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# BRPC Bulletin

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## Work Progressing on Infrastructure for CertainTeed

It has been approximately one year ago that a groundbreaking ceremony was held for CertainTeed's new \$100 million manufacturing and distribution center in Jonesburg, Missouri. The project is expected to create 100 new full-time jobs within 5 years.

When complete, the complex, which includes a 60,000 square foot manufacturing facility and 150,000 square foot warehouse, will serve as the production and distribution site for residential roofing shingles.

BRPC worked with the City of Jonesburg to obtain funding from both the CDBG program and EDA to extend utilities to the new CertainTeed site. The

project will construct a rail spur to facilitate shipping raw materials into the plant and finished product out. In addition, water and sewer lines will be extended from the City of Jonesburg to the site, with construction slated to begin July 21st.

MoDOT and Montgomery County PWSD #1 also played roles in the project. MoDOT installed a turn lane to make it easier for trucks entering the complex. The water district constructed a 350,000 gallon water tower and drilled a well to serve the water needs of the plant.

The CertainTeed project has been a great example of many entities working together to improve the region.



## Voters to Decide on Sales Tax Increase for Transportation on August 5th

On August 5, 2014, Missouri voters will decide on Constitutional Amendment 7, a ballot measure to temporarily raise Missouri's sales tax by 3/4 of a cent. Tax would not be charged on food, prescription medicine or gasoline. If passed, approximately \$540 million per year would be generated for various transportation purposes.



The amendment's provisions include the creation of a project list prior to the election so Missourians can see what their tax dollars would fund. Several transportation projects from the Boonslick Region are included on the list. The complete list of projects for the Northeast District is available on our site— <http://boonslick.org/>

## Message from Mike



Since beginning as the executive director for Boonslick Regional Planning Commission in April of this year, I have been working to get to know staff members and learn about the many programs and services the organization provides. In addition, I have made efforts to meet BRPC's membership—those of you who serve your local communities and counties.

As I worked to learn more about you, it occurred to me that the BRPC membership might benefit from learning

more about the organization. With this in mind, BRPC will begin publishing a newsletter to keep you informed about our activities. Initial plans are to publish it monthly; however, we may decide that a quarterly newsletter will allow for enough of an opportunity to share information. Please let us know what you think.

As I reported at the general membership meeting in June, the BRPC Executive Board held a planning session on June 19th. Board members discussed the

strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and potential threats for both the organization and the Boonslick Region. Using this information, we will move forward with planning the best methods for us to work together to meet challenges and improve the quality of life in the region.

It is a pleasure to be working at BRPC. My door is always open, so please feel free to contact me by calling 636.456.3473 or emailing [msutherland@boonslick.org](mailto:msutherland@boonslick.org).

**Information  
for  
First  
Responders**

## FirstNET in Data Collection Phase

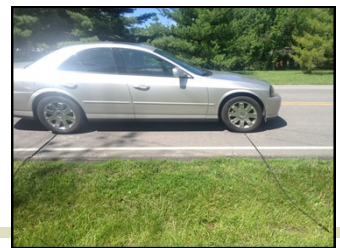
The second in a series of five FirstNET meetings was held at BRPC on July 9<sup>th</sup> with public service agencies from across the Boonslick region present. Team members were asked to help Missouri's Department of Public Safety FirstNET team collect data from first responder agencies in the region using an on-line mobile data survey tool. The data will be used to develop a list of state-wide requirements with which to align FirstNET capabilities. The FirstNET concept uses a nation-wide dedicated wireless network to provide first responders with real-time voice and data capability using commercial off-the-shelf equipment.

## Homeland Security Grant Applications Due August 15th

The Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee held its summer meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Eureka and completed the FY14 Grant Application Workshop training session. Funding for Region C was set at \$160,813 inclusive of BRPC's stipends. Applications for Missouri's State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) must be submitted into the WebGrants system by close of business on August 15<sup>th</sup>. You may contact BRPC Planner Mark Cunningham at [mcunningham@boonslick.org](mailto:mcunningham@boonslick.org) for further information.

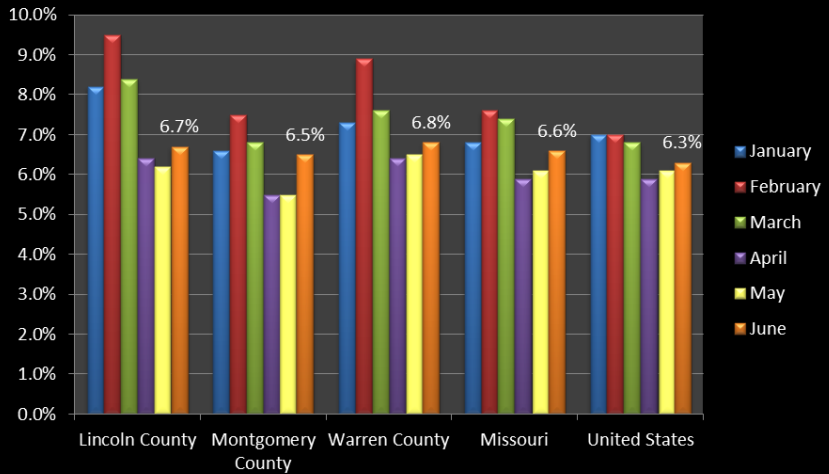
## Innsbrook Counts Traffic Attending Fireworks Display

BRPC Program Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer is shown below setting up equipment to conduct a traffic count. Counters were placed just north of the entrance to Innsbrook on Highway F. Data collected includes the number of vehicles, speed, volume at particular times of day, and the direction vehicles are traveling. Traffic counts can be a useful tool for communities with regard to safety and planning. If you are interested, please contact Chuck for information at [chucke@boonslick.org](mailto:chucke@boonslick.org).



## Unemployment Rates for June 2014 Just Released

Unemployment rates in the Boonslick Region are following the same trend as those for the State of Missouri and the U.S. Rates had been decreasing, although there was a slight uptick in the months of May and June. Rates in Lincoln and Warren Counties are at 6.7% and 6.8% respectively—just above that for the state. With a rate of 6.5%, Montgomery County is just below.



## MO 47 at Hopewell Hill Temporarily Closed



Highway 47 at Hopewell Hill is temporarily closed to traffic as work is being done to complete the new 3/4 mile section of the route. Plans are to reopen the highway on or around August 5th.

During the closure, detours will be marked over Routes M and O.

The new section of MO 47 will have 11'

wide lanes with 4' paved shoulders. The 12 existing curves have been softened to 3 curves and edge line rumble strips will be added to increase safety.



## Upcoming Recycling Events in the Region

### Lincoln County Recycling Day

Lincoln County is holding a recycling event in August for residents. The East Central Missouri Recycling Center will supply a trailer to collect paper, cardboard, #1 and #2 plastics, glass and aluminum cans. Electronics will also be collected.

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to noon**



Lincoln County Justice Center  
45 Business Park Drive  
Troy, Missouri  
Call (636) 528-6300 for information

### Free Pesticide Collection for Missouri Households & Farmers

The Department of Natural Resources will be providing Missouri residents with a convenient, free opportunity to properly dispose of pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides and fungicides.

For more information, visit [www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

**Saturday, July 26, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

City of Washington  
Public Works Building  
#4 Chamber Drive,  
Washington, Missouri





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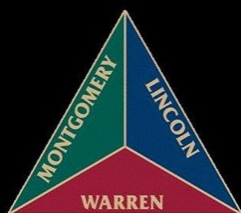
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## BRPC Mission

To improve the quality of life in the Boonslick Region (Lincoln, Montgomery & Warren counties) through community, economic and workforce development initiatives; conserving and protecting natural resources; protecting the citizens through emergency planning and preparedness activities; promoting efficiency in governmental programs through sound planning practices; and promoting collaborative approaches to regional challenges.



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Please feel free to contact us for assistance.

## Funding Opportunities

- Community Development Block Grant cycle for funding of water and wastewater projects is open year-round.
- Homeland Security grants are available and due by August 15th.
- Loans are available for businesses within the region through BRPC's revolving loan fund.

**Let us know if your community has a need.**

## Calendar of Events

### July

26 Free pesticide collection, City of Washington

### August

5 Election Day

5 Highway 47 to be reopened for traffic.

12 Region I SWMD Executive Board & Advisory Committee meeting

15 FY14 grant applications for homeland security funding requests due

16 Lincoln County Recycling Event

## 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 August calendar.