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Workforce Updates



The Workforce Development Board MOV is continuing to work with the Laborers Union on apprenticeships. This partnership has been working together for 4 months. This has allowed eligible participants to receive paid training and financial assistance with supportive services such as boots and supplies. The Workforce Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 23, 2018. It was decided that the Youth program will accept RFPs. The RFPs are located on the Workforce website at www.wdvmov.com. There will be a bidders conference held in mid-April to answer questions regarding the RFP. A contract recipient will be determined in May with a start date of July 1.

The MOVRC Senior Companion Program is working on their Annual Bingo Fundraiser. This year's BINGO will be held on June 16, 2018 at noon at The Moose Lodge in Buckhannon, WV.



WELCOME BACK!!!!

The Senior Companion Program would like to welcome back Debbie Wilfong. Debbie will be the Buckhannon Area Coordinator!!



WWW Attends Training

WWW Staff attendend the Partnering for a Better Future Conference in Morgantown April 18-19, 2018. The conference was co-sponsored by the West Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the West Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program. During the two-day conference attendees were presented with information relative to several topics ranging from emerging technology, asset management, safety planning, complete streets, and road bond implementation. The conference also provided opportunities for networking and sharing success stories throughout the state.

In the coming months WWW will complete the Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019 (beginning July 1, 2018). The Work Program focuses on planning emphasis areas identified by the Federal Highway Administration, State Departments of Transportation and the continuation of many planning efforts and studies initiated in previous fiscal years. In FY2019 WWW will focus on addressing the Performance Measures and Target which aims to make transportation investments more transparent, cost effective and performance based. Other activities will include the development of a new Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2023, as well as the development planning studies and data collection activities throughout the region.

For a number of years, WWW has been a partner and stakeholder in the development of bicycle and pedestrian related projects throughout the region. Muskingum Township in Washington County, Ohio which is studying potential corridors for the multi-use trail that will connect the communities of Devola and Marietta, Ohio, held a public meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the Devola Volunteer Fire Company (1286 Masonic Park Road, Marietta, OH 45750) at 4:30 pm for the Devola Multi-Use Trail. The public was given an opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and provide input on potential corridor paths. The project was presented to the public and was followed by a question and answer session. Representatives of the consultant team (Woolpert) were available at posts near presentation boards depicting potential trail alignment to provide information, answer questions and discuss the Study.





The MOVRC Foster Grandparent Program and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held an event at the Ravenswood Senior Center on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to celebrate National Service Recognition Day.

Ravenswood Mayor Josh Miller joined more than 5200 local leaders across the country in a nationwide bipartisan initiative to highlight the impact of national service in tackling local problems in Jackson County.

“National service is a vital resource for *West Virginia*,” said *Mayor Josh Miller of Ravenswood*. “AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers make our counties better places to live. I am grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these exceptional citizens, who are helping make *Jackson County* stronger, safer, and healthier.”

National Service Recognition Day is a nationwide bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service, to thank those who serve, and to encourage more citizens to give back to their communities. This day is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and Cities of Service.

Across the nation, local leaders are participating in a variety of activities, including visiting national service programs, hosting roundtable discussions, issuing proclamations, and communicating the impact of national service through social media. By shining the spotlight on the impact of service and thanking those who serve, local officials hope to inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

“National service shows the best of the American spirit – people turning toward problems instead of away, working together to find community solutions,” said *Mayor Miller*. “Today, as we thank national service members for their commitment, let us all pledge to do our part to strengthen our county through service and volunteering.”

Community Development Code Enforcement Update

MOVRC is close to an official notification of approval of our \$100,000 technical assistance grant, but a few months from ARC's decision on our code enforcement application to them. The good news from the Housing Fund, is that future applications for the technical assistance grant will now consider demolition as an eligible expense. This could be a great resource to allow our communities to address some key dilapidated structures, as more than one town in our region could each apply for up to \$10,000. Please keep in touch with Luke on your bad building needs and consider organizing or updating a bad building registry for your community to prepare for the availability of demolition funds or code enforcement activity.



Mark Your Calendar

Mid April—Workforce Development Board RFP Bidder's Conference

Mid April—Workforce Development Board Committee Meetings for Youth and Adult Programs

June 16, 2018—MOVRC Senior Companion Program Annual Bingo Fundraiser