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Senior Companion Program Celebrates Christmas



Christmas Recognition for the Senior Companion Program was held on December 4, 2018. There were 70 in attendance. Lunch was prepared by Debbie Wilfong, Senior Companion Coordinator in Upshur County. The menu consisted of: baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and cake. A white elephant Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed by all. The tree was decorated with 110 handmade quilted bulbs. The bulbs were given to each participant before the finish of the event. The entertainment for the day was the Braxton County Senior Center Choir. The Senior Companion Program would like to wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



WWW Updates

The West Virginia Division of Transit has partnered with RLS Associates to develop a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for the Region 5 area. The purpose of this plan is to update the 2015 plan and to promote the adequate utilization of Federally funded resources to promote mobility of older adults, individuals with disabilities, people with low incomes, and the general public. The coordinated planning effort is intended to result in the elimination of unnecessary service duplications, improved use of local, State, and Federal transportation dollars, and an overall improvement in transportation services provided within the region.

Ohio's process in Coordinated Plan development differs from West Virginia in that WWW is the lead agency for developing the Coordinated Plan for Washington County. The Ohio plan is also for the county only as opposed to a region, although Ohio is embarking on regional plans on a pilot project level. Last year, the three-year plan for Washington County was approved by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Over the past couple of months, WWW Staff has been working with the Way to Go Committee to prepare the annual update to the three-year plan. The update was submitted to ODOT on November 15 and received notification of ODOT's acceptance of the plan update on November 16.

Various Highway projects continue to be developed in the WWW study area. Some of the higher profile projects include the following:

Wood County, West Virginia

- *WV 14 in Parkersburg—Design Report to continue improvements on WV 14 from Patriot Center in South Parkersburg to Blizzard Drive. The Report is currently being developed. Project Cost \$500,000.*
- *WV 2—Project to reconstruct WV 2 from 2 lanes to 5 lanes from CR 3/8 to just north of WV 31. The design report is being developed. The current schedule calls for right-of-way acquisition in 2019 and construction in 2020. Right-of-Way Cost \$25,500,000, Construction Cost \$36,000,000.*
- *WV 14—Construction contract for Williamstown Roundabout at the intersection of WV 14 and 31 was awarded in September 2018. Project Cost \$4,865,000.*
- *WV 14—Construction and relocation of WV 14 in the Mineral Wells/Pettyville area from CR 21/34 to CR 21/15. Construction is underway. Construction Cost—\$10,947,000. The photograph to the right shows construction activity in the Pettyville area. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2019.*



Washington County, Ohio

- *Marietta River Trail Phase 5—Construction underway on a bike and pedestrian trail from Jefferson Street to Cogswell Lane including a new bridge over Duck Creek. Construction Cost—\$2,775,650.*
- *Marietta traffic signals and interconnected fiber optic system. Project scheduled in fiscal year 2019. Construction is scheduled in fiscal year 2020 at a cost of \$577,340.*

The projects on these lists represent new construction or reconstruction projects. It is not a complete list of projects programmed in the WWW study area. There are numerous other operation and maintenance type projects identified in both Wood and Washington Counties. A complete list of projects is included in the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program which can be viewed on the WWW website at www.triplew.org.



Workforce Development Board

The Workforce Development Board is still working on recruiting mentors for the Career Connections mentoring program. Potential mentors can apply at www.wdbmov.com in the Adult Mentors section under Youth Activities. The Greenbrier Dream Tree program worked with over 100 nonprofit organizations including the Mason County Family Resource Network in collecting and distributing 40,000 gifts to families across a 4 state region. Career Connections staff traveled to Chicago, Illinois for the 2018 Youth Symposium from December 12-14.



Hazard Mitigation Planning & Update

The next step will be a planning meeting in each of our 8 counties between December 2018 and March 2019. Be on the lookout for the date, time, and place of our meeting in your county.

If you have any planning ideas, questions, or concerns please email Meganne Robinson at meganne.robinson@movrc.org.

Please take our Natural Hazards Survey available on PC and mobile devices by following this link <https://bit.ly/2JdLctZ>. Results from this survey will be used to help calculate hazard risks throughout our communities.



Wood County Senior Citizens Association Inc. is participating in the 2018 Subaru Share the Love Event from November 15, 2018 through January 2, 2019.

Over the last ten years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$118 million to help those in need.

By the end of this, the 11th year, Subaru and its participating retailers will have donated over \$140 million to help those in need through the Share the Love Event.

Meals on Wheels has participated in the Subaru Share the Love Event since its inception in 2008.

Through Meals on Wheels America, the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped deliver nearly two million meals to America's seniors.

Subaru and its retailers support Meals on Wheels because it's part of their commitment to leaving the world a better place than they found it through the core values of trust and love.

Wood County Senior Citizens Association has purchased a 2019 Subaru Outback from Louis Thomas Subaru under the special Meals on Wheels promotion. This Outback is necessary for the Meals on Wheels lunch program which delivers a hot lunch to home bound seniors.

Over the past year they delivered 44,629 lunches to seniors across Wood County and 9,290 lunches served at the senior center.

They have a waiting list and this new Subaru will help add another delivery route to increase the capacity to deliver meals. Kitchen staff is currently generating over 200 meals a day. Adding another route of approximately 60-70 more lunches will really stretch their capabilities.

Donations to support the program are necessary in order to maintain grant funding as well as expand operations. Many of the federal and state grants are to meet the day to day expenses and expanding programs takes extra funding that they must raise themselves.

Funding for the new Subaru is still being sought and to date they have received a grant from Dominion Gas Foundation and a few other donors. If you wish to help with the Meals on Wheels program please send the donations to 914 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

