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Lakeview Subdivision

The City of Elsberry and Lincoln County have helped a small subdivision outside the city limits with its sewer and water problems. Lakeview Subdivision has 54 households that used individual septic tanks for their sewage treatment. Due to changes in regulations, these systems were no longer adequate and needed to be updated. Individual systems were not an option because of the sizes of the lots.

Lakeview formed a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) and authorized the sale of bonds in the amount of \$677,500 to bring the subdivision into compliance. The NID, with Lincoln County's sponsorship, was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$260,000 to install collection lines and transport the waste for treatment to the City of Elsberry. This project is now almost complete.

During the summer of 2012, the subdivision experienced failures to its two water wells. Boonslick Regional Planning Commission approached the Community Development Block Grant program about the possibility of an emergency grant to connect the subdivision to the City of Elsberry's water system. The city was awarded a \$498,600 grant for this project. The project is now complete and the city is providing water to the Lakeview subdivision.

These projects would not have been possible without the cooperation of both the City of Elsberry and Lincoln County. Both projects solved serious problems for the residents of Lakeview Subdivision and the City of Elsberry obtained 54 new water and sewer customers. A good outcome for all parties.



Message from Mike



The beauty of the Boonslick Region is on full display as the leaves change and the harvest is in full swing. As you can see by this month's Calendar of Events, it is a busy time of the year for the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission.

As you look over the events, remember that it is your participation that makes them successful. Economic and community development works best when there is involvement and input from as many community leaders and members as possible. One of the most important things BRPC does is give

communities a chance to work together for the success of our region.

Speaking of economic development, this month I had a chance to attend the Missouri Economic Development Council's fall conference. Presentations hit on a wide variety of topics ranging from building entrepreneurial communities to workforce development to developing innovative strategies for rural economic development. It was an interesting and valuable learning experience for me, considering BRPC is involved in all of these areas.

Just a reminder, applications for MODOT Transportation Enhancement Funds are due by Nov. 14. You should have received the information and application already. If you need more information just let us know.

As always, I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter. If there is anything you would like to see included in future newsletters let us know. We always welcome suggestions. The team at BRPC is always ready to help. Please let us know if there is any way to assist you. Feel free to contact me at (636) 456-3473 or msutherland@boonslick.org.



BRPC Hires Youth Consultant—Welcome Jerri Jordan!

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that Jerri Jordan has been hired as a new Youth Consultant. Jerri, along with BRPC employee Cindy Schwada, will be working to serve individuals ages 14-21 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.

Jerri is a long-time resident of Warren County and has been very active in the community. Her first day of employment will be Monday, October 20th. She can be reached at jjordan@boonslick.org.

City of Hawk Point Water Tower Gets Painted

The City of Hawk Point water improvement project continues to progress. Recently the new water tower was painted. BRPC Community Development Representative Jay Gourley was able to capture a few photos which are seen below. You might also be interested in seeing a short video shot by BRPC Program Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer at Boonslick.org.



Career Center Youth Program... ...Making a Difference

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“The work experience has provided me with many opportunities in life; from social networking to hands-on experience... It has been such a rewarding program.”

—Sean Abekasis

Sean Abekasis entered the Missouri Career Center Youth program in 2009 through the Next Generation Job Training program to participate in a summer work experience. He was placed with Glassford Law in Warrenton and worked as a general office assistant answering phones, filing and making copies. In the fall he returned to classes at the University of Missouri—Columbia and chose pre-law as his major.

Over the next four years, Sean attended classes from August through May and worked in a summer work experience when the school year ended. He had done so well at Glassford Law that in the summer of 2010 he was given more responsibilities including preparing customer files and writing correspondence for staff members. Due to a lack of funding during the summer of 2011, the Youth program was not able to place Sean in a work experience. Glassford Law made the decision to hire him directly even though it was not in their budget. By 2012 Sean's responsibilities had increased to assisting Mr. Glassford with researching laws, preparing and processing legal documents, and accompanying the attorney to court dates.

During the 2012-2013 school year Mr. Glassford moved his practice out of state. When Sean returned for the summer, Career Center staff discussed options with him. Sean hopes to open his own practice one day and thought it would be advantageous to have knowledge of general accounting practices. Sean was placed with Mary Raterman, CPA in Warrenton and started as an office clerk. He performed general office duties which included data entry and checking figures for accuracy. He did such a good job that when he returned in the summer of 2014 his duties were increased to those of a junior bookkeeper. He was responsible for compiling financial records, entering transactions into the accounting software and analyzing information in order to prepare financial reports.

Throughout this time, Sean maintained a 3.8—4.0 GPA at the University of Columbia—Missouri. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in June 2014. Sean plans to move to Australia to complete his master's degree and find employment. He recently received his acceptance letter and passport and has booked his flight for late October.

Congratulations, Sean, and best wishes for continued success!

Low Interest Business Loans Available



Boonslick Regional Planning Commission operates a business revolving loan fund. The fund was capitalized with a grant from the Economic Development Administration and matching funds from BRPC. It operates as a gap financier, acting as the final piece of a loan package with local banks.

The maximum loan size is \$150,000 and interest rates are fixed for the life of the loan. The fund finances both real estate and equipment.

Funds are presently available. Please contact BRPC Assistant Director Steve Brune at brune@boonslick.org if you have a potential project or know of a business that may need additional funding.

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Save the Date—BRPC Annual Meeting

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission will hold its annual meeting for the general membership on **Thursday, December 4, 2014** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Truesdale. We look forward to an evening with a nice meal, good company and the opportunity to celebrate the organization's activities and success.

Please plan to join us!



City of High Hill Mayor Floyd Weeks is recognized by BRPC Chairman Murray Bruer for his years of service on the Executive Board at the 2013 annual meeting.

Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will hold its second meeting between the hours of 2 – 4 in the afternoon at the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission offices in Warrenton on Tuesday, November 18th. 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

November

- 4 Election Day
- 10 Region I Solid Waste Management District annual meeting—BRPC
- 11 Veterans Day—BRPC office will be closed
- 13 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting—BRPC
- 15 America Recycles Day
- 18 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation meeting—BRPC
- 19 Community Agency Partnership group meeting—BRPC
- 24 BRPC Executive Board meeting—BRPC
- 27 Thanksgiving—BRPC office will be closed

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 November calendar.

