives from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District, and members of the Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the occasion. Residents from the surrounding area arrived on the very first day to recycle material. The picture above and those at right are from the event.

Top 5 Reasons to Recycle

- Conserves natural resources
- Reduces the need for landfills
- Prevents pollution
- Saves energy
- Creates jobs

The recycling center represents a collaborative effort by local governments. It serves the counties of Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren. Since opening, more that 900 tons of material has been recovered for reuse instead of going to landfills.

BRPC operates the recycling center and Chris Walch has served as the manager for the facility since its opening. Efforts are made to expand the types of items collected whenever possible. A complete list of items that are accepted can be found at www.boonslick.org/recycling-center/. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, please feel free to call BRPC staff at (636) 456-3473.



Earth Day is April 22nd. Pledge an act of "Green"

Unplug unused appliances...Pick up litter...Recycle...Plant a garden...Ride a bike instead of driving...

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News & Notes

Missouri Career Center Career Consultant Janice Dickmeyer recently accepted another job opportunity. Her last day of work was March 27th. Janice had been a member of the BRPC staff since April 2009. She was the leader of the "Welcome Team" in the career center and helped individuals in the region find employment and access training opportunities for which they were eligible. Janice also led several workshops to help job seekers learn computer and interview skills. BRPC would like to offer sincere thanks to Janice for her years of service, and our wishes for much success as she moves on to a different path in her career.



Community Forum on Transportation Challenges & Opportunities



BRPC, in conjunction with the Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council, organized and hosted a community forum on Tuesday, April 7th. A panel of professionals responded to questions about transportation needs and options in Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles and Warren counties. BRPC Mobility Coordinator Deana Dothage served as moderator for the event. The featured speaker was Dr. James D. Stowe from the Washington University Neuroscience Driving Laboratory. His presentation was titled "Profiles of Transportation & Aging". Participants gave positive feedback.

Job Fair & Veterans Resource Fair



April 23, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elks Lodge

1101 East Veterans Memorial Pkwy
Warrenton, Missouri

This event is open to all job seekers.
Veteran honor hour is from 10:00 to 11:00.

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

April

- 15 Community Agency Partnership meeting—BRPC
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 Veteran Job & Benefit Fair—Warrenton Elks Lodge

Career Center Workshop Calendar

The Missouri Career Center in Warrenton offers **free workshops for job seekers** each month. Please contact us at (636) 456-9467 if you are interested in an April or May calendar.

