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Announcements...

Buckle Up – Phone Down

“The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and the Missouri Department of Transportation are challenging state agencies and Missouri businesses to join the Buckle Up-Phone Down movement. The challenge is simple: when you get into any vehicle, buckle up your safety belt. If you are a driver, put the cellphone down. In 2016, 940 people were killed in Missouri traffic crashes – 686 were vehicle drivers and passengers, with 63% being unbuckled. With stats like that it’s time for businesses, communities, gov agencies and individuals to accept the challenge.” Go to modot.org/BuckleUpPhoneDown

April is National Safe Digging Month

Did you know every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling to have their utilities marked? To celebrate National Safe Digging Month, municipal leaders and elected officials are asked to engage their citizens over social media using the hashtag #call811 to remind them to call 811 before all outdoor digging projects. Don’t just be another statistic. Visit CommonGroundAlliance.com for more information.

OzarksCommute.org

The Ozarks Transportation Organization has relaunched their Ozarks Commute website. Anyone who has previously had an account on the old site, needs to re-register. The new platform helps persons in the Ozarks regions plan and manage their commute by connecting them with various transportation options. Go to OzarksCommute.com

2017 Momentum: State of the Workforce Luncheon

The third annual MOmentum: State of the Workforce Luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Summary notes, speaker presentations, and the entire luncheon can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

Conferences and Events...

SMCOG Meetings

[RHSOC](#) Quarterly Meeting, May 19, 9:00 AM, Mt. Vernon Arts & Recreation Center (MARC), 822 W Mt. Vernon Blvd, Mt. Vernon, MO. For more information, contact DWittorff-Sandgren@missouristate.edu.

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), May 17, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact MeganClark@missouristate.edu

SMCOG Board Meeting, May 24, 9:00 AM, Library Station, 2325 N. Kansas, Springfield, MO
Please RSVP to JaneHood@missouristate.edu.

VW Mitigation Trust, March 31

Missouri stands to receive more than \$40 million from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust. This Trust will support projects that reduce NOx emissions in areas where VW diesel vehicles were, or are currently, operated. Each state will determine the final plan for how the funds will be utilized, so please make time to come and express your thoughts on how best the state can use its funding under VW's Environmental Mitigation Trust. [Learn more here.](#)

Better Planning Through Better Data, April 4

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) is hosting a free webinar that will take a closer look at the Innovation Index 2.0, a new web index from [StatsAmerica](#) funded with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Innovation Index 2.0 is a free web resource that gives regional leaders the ability to assess their economic strengths and challenges and provides valuable data. [Register and learn more here.](#)

ADA Transition Plan: Roundtable + Training, April 5

The Missouri Municipal League is hosting a webinar about personnel law for public entities. It will highlight some of the differences between personnel law as applied to public entities versus private entities. Any municipal official who deals with supervising employees or who makes hiring, discipline, or employment terminations should consider attending. [Register and learn more here.](#)

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Third Annual Partners in Governance Conference, April 12

The 3rd Annual Partners in Governance Conference is a one day conference that will address the real world practice of transparency in a variety of local government contexts through a discussion of laws, rules, cases, best practices, and actual experiences. The Partners in Governance Conference is sponsored by the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs' Institute of Public Policy, the Missouri Municipal League, and the Center for Ethics in Public Life. [Register here.](#)

Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for School, April 25-26

The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has scheduled G364 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools class. The class will be held in St Joseph on April 25-26. Lodging and meal reimbursement will be provided for eligible personnel. [Register and learn more here.](#)

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...

President's Budget Blueprint Released; Elimination of CDBG, HOME, and EDA

"The Trump Administration released its fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget blueprint on March 16. The proposal, *America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again*, recommends \$1.1 trillion in federal spending with a \$54 billion increase in military spending. This increase would be offset by cuts to domestic discretionary programs. Under the proposal, the administration seeks to eliminate the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) faces elimination of both the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs. Two programs funded through the Department of Agriculture are slated for elimination: the Water and Wastewater loan and grant program and Rural Business and Cooperative Service discretionary programs. In the U.S. DOT budget, the Essential Air Service and TIGER Discretionary Grant programs are targeted for elimination." View NADO's summary of the budget proposal [here](#). View the President's entire budget proposal [here](#).

All Counties in Springfield-Branson Metro Area have Estimated Population Increases

“Webster County had one of the highest population growth rates in the state between July 2015 and July 2016, according to new estimates released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau. The county, whose seat is Marshfield, added an estimated 580 residents during the period to bring its total to 38,106 — an increase of 1.5 percent. All counties in the Springfield-Branson Combined Metropolitan Area saw an estimated population increase.” [News-Leader story](#)

Blog - Tips from Missouri: Telling the Planning Story at Your State Capitol

CRPM/SMCOG Planner, Megan Clark, wrote a blog post for the American Planning Associations (APA) blog. Her post provides tips for planners on how to advocate for planning to their state legislators. Megan’s post is both witty and insightful.

Read her blog post here: [Planning.org](#)

Online Resources...

Use Tax Resources from MML

The Missouri Municipal League (MML) has compiled resources to help encourage localities to implement and take advantage of use taxes. This is especially pertinent following Amazon’s recent announcement that they will be collecting Missouri taxes on purchases shipped to the state. Resources include; estimates of potential revenue from a use tax, sample ordinances, FAQ’s regarding use taxes, and more. MML members can [access here](#).

Community Resiliency Tools

University of Missouri’s Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES) manages a web-based GIS and database tool called Community Commons. The site functions as a data sharing consortium, with a hub specifically for evaluating regional resiliency via county level Census data. Access this tool here: [BuildingRegionalResilience.org](#)

The Director of Science for The Nature Conservancy has compiled a guide for building resilience in communities, of any scale. This guide helps participants identify top hazards, current challenges, strengths, and priority actions to improve a community’s resilience to present and future hazards. Access this tool here: [CommunityResilienceBuilding.com](#)

Jobs...

[Director of Finance](#), City of Republic, \$62,500 - \$80,000/yr.

[Planning Administrator](#), Taney County, Salary DOQ

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

[Assistant Professor](#), Planning/Human Geography at Missouri State University

[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 Intern](#), MoDOT (Springfield office), \$10.04 - \$15.42/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.](#)

Route 66 Corridor Preservation Grant

The National Park Service's [Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program](#) is dedicated to preserving the diverse history of U.S. Highway 66. The program provides financial assistance in the form of competitive, cost-share grants for building, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor. **Deadline is April 3.**

Minority Youth Violence Prevention Grants

This program identifies innovative approaches to significantly reduce the prevalence and impact of youth violence among racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged at-risk youth. MYVP II will support interventions tailored to at-risk racial and ethnic minority and/or disadvantaged youth (ages 12-18 years) and requires coordinated, multi-discipline approaches that should address public health, education, and public safety concerns; disparities in access to public health services; social determinants of health; and risk and protective factors. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4081 **Deadline is April 4.**

Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant

This grant provides funding to empower communities to lead healthier lives by increasing the opportunities to make healthy choices in the places where people live, learn, work, play, and pray. This grant is open to community nonprofit organizations that work to address social factors of health in underserved, low-income, and minority populations, as well as supporting physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4109 **Deadline is April 14.**

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced a grant to support the development and/or expansion of local implementation of community infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and services for substance use disorders, permanent housing, and other critical services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4092 **Deadline is April 25.**

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...

“Call or click, before you dig. Dig safely it's the law.” – Missouri One Call System (MOCS)

1-800-DIG-RITE or mo1call.com
