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City of Hawk Point Water Improvement Project



Work is progressing on the City of Hawk Point's water improvement project. A new 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank has been constructed which will enable the city to meet the daily demands of the community without having water shortages. It will also enable the city to meet Missouri Department of Natural Resources regulations. The photos above show the progression as work is being done on the tower which still needs to be painted inside and out.

Although the city has done a quality job of maintaining its water system, the distribution lines varied in age and condition. Undersized and deteriorated lines in the oldest part of the community are being replaced. Nearly 15,000 lineal feet of water distribution lines will be replaced. Additional lines are being constructed to connect the new system to the current system.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission worked with the City of Hawk Point to obtain funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$499,250 for this project. Additional funding came from USDA Rural Development with a grant of \$495,000 and a loan of \$1,155,000.

This water improvement project will greatly enhance the water quality and availability for the community of Hawk Point. A growing number of cities may face needed improvements to their water and wastewater systems due to age and changes in regulations. If you anticipate that your community might be in such a position, please contact BRPC so that staff might begin the process of helping you meet those infrastructure needs.



Message from Mike



The last four and a half months have passed by quickly. It seems like it was just April and now schools are back in session and summer is nearly over. As you read this month's newsletter you can see that BRPC is working on a wide variety of projects throughout the region. One of the things I have learned in the past four months is that there are many ways BRPC can serve the cities and counties in our region—from grant writing and administration to community planning and technical services to name just a few. If there is a way you think we can help you successfully serve your constituents we want to know.

As I mentioned, the summer has passed quickly and it looks like the fall will also be a busy time. The Transportation Advisory Committee will continue its quarterly meetings starting next month on September 25. Amendment 7 may not have passed, but transportation planning is still as important as ever. The next quarterly meeting for the BRPC general membership is also just around the corner. It is set for Sept. 22. I hope all of you can attend. It is never too early to start thinking about grant opportunities. While water and sewer grants can be submitted throughout the year, many

other grant periods don't end until next summer. That deadline may seem far off, but now is the time to start thinking about ideas and needs for your communities. We can start researching potential funding opportunities so that when the time comes we are ready to move forward and apply. The way I see it, our job is to help you be successful. An open line of communication is the best tool we have to do this. If you have an issue or idea, let us know. Our great staff is ready for the challenge. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and if there is ever anything you need, please contact me by calling 636.456.3473 or emailing msutherland@boonslick.org.

Welcome
Deana
Dothage!

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that Deana Dothage has been hired as a Mobility Coordinator. The Mobility Coordinator will serve a five county region which includes Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles and Warren.

In this position, Dothage will work to identify and remove transportation barriers for people in the region—especially senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities or with low-to-moderate incomes. Under the direction of the BRPC Executive Director, Dothage will coordinate efforts to enhance the availability and access to transportation services by establishing and operating a one-call center.

The Mobility Coordinator is a two-year, full-time grant-funded position. Deana will begin work on August 25th and can be reached at ddothage@boonslick.org.



Mobility Coordinator Hired

2014 Governor's Conference on Economic Development

The 2014 Governor's Conference on Economic Development will take place September 3-5 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks.



Opening speaker for the conference is Mr. Jon Roberts. Roberts is the principal and managing director of TIP Strategies, Inc. in Austin, Texas. An international leader in economic development, he is not only a practitioner in the field, but has also prepared policy papers on national economic development strategy, published numerous articles and written editorials for major newspapers.

Keynote speaker Thomas L. Friedman is the bestselling author of *The World is Flat* and a columnist for *The New York Times*. He has been awarded three Pulitzer Prizes. His latest bestseller, co-written with Michael Mandelbaum is *That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World it Invented and How We Can Come Back*.

Several informational breakout sessions are scheduled featuring a wide variety of topics including tourism in Missouri, secrets for business attraction and the connection between education and the workforce. If interested in attending, you can register at <http://www.ded.mo.gov/governors-conference>.



Training Opportunities

BRPC and Missouri Career Center staff have been working with East Central College in an effort to provide local training opportunities for the residents in our region. Please share the information with those you think might be interested in attending. Several courses are being planned. **For more information or to register, contact East Central College at (636) 239-0598.**

Workplace Violence Readiness

Thursday, September 25, 2014

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

**BRPC—Large conference room
111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri**

Incidents of workplace violence are becoming more and more common. Come away from this seminar with a comprehensive understanding of best practices that you can immediately apply in your workplace to respond to an act of violence.

\$35 per person

CNA Classes

Beginning Friday, September 19, 2014

9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

**BRPC—Large conference room
111 Steinhagen, Warrenton, Missouri**

Approximately 50 hours of classroom training & 25 hours of on-line training. Students will be placed in an approved facility to complete 100 hours of on-the-job clinical training.

\$1,525—Funding available through MOHealthWINs Grant to qualified applicants.

Students Tour East Central Missouri Recycling Center

Those of you who have met East Central Missouri Recycling Center Manager Chris Walch know he is passionate about recycling. He works hard to see that items are collected to be reused instead of collected to be buried in a landfill. Many people are joining Chris in the realization that, over the years, we have been throwing away valuable resources, filling up limited space and “trashing” items that may leak toxins into our soil and drinking water supply.

Most people want to do the right thing for the environment and simply need to be made aware of the many items that can be reused. Education is the key, and Chris looks forward to opportunities to share information about recycling. Several groups have visited the recycling center since its opening and on Thursday, July 24th, a group of students toured the facility. Chris shared that the students seemed very interested and asked great questions. Below are photos of the tour and a very short video clip can be seen on the BRPC website: <http://boonslick.org/recycling-center/>.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission operates the recycling center for the East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District which includes Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. Located at 24448 South Highway 47 in Warrenton, the drop-off facility is open Tuesday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. For information, call BRPC staff at (636) 456-3473. You may reach Chris at cwalch@boonslick.org



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Missouri's nonfarm payroll employment grew by 13,200 jobs in July, according to seasonally adjusted data released by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The state's unemployment rate held at 6.5 percent.



Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting

The Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency, in association with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, is beginning the process of updating the county's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to reduce or eliminate long term risk to the people and property of the county from the effects of natural hazard events. This approach will ensure that the county's local governments remain eligible for all possible disaster recovery assistance. A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee kick-off meeting will be held at the Montgomery County Ambulance Station, 603 Stoddard Memorial Drive, New Florence; at 6:30pm on September 16th. All incorporated municipalities and school districts within the county must participate in the planning process and legally adopt the updated plan. The general public is invited as well.

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

September

- 1 Labor Day
- 3-5 2014 Governor's Conference on Economic Development
- 8 BRPC Executive Committee Meeting
- 14-17 Missouri Municipal League 80th Annual Conference in St. Charles
- 16 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting
- 16 Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions in Troy, Missouri
- 17 Community Agency Partnership group meeting
- 19 CNA Classes to begin
- 22 BRPC General Membership Meeting
- 25 Workplace Violence Readiness Training
- 25 TAC Meeting

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 a September calendar.

