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Work Progresses on City of Troy Economic Development Project

Construction is progressing well on improvements to Cherry Blossom Way in Troy, Missouri after a rainy spring slowed work at the beginning. The road, which had deteriorated and was not adequate for the volume of traffic it carries, is being completely rebuilt and widened. Improvements to the drainage system are also being made. Cannon General Contractors is performing the work and Cochran Engineering is overseeing the project.

The public infrastructure improvements have been made possible through funding from several sources. The City of Troy contributed \$220,000. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission secured a grant from the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$756,394 and a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the project.

While the improved roadway will benefit motorists in Troy, it will also have an economic impact. Bodine Aluminum, Inc., a major employer in the region, is expanding its facility and plans to create 35 new jobs. The improvements to Cherry Blossom Way will allow for the increased volume of product shipped into and out of the facility.



Director's Update



As the summer weather heats up, so too has BRPC. We have been busy assisting communities with planning and project management, hosting jobs fairs for local companies including CertainTeed, engaging the youth with skills development and employment programs, working with local organizations and citizens on transportation coordination, and promoting community and economic development in the Boonslick region.

By now you should have received your membership invoices in the mail. These funds support the activities and services we provide to

you... our members. This investment allows BRPC to provide staffing and assistance to work with you and to leverage other state and federal monies into the region for additional planning activities, work programs, and projects.

One program that we will be rolling out later this month is the On-Site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program. This grant program seeks to improve water quality in the region and to provide financing to assist homeowners who have failing wastewater systems. Grant funding is available

because of the partnership developed between the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri regional planning commissions. The amount of grant funding available is based on household income guidelines.

BRPC is here for you. If you have any questions, need assistance, 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 cegg@boonslick.org. The next BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting is Aug. 20th and the general membership meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28th.

New Faces at BRPC

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that Mateo (Mat) Tocco has been hired as a youth workforce specialist. Mat, along with BRPC employee Cindy Schwada, will be working to serve individuals ages 14-24 in Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. Through the Youth program, eligible participants are provided with guidance in job searching, resume development and interviewing techniques. They are also given information regarding college planning, financial aid and budgeting, and can be placed with employers to learn valuable work skills. Mat can be reached at mtocco@boonslick.org.



BRPC is also pleased to announce that Justin Myers has been hired as a full time resource room assistant in the Career Center. Justin is helping customers to register on jobs.mo.gov and also assisting them with job search activities and resume preparation. In addition, he has been serving as a back-up for the front desk receptionist. Some of you may have already had the opportunity to meet Justin. He had been a participant in the Career Center Youth program, and due to his success, was hired to be a member of the BRPC staff. We are happy to have him as part of the team and he can be reached at jmyers@boonslick.org.

Career Center Hosts CertainTeed Hiring Event

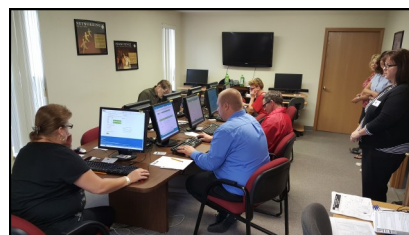


Monday, July 20, 2015 saw the halls of BRPC filled with job seekers attending a CertainTeed hiring event. Over 250

customers visited the Career Center that day. Six CertainTeed employees were on site to interview applicants and expressed their feelings that the event went very well. They were pleased with the caliber of candidates and felt they have many qualified applicants to consider for the new positions within the company.

Missouri Career Center Functional Leader JoAnn Toerper was also pleased, stating that the event was truly a team effort. She expressed thanks to the staff, colleagues, the Division of Workforce Development office, and neighboring career centers for the help they provided.

Since the announcement of CertainTeed's plan to build a manufacturing and distribution center in Jonesburg, many residents have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to apply for work at the facility. CertainTeed is a wonderful example of an economic development project which will provide quality jobs in the region.



CertainTeed plans to have a second hiring event at BRPC on Monday, August 10, 2015. Due to the overwhelming response for the first event, 60 individuals who attended were not able to receive a screening interview. The CertainTeed staff, therefore, plans to use the time from 9:00 a.m.—noon to interview those individuals. They will then see new applicants from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applicants must complete registration through the Missouri Career Center prior to August 10th. For information, contact Career Center staff at (636) 456-9467.

CertainTeed, Inc. is a business which has recognized the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate as a valuable tool in identifying the skills of potential employees. CertainTeed gives preference to applicants who have obtained this certificate. For information, please contact the Missouri Career Center at (636) 456-9467. We will be happy to help you with this process!

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Public Utilities Mapping in Montgomery City

BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer has been busy mapping the public utilities in Montgomery City during the months of June and July. Examples of items included in this inventory are fire hydrants, manholes, and water shut-off valves. Chuck has reported that the on-the-ground footwork is finished and we are now in the mapping phase of the project.

Identification and mapping of these utilities is very beneficial for cities, particularly in the event of a disaster. For example, emergency responders can be provided a map showing the exact location of a gas valve that might need to be shut off.

The cities of Elsberry, Hawk Point and High Hill have expressed interest in similar mapping projects. If you are also interested or would like to have more information, please feel free to contact Chuck at (636) 456-3473 or chucke@boonslick.org.

Recycle-Bowl Competition



Each year Keep America Beautiful offers an opportunity for schools to compete in Recycle Bowl. It is a national initiative to encourage recycling in elementary, middle and high schools across the America. The objectives are to establish new recycling programs within schools, increase recycling rates in schools that currently recycle and to provide teacher/student educational opportunities about recycling and waste reduction. Prizes are awarded. If one of your local schools would like to participate, information is available at www.kab.org. Registration opens August 3rd.

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

August

- 10 CertainTeed Hiring Event—BRPC, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 11 East Central Missouri Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting—BRPC, Noon
- 19 Community Agencies Partnership Meeting—BRPC, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting—BRPC, 11:00 a.m.
- 25 Eastern Missouri Transportation Coordinating Council Meeting—O'Fallon City Hall, 10:00 a.m.

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.

