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BRPC Bulletin

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## BRPC Executive Board

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## Wells Villa, Inc. Receives Grant Funding in the Amount of \$990,000 for Rehabilitation Project in the City of Wellsville



Wells Villa is a 33 unit senior housing complex located in the City of Wellsville. Constructed in 1972, the units were financed through USDA Rural Housing Services. The board of Wells Villa continues to follow the guidelines first established through the USDA program, with the facility serving low income elderly and disabled persons.

Although Wells Villa has an excellent record of unit maintenance, the board does not typically have the funds for capital improvements necessary to boost the structural integrity and functionality of the units. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) worked with board members and submitted an application requesting funding to address needed structural, mechanical, and service upgrades. Planned upgrades included replacing existing shingle roofs with metal roofs, repairing existing porches, replacing siding, replacing doors and windows, renovating bathrooms with ADA-compliant tubs and toilets, rehabbing kitchens, removing and replacing uneven sidewalks, and installing new concrete on existing gravel parking lots.

Wells Villa, Inc. has been awarded \$990,000 in grant funding through the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission will serve as project manager and provide inspection services. If your community faces housing needs, please feel free to contact BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen at [ceggen@boonslick.org](mailto:ceggen@boonslick.org) or (636) 456-3473.



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## Director's Update

Is it spring yet? When will flooding occur this year? What is the probability for a grant opportunity for that, and how do we qualify? These are questions we have been hearing in the last couple of weeks as we transition from winter into springtime. Boonslick staff have been assisting with projects, providing outreach to the communities, and attending workforce programs in the region.



This time of year, we usually talk about the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications, but there is no official word on those due dates yet. As soon as we hear, we will be in touch. Also, if your community needs assistance with another grant funding option/application (FHLB, LWCF, SEMA, FEMA), please call and let us know. You can always email me at [cegggen@boonslick.org](mailto:cegggen@boonslick.org) with any questions.

Workforce development is rolling along with Disaster Recovery Jobs, new installments of Connections to Success, interviewing and onboarding of new hires at Rural King in Warrenton, and the Lincoln County Workforce Development Training Center. We continue to look for ways to bring employers, local organizations, and residents of the region together for jobs, work experiences, training, incentives, and opportunities.

BRPC is here for you. If you require more information, then please don't hesitate to contact us. **Of note, the March General Membership meeting will be on March 30.**

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## Remembering Floyd Weeks



*Floyd Weeks*

While working with its membership, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission staff has been fortunate to meet and get to know local government officials who strive to make their communities great places for residents of the region to live. One such leader was Mr. Floyd Weeks, a former mayor for the City of High Hill. Sadly, Floyd passed away on January 29, 2020.

Mr. Weeks not only represented his city, he also served as a member of the BRPC Executive Board from 2004 to 2013. During his tenure on the Executive Board, Mr. Weeks was instrumental in the board's decision for BRPC to move into its own building instead of renting inadequate space at increasing costs. BRPC moved to its current location and celebrated with an open house event in April 2006.



*Left to right: Montgomery County Presiding Commissioner Ryan Poston, Warren County Associate Commissioner Hubert Kluesner, and Floyd Weeks.*



*Floyd and Joan Weeks*

Following his service as mayor, Mr. Weeks continued to be supportive of BRPC, attending the organization's 50th anniversary celebration in May of 2018. He and his wife, Joan, also attended the annual meeting that same year. Joan served as the City of High Hill Clerk for many years.

Floyd stepped up to support his community's local events, his church, the Lion's Club, and served on several boards including senior housing, fire district, and the cemetery. We appreciate the service Mr. Weeks gave to the City of High Hill and Boonslick Regional Planning Commission. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Joan and their family. He will be missed.

## Job Fair in Lincoln County



The Missouri Job Center—Warrenton, in collaboration with Veterans' Services and Lincoln County Economic Development, held a job fair on Thursday, February 13, 2020. The event took place at the Lincoln County Health Department in Troy, with twelve employers participating.

In an effort to reach individuals who might benefit from having the event take place later in the day, organizers set the time of the job fair from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thirty five job seekers were in attendance.

With low unemployment, many employers are struggling to find workers who are qualified for their businesses. Job seekers who participated in the event were pleased to leave with several prospects for employment.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission staff members provide the workforce programs for the Job Center. There are programs for youth and adults, and a variety of services available, including free workshops and assistance with creating a resume and searching for jobs. The staff also assists employers in meeting their hiring needs.

For information about programs and services, contact Missouri Job Center-Warrenton Workforce Development Director Janet Hickey at [jhickey@boonslick.org](mailto:jhickey@boonslick.org) or by calling (636) 456-9467.



## Fingerprinting Services Available at BRPC

As a reminder, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has contracted with Idemia to assist with background checks through the Missouri Highway Patrol. BRPC can assist with fingerprinting for employment, record checks, or background screenings.

# IdentoGO<sup>®</sup>

School districts now require parents and grandparents who would like to assist in classrooms or accompany students on field trips to have a background check, including fingerprinting. Staff has seen an increase in traffic due to this requirement, and in 2019, served 3,268 customers.

Many individuals who assumed they might have to drive to the St. Charles or St. Louis areas have expressed appreciation that BRPC offers the fingerprinting services. Those who need the background check must first go to the IdentoGO website and register. Before doing so, they will need to have a 4 digit code from the entity that is requiring the background check. After registering, customers can put in the zip code for Warrenton and they will be able to pick a date and time that works with their schedule to come in for service. Although BRPC accepts walk-in customers, it is important to keep in mind that those who choose this option will have to wait if other customers have scheduled a specific appointment time. If you have questions, please call (636) 456-3473.



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**Job Opportunity Available**



Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is now hiring a full-time manager for the East Central Missouri Recycling Center. The facility is located on Highway 47 just south of Warrenton and serves the counties of Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Warren.

The individual hired for this position will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the recycling center. Interested candidates can visit [boonslick.org](http://boonslick.org) to see a job description and instructions on how to apply.



**Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information**

**February**

- 4 Job Center Outreach, Reach Church, Montgomery City, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 5 Job Center Outreach, Troy Chamber of Commerce, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 9 Warren County Municipal Team meeting, BRPC, 11:30 a.m.
- 12 BRPC closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 Job Fair, Lincoln County Health Department, Troy, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 17 BRPC closed in observance of Presidents' Day
- 18 Region I SWMD Executive Board meeting, BRPC, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Community Agency Partnership meeting, BRPC, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 Job Center Outreach, Winfield City Hall, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 20 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 24 Census Hiring Event, BRPC, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**March**

- 3 Job Center Outreach, Reach Church, Montgomery City, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 3 RB Hiring Event, BRPC, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 4 Job Center Outreach, Troy Chamber of Commerce, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 4 TVS Hiring Event, BRPC, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 18 Community Agency Partnership meeting, BRPC, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 TVS Hiring Event, BRPC, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 30 BRPC General Membership meeting, 12:00 p.m.

The Missouri Job Center-Warrenton offers free workshops each month for job seekers. If you are interested in receiving a calendar, please call (636) 456-9467.

