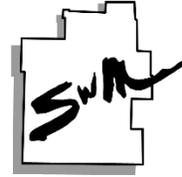


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Announcements...

Trail Investment Study

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is conducting a Trail Investment Study for the Springfield metro area. Using prior plans and studies, OTO will prioritize the best connections and alignments to create the region's blueprint for trail and greenway development. OTO is seeking feedback via their interactive map. Go to OTOTrailStudy.com

National Senior Health + Fitness Day

Did you know that by 2030 the portion of the U.S. population aged 65 and older will double to about 71 million? National Senior Health + Fitness Day is May 31 this year, and senior adults are encouraged to put on their sneakers to participate in health and fitness events across the nation. Retirement communities, health clubs, senior centers, park districts, hospitals, YMCAs, houses of worship, banks and other community locations may offer special events on this day. FitnessDay.com

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield – Green Our Rides

An initiative led by the Clean Cities program from the US Department of Energy and the National Park Service is deploying alternative fuel and fuel-efficient vehicles within Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The park will add a propane pick-up truck, four propane lawn mowers, and propane refueling infrastructure to its fleet to demonstrate how these technologies help preserve the historic landscape. This project will reduce the parks annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than 4 million tons of CO2 and save nearly 660 gasoline-gallon equiv. of petroleum per year. CleanCities.energy.gov/.../wilson

Springfield-Greene County Community Focus Report 2017

A group of Missouri State University students, in partnership with Community Foundation of the Ozarks, is seeking online feedback from community members as it gathers data for the 2017 Springfield-Greene County Community Focus Report. This report is published every two years, and identifies the community's strengths and weaknesses. [Leave your feedback.](#)

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

SMCOG Board Meeting, June 28, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), July 12, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu

MO Community Betterment Regional Meeting, May 30

Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) in partnership with SMCOG and MSU will host a regional meeting in Reeds Spring at 22595 Main Street on May 30, 1:30 to 4:30pm. The workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to start an inventory of their current organizational practices, do a self-assessment of their strengths and areas of potential improvement, and leave the sessions with an initial draft plan they have created on next steps to increase their organization's capacity. The workshop is geared toward non-profit and community organizations and community leaders. Find an agenda online [here](#).

Distance Learning + Telemedicine Grant Workshops, June 7

The USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service has an upcoming workshop that will review the Distance Learning + Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. This program helps rural communities use telecommunications to connect to each other and overcome the effects of remoteness and low population. Example: the program can link teachers and medical service providers in one area to students and patients in another. RSVP to Chris.Collins@wdc.usda.gov by June 2nd to receive agenda. DLT Grant Workshop: June 7th, 9a – 12p at Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway, Springfield MO

The 2020 Census: A New Design for the 21st Century, *Postponed*

The U.S. Census Bureau is hosting several webinars. This particular webinar focuses on how the U.S. Census Bureau is implementing new technology to make it easier for the population to exercise its civic obligation to be counted in the Census. This presentation will review the current plans for the 2020 Census and what's to come in a few years. [View all trainings.](#)

Basics of Transportation Planning, Anytime Webinar

This free webinar can be taken any time until the end of August. This course provides an introduction to the Statewide, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan (rural) transportation planning requirements and highlights techniques that may be applied. It highlights the transportation requirements and planning processes, and why they are important; identifies the key stakeholders and describes their roles, responsibilities, and relationship in informed decision-making. [Register here.](#)

News...

WDB 'Build My Future' Event a Success

Build My Future invited students from throughout the Ozark Region to learn opportunities associated with construction and business-related trades through a hands-on approach. While attending the exposition, students and teachers participated in a variety of activities such as a welding simulation, brick laying, nail driving, and more while also learning the vast variety of careers connected to the construction industry. Planned by the Ozark Region Workforce Development Board and the Build My Future Collaborative, the inaugural Build My Future was held at the E*Plex on April 12, 2017. Learn more and watch an overview video online at springfieldmo.gov.

In Some Rural Counties, Hunger Is Rising, But Food Donations Aren't

"One in eight Americans – 42 million people – still struggles to get enough to eat. And while that number has been going down recently, hunger appears to be getting worse in some economically distressed areas, especially in rural communities." "Food banks are increasingly eager to find more permanent solutions to hunger, because they can't keep feeding more and more people with limited supplies." [KSMU - Ozarks Public Radio](#)

Gov. Greitens Signs Bill Allowing Missourians to Hail a Ride Statewide

"It'll be easier to use ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft throughout Missouri, especially airports, under the bill signed Monday by Gov. Eric Greitens. Before, local governments regulated the services. Taxi companies were sharply critical of the services, especially the manner in which Uber performed background checks on their drivers. ...Deregulating the services "gets rid of a whole thicket of regulations that were set up by special interests all over the state to prevent this," Greitens said of the bill." [St. Louis Public Radio](#)

Talk of Federal Tax Cuts Chills Affordable Housing Market

"How a cut in the corporate tax rate could undermine federal low-income housing tax credits, making affordable housing projects far less attractive to investors." [PEW Trust](#)

President's FY'18 Budget Request Includes Elimination of Community and Econ Dev Programs

On May 23, the Trump Administration released its (FY) 2018 budget request. Of the \$57 billion savings in FY2018 non-defense discretionary spending, \$27 billion comes from program eliminations and \$30 billion is attributed to program reductions. Susan Howard, the Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs for the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) has posted a full accounting of these savings. [View the FY 2018 savings here.](#)

Online Resources...

Monitoring + Assessing Workforce Development

The Urban Institute has published a report describing the role of monitoring and assessing system change in workforce development. "System change" describes the work outside of direct services to jobseekers by workforce development practitioners and funders. The report, "Changing Workforce Systems: A Framework for Describing and Measuring Systems Change," compiles goals, activities, and examples for how organizations can address systems change work and track progress. [The report is available here.](#)

Jobs...

[Regional Planner](#), Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments, Salary DOQ

[Operations Manager](#), Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$42,000 - \$65,000/yr

[City Planner](#), City of Rolla, \$40,000 - \$53,000/yr.

[Police Officer](#), City of Springfield, \$16.57 - \$28.35/hr.

[Patrol Officer](#), City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.

[Police Officer](#), City of Ozark

[Corrections Officer](#), Taney County, \$11.50/hr.

[911 Communications Officer](#), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.

[Police Dispatcher](#), City of Aurora

[Deputy Clerk](#), Taney County, \$10/hr.

[MO Dept. of Conservation](#): Various positions available

[Planning + GIS Intern](#), Ozarks Transportation Organization, \$10/hr

Grants...

Water + Waste Disposal Projects Grant

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for their Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) grants program. The grants are awarded to eligible communities of less than 2500 persons, and help fund predevelopment costs for proposed water and wastewater disposal projects. [Review the grant here.](#)

Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grant Competition

DERA funds are available to support projects aimed at reducing emissions from older diesel engines. Approx 20-80 awards are anticipated to be made, for a total of \$11 million. Eligible applicants include regional, state, local or tribal agencies, or port authorities, with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations may apply if they provide pollution reduction or education to diesel fleet owners or promote air quality. [Review the grant here.](#) **Deadline is June 20.**

Low or No Emission Grant

DOT's Federal Transit Administration is seeking proposals for the purchase or lease of zero emission and low emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities and related equipment. The program provides funding to state, tribal and local governmental authorities. [Review the grant here.](#) **Deadline is June 26.**

SBA – Loan Program to Small Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides a variety of loan programs that may be beneficial for urban and rural business development. Loans for Small Businesses, Real Estate, Equipment, and Disasters. SMCOG now offers assistance to businesses interested in SBA 504 loans. For more information contact janehood@missouristate.edu or go online [here.](#)

On-Site Wastewater Grant/Loan Program

SMCOG, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MACOG), and MoDNR is pleased to offer a grant/loan program for failing on-site wastewater systems (septic systems). The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant-Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system, which will improve Missouri's water quality. Program eligibility requirements can be found online: <https://goo.gl/62qtHG>. Contact JaneHood@missouristate.edu for more information.

Quote...

“There is no logic that can be superimposed on the city; people make it, and it is to them, not buildings, that we must fit our plans.” – Jane Jacobs
