

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MOVRC Monthly Newsletter

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MOV-WIB Receives National Award



NADO President Doug Elliott presents the 2018 Aliceann Wohlbruck Innovation Award to Mayor Randy Rapp, of Workforce Board and MOVRC Executive Director Carol Jackson.

The Aliceann Wohlbruck Innovation Award is presented to NADO members for their creative approaches to advancing regional community and economic development and improved quality of life. These projects have made significant impacts on their regions and demonstrate the diversity of services and program delivery provided by regional development organizations across the country. The 2018 class of award recipients consists of 90 projects panning 24 states. The Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Innovation Board was the only award recipient from the state of West Virginia.

The Workforce Board's pilot program for a Registered Apprenticeship program with the WV Laborers training created a program model for West Virginia's apprenticeship program delivery. The Workforce Innovation Act emphasizes delivery of services to businesses and the increased need for apprenticeship style training.

For other award winning projects visit the award website

<http://nado-app.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

Community Development News

TYLER COUNTY BROADBAND

Consultant Thompson and Litton has performed stakeholder interviews with the County Commission, each Mayor, business people, educators, the library, EDA, and OES and is moving ahead with planning upcoming public input meetings and researching current available fiber locations.

JACKSON COUNTY BROADBAND

The Interview Committee met with three firms on October 3rd and will recommend to the Jackson County Commission that Adtell be advanced to contract negotiations for the preliminary design and bid work for the Sandyville Wireless Broadband project. In a related development, Sprint/TMobile has signed a contract with Jackson County Commission to install cell service on the tower in the future.

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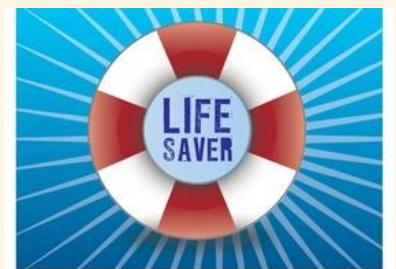
The CCR Joint Broadband Committee meets October 18th at Arnoldsburg Elementary at 6:00 pm for a status update from consultant Design Nine. They will discuss the CCRBDC website and plans for direct mailed public surveys and informational fliers to educate residents on the value of broadband. The Roane County Chamber will host Design Nine and discuss the project at their annual dinner on October 25, 2018, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Heritage Park in Spencer. Dinner tickets are \$35, RSVP to Kim Davis 304-927-1780 by October 19, 2018.

TOWN OF GRANTSVILLE WATER PLAN UPGRADE

The Town of Grantsville received word that grant and loan funds from USDA Rural Development and from the Appalachian Regional Commission will provide approximately \$3.4 million to make improvement to the Town's 700 gallon per minute water treatment plant. The plant provides potable water not only for the Town residents, but also supplies Pleasant Hill PSD and Mt. Zion PSD which provide water services to customers in the northern end and the southern end of Calhoun County, respectively. The upgrade will refurbish the control building, clarifier, and filters. Additionally, it will provide new instrumentation, pumps and controls, HVAC, electrical and chemical feed systems.

Workforce Updates

The Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Development Board presented at the National Career Pathways Conference October 12, 2018, in Louisville Kentucky. Workforce staff Miranda Lough and Kelsie Neal presented on WIOA employer services, and how it could become a possible "Lifesaver" for your business. WIOA staff have continued work with local registered apprenticeships putting participants through learn and earn programs, such as the Laborers and Carpenters Unions.



MOVRC BOARD & STAFF ATTEND NADO CONFERENCE



Eric Peters, Carol Jackson, Diane Ludwig, Rickie Yeager and Mayor Randy Rapp (pictured above) recently attended the NADO annual training conference in Charlotte NC. Investing in the Future of Regional Development was this year's theme. Presentations included EDA Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Affairs Dennis Alvord, Mobile Workshops on Downtown realization, Brownfield Redevelopment, Small Water Systems, Economic Power of Small Scale Manufacturing, Federal Grant Oversight, Broadband Planning to Support Economic Growth, and Purchasing With Federal Grants. Mayor Rapp & Carol Jackson are NADO board members representing the state.

Senior Corps Staff Attend Training



The beautiful setting of Canaan Valley was the venue for a recent training for Senior Corps programs. Those attending included directors and staff from the following programs: Foster Grandparents, Senior Companion, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This training was made possible through scholarships from Volunteer WV as part of the WV Non-Profit Association.



The Senior Companion Program would like to thank The Pallottine Foundation for a \$7,000 grant. This grant will assist with general support to the program for the Senior Companion Program volunteers. This grant is very beneficial, as the program has faced several funding cuts locally over the past 2 years.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Kickoff Meeting

November 13, 2018 10:00 am at MOVRC

709 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

The MOVRC will host a Hazard Mitigation Planning Kickoff Meeting on November 13, 2018 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am to initiate the planning process for the 2020-2025 update to the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Topics of discussion will include:

- Proposed outline and timeline for the planning process
- Discussion of hazards to be addressed by the plan
- Scheduling of planning meetings to be held in each county in the region.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Meganne Robinson of the MOVRC at meganne.robinson@movrc.org or (304) 422-4993 Ext. 105



October 25, 2018—Design Nine 5:00-7:00 pm

Hosted by Roane County Chamber

November 13, 2018—Hazard Mitigation Planning

Kickoff Meeting 10:00 am