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Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Awarded Youth Contract

The Northeast Missouri Workforce Investment Board has announced that BRPC has been awarded a contract to serve the youth in Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. The contract period for the Youth program runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The program will be implemented by Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper and Youth Workforce Specialist Cindy Schwada.

During the previous program year 150 area youth were served, including both those in school and out of school. Staff is dedicated to serving this population in our counties and is very excited to offer a new series of workshops designed specifically for the youth. Several local business people have volunteered to lead workshops in their perspective fields. It is agreed that the workshops are not to be used to promote their businesses, but rather a time to educate the youth participants.



The first workshop took place on May 20th. Department of Revenue Director Mr. John Harris explained what to expect when applying for a driver's license. He also provided information regarding what is required to license a vehicle and the importance of the documents.

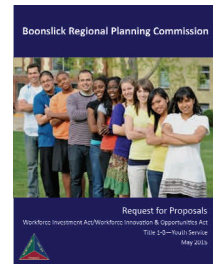
"I thought the workshop was interesting and informative, especially for those who had never owned a vehicle before." — Justin Myers, Youth program participant

Also presenting information was Mr. Chuck Martin of Mechanical Motion in Warrenton, Missouri. When buying their first vehicle, most young people will be purchasing a used car. Mr. Martin explained what to look for and how to spot things that might indicate a vehicle has some issues.



Future workshops are planned. The staff's goal is to cover topics that target real life experiences and issues our youth are facing.

Please look inside this issue for employment opportunities for youth in our area!



Director's Update



Greetings and welcome to the Director's Update. It's been a fast eight weeks and I'm delighted to be a part of the BRPC family.

There are new and ongoing projects in every county of the region. I am excited about the opportunities they bring for the communities we serve. The EDA projects for CertainTeed in Jonesburg and Bodine in Troy are moving forward. A pre-construction meeting was held on May 28th for the Highway 19 overpass project in Montgomery County and contractors have been given the notice to proceed. Construction should begin in the next 30 days on the new Hawk

Point FPD fire station in Truxton.

BRPC staff has been working on additional projects including traffic counts for Warren County and GIS work in Montgomery County. Upcoming water and wastewater projects are also on the horizon for some of our communities.

We are excited that BRPC has again been awarded the contract to serve the youth in our region. Congratulations to the Career Center staff for their efforts! There are additional summer job opportunities for youth.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in the

region. We will strive to promote efficiency and effectiveness internally and to collaborate with our planning partners, communities, and counterparts to overcome challenges, to think regionally and to plan for the future.

BRPC is here for you. If you have any questions, need assistance of any nature or would like a staff member to attend one of your meetings, please don't hesitate to contact the office at (636) 456-3473 or email ceggen@boonslick.org. The BRPC general membership meeting will be held on Monday, June 22nd. I hope you are able to attend and look forward to seeing those I have not yet had the pleasure to meet.



Mo RIDES News

A carpool program has been added as another feature of the MO RIDES transportation referral service. The purpose is to facilitate travel to and from the workplace or school by establishing carpools for commuters. Use of the carpool service is voluntary and entirely at the discretion of participants. A person may register for services whether or not they have a vehicle or the ability to drive. By submitting a Carpool Profile via the website, information will be entered into MO RIDES carpool database. Carpool matches are made by MO RIDES staff and based on proximity of home and work addresses, similarity of work schedules, and commute preferences. When a carpool match is located, the participant will be contacted by MO RIDES Mobility Coordinator Deana Tucker Dothage. Carpool participants are completely responsible for the operation of their carpools.

A driving retirement page has been added to the MO RIDES website. For aging drivers, or drivers with health issues which limit driving, there are resources for continued safe driving. Most people adapt well to driving retirement and are satisfied with their decision within months of stopping, especially if they have planned ahead for the change. The message for this new feature: "Consider making MO RIDES a part of your plan".



MO RIDES has received in excess of 400 calls for ride referrals since the website launched December 18, 2014. BRPC Mobility Coordinator Deana Dothage is available to speak at meetings for government, social service agencies, service organization, churches, health care facilities and more. To schedule a MO RIDES presentation, contact Deana at (636) 359-4656 or email ddothage@boonslick.org. She will explain how the program works and will share success stories of helping people get where they need to go.

Employment Opportunities for Area Youth!



This summer, young Missourians will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience to prepare for tomorrow's careers while enjoying the beauty of Missouri's state parks and historic sites. The Missouri State Parks Youth Corps will challenge participants to "Think Outside" by accomplishing interesting projects that help preserve the state park system. In addition to leadership skills that will prepare them for success in future careers, the program will bolster an appreciation for the outdoors.

Missouri youth **17 to 24** years of age (Some eligibility requirements will apply)

May 1—December 31, 2015

Minimum wage—\$8.00/hour Length of employment—300 hours

APPLY NOW!!!

Please visit thinkoutside.mo.gov to review the guidelines and apply.



Missouri Summer Jobs Program

This summer, Missouri businesses have a unique opportunity to benefit from talented, motivated young workers and help build a 21st-century workforce for our state. The Missouri Summer Jobs Program will connect income eligible youth and young adults, ages 16 to 24, to an exciting work experience. A substantial amount of jobs will be provided through community businesses and organizations. Focus areas will be targeted to high growth, emerging industries, including STEM careers (science, technology, engineering and math).

Program Goals

- Prepare youth for workforce
- Provide summer work experience for youth in our communities
- Partner with community businesses and organizations

Expected Outcomes

- Community businesses will benefit from youth in their workplace while giving a young person a crucial career building opportunity
- Youth participants will gain valuable job readiness training, work experience, and leadership development

Who Can Participate?

- Youth ages 16-24 who meet income eligibility and other criteria
- Large and small businesses, non-profit and for-profit, public and private in Northeast Missouri region

Why Should a Business Participate?

- WE pay the wages and workers' compensation and make sure YOU get the right candidate
- You can help develop the next generation of high-tech, highly trained workers for your industry
- You provide an invaluable learning experience and crucial career building opportunity for a youth or young adult

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DRAFT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program 2016-2020

The Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for fiscal years 2016 through 2020 is available at <http://www.modot.org/>. The comments that were received by June 5th will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for review before considering the final STIP for approval at the July 1, 2015 Commission meeting. The STIP sets forth the specific construction projects MoDOT will undertake in the next five years. It covers highways and bridges, transit, aviation, rail, waterways, enhancements and other projects.

The projects included in the draft STIP for the Boonslick Region were prioritized by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Thanks to the TAC for its effort and time in identifying and prioritizing the regional projects!

DRAFT STIP Boonslick Projects:

Lincoln County

- Replace bridge over Crooked Creek 1.5 miles south of Rte. C near Moscow Mills.

Montgomery County

- Pavement repair from the Callaway County Line to the St. Charles County line Pavement improvements on eastbound lanes from the Callaway County line to 1.1 miles west of Rte. 161 near Mineola
- Guard cable repair on I-70 in Montgomery and Warren Counties
- Pavement improvements on eastbound lanes from 1.1 miles west of Rte. 161 to 2 miles east of Rte. F near New Florence
- Bridge improvements over Loutre River 2.2 miles west of Rte. 161 near Danville
- Pavement treatment from 0.2 mile east of Bluffton Road to Rte. 19 near McKittrick
- Pavement treatment from Rte. AA to end of state maintenance near Wellsville

Warren County

- Replace bridge over Koch's Creek 0.3 mile south of Rte. N near Marthasville

Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015 has been approved by SEMA and FEMA pending receipt of adoption resolutions in June from the participating jurisdictions and school districts.

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

June

- 17 Community Agencies Partnership Meeting—BRPC at 9:30
- 22 BRPC General Membership Meeting—BRPC at noon

