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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Outside for Fall Foliage Colors

Autumn has begun which means trees and shrubs around the Show-Me State transform from leaves of green to a fall – foliage color palette. The MDC encourages people to discover nature through fall color adventures. The color change first starts in northern Missouri and moves southward across the state. The peak of fall color in Missouri is usually around mid-October. This is when maples, ashes, oaks, and hickories are at the height of their fall display. Normally by late October, the colors are fading and the leaves start to drop from the trees. MDC is posting weekly fall-color updates from Department foresters all over the state: mdc.mo.gov/fallcolor

James River Watershed Survey | Enter to Win \$50 Gift Card

This spring, James River Basin Partnership, SMCOG, Ozarks Water Watch, & Ozarks Environmental and Water Resources Institute, began a two-year process to develop a plan of how to keep the rivers, streams, springs and groundwater in the James River watershed clean and healthy for the use and enjoyment of future generations. If you live in the James River Watershed, please take 5-min to give us your opinions about the quality of the watershed and get entered to win a \$50 Bass Pro gift card! SMCOG.org

MoDOT Survey for Long Range Transportation Plan

MoDOT launched a statewide survey to get public input about the vision for the state's transportation priorities. The Long Range Transportation Plan (L RTP) is a federally required process that sets the state's 25-year vision for transportation. The survey takes approx. 10-min to complete – all Missourians are encouraged to weigh in. MoDOT.com

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SMCOG Meetings

RHSOC Annual Meeting, October 18, 9:00 AM
The MARC, 822 W. Mount Vernon Blvd, Mount Vernon, MO
For more information, contact DWittorff-Sandgren@MissouriState.edu

SMCOG Annual Breakfast Board Meeting, October 25, 8:00 AM
Hickory Hills Country Club, 3909 E. Cherry, Springfield, MO
For more information, contact JaneHood@MissouriState.edu

Greene County Community Emergency Response Team Sep 30
Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management has 2 upcoming CERT courses. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) courses provide basic disaster preparedness and response training to the public. More Info Here.

FHWA – Webinars on Freight + Rail Sep 25 + Oct 18
USDOT's Federal Highway Administration is hosting 2 webinars, covering freight + rail. How to use the Freight Analysis Framework data tool with FHWA's HEPGLS.
How to use the Rail-Highway Crossing Inventory to address grade crossing issues.

MO Dept. of Conservation – Open House Oct 10
MDC will be holding open houses around the state from Aug – Oct to share info + gather public feedback. Attendees are encouraged to give feedback on regulations, infrastructure, strategic priorities, and statewide and local conservation issues. No registration is required. Refreshments will be served. The first 80 attendees at each open house will receive special gift items from MDC. More Info Here.

Trail of Honor Dedication Ceremony Oct 12
Ozark Greenways, the Missouri Veterans Commission, and the C.W. Titus Foundation collaborated to create a unique new trail section of the James River Greenway, called the Trail of Honor. This section of trail allows users to bike, walk, or run along the edge of the beautiful Missouri Veterans Cemetery! Winding along the serene James River valley, this portion of the greenway will be a contemplative place through which to honor our veterans who have served in all of our nation's military branches. The public is invited to attend the patriotic dedication and trail opening. More Info Here.

MO Community Betterment Conf. – Rural Progress + Pride Oct 15-16
The theme for the annual Missouri Community Betterment Conference for 2017 is "Rural Progress + Pride." The conference seeks to be a resource for communities and their stakeholders, and will be held in Columbia, MO. More Info Here.

3rd Annual EmployAbility Summit Oct 18
The Missouri Job Center is hosting a presentation on disability inclusion in the workplace and how service providers can help businesses in becoming inclusive. More Info Here

2017 Missouri Statewide Planning Conference Oct 18-20
The theme for the 2017 MOAPA Conf. is "Planning in Reality." The conference will take a closer look at the skills, tools + programs planning practitioners find particularly useful including those outside the profession's normal skill set/comfort zone. More Info Here.

2017 Regional Water Conference Oct 19
Tri-State Water Resource Coalition and MSU will convene their annual regional water conference to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders interested in water issues - cities, towns, counties, business/industry, agriculture, academics, utilities, elected officials, state and federal agency reps, and other groups whose missions relate to water - to discuss current water issues and our regional water future. Register Here.

ICMA Annual Conference Oct 22-25
The theme for this years conference is Building Bridges: Serving Our Whole Community. Richard Florida will be the keynote. Conf will be held in San Antonio, TX. Register Here.

Missouri Reentry Conference Nov 1-3
The theme for the 12th annual conference for Missouri's reentry professionals is Supporting Offender and Employer Workforce Needs. The conference will highlight the work Missouri's Reentry Process (MRP) teams, Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) staff, and business/community/faith-based groups do annually. Register Here.

GOLD Leadership Development Course Oct-Jun
Greater Ozarks Leadership Development is a regional leadership development program. GOLD is designed for public, private, nonprofit, and civic leaders in Southwest Missouri. Tuition is \$795 – partial scholarships may be available (FCFS). More Info Here.

NEWS

Buses are the Hottest Trend in Transit

"The biggest reason for the sudden attention to bus networks is that bus ridership is dropping across the country, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of total transit trips. Bus network redesigns are a reaction to that decline – network redesigns are the hottest trend in transit right now. Redesigns help reduce inefficiency in bus systems, but lower gas prices + the state of the economy may keep ridership low." SmartGrowth.org

Houston's 'Wild West' Growth

"Houston calls itself 'the city with no limits' to convey the promise of boundless opportunity. But it also is the largest U.S. city to have no zoning laws, part of a hands-off approach to urban planning that may have contributed to catastrophic flooding from Hurricane Harvey and left thousands of residents in harm's way." WashingtonPost.com

Hurricane Harvey Reinforces Need for Cities to Plan for Resiliency

"When a community is decimated by a 1,000-year weather event, with multiple feet of rain deposited on streets, parking lots and roofs, there is no way to plan where to put the water. The water must go somewhere. Architects, designers and urban planners have been urging communities to plan for crisis-level weather events for years; Hurricane Harvey reminds cities how important that is." WashingtonPost.com

City Planning for Natural Disasters Pivots from 'Recovery to Resilience'
"The expectation for more frequent and destructive disasters has led many of the United States' largest cities to increasingly prioritize *building resilience capacity*; the ability for communities to withstand and recover from stresses." AccuWeather.com

Green Roofs Don't Just Look Pretty; They Also Stop Flooding

"Green infrastructure tech such as permeable pavements, bio-swales, and green roofs are now commonly used to address extreme weather events." weForum.org

Maybe Cities Are the Future of Suburbs

"An economist argues that the great urban migration back to cities might not be ending, it might just be relocating. "People are pouring into Dallas and San Diego. So unless those cities sprawl ever farther out across the countryside, the new arrivals will increase density...Today's fast-growing suburb is tomorrow's urban area." Bloomberg.com

Podcast – How Execs/Leaders/Govs Use Internet Tech + Mapping
"Esri is launching a new weekly podcast, *Esri & The Science of Where*, with the goal of helping executives and leaders in industry and government to understand how modern geographic information systems (GIS) tech drives growth." esri.com/podcast

Clean Energy Sector Jobs in Midwest are Rising

"Nearly 600,000 people in the Midwest are working in the clean energy sector and that number likely will continue to rise, according to a report released by nonprofit groups Clean Energy Trust and Environmental Entrepreneurs." KWMIU.org

ONLINE RESOURCES

Regions Bank – Free Financial Seminars

Regions Bank provides free seminars to assist the general public in gaining stronger personal finance skills and to improve financial practices. Seminar topics include: saving for retirement, financing for school, home ownership, the value of credit, credit reports, small business tips + protections, and more. If you are interested in bringing one of these seminars to a small group or interested in participating in one yourself, email LaurenKornal – Regions Financial Fundamentals Facilitator.

MDC 2017 County Fact Sheets

The Missouri Department of Conservation has just released their 2017 County Fact Sheets. These Fact Sheets are provided annually, at the end of each fiscal year, to local elected officials to explain how MDC impacts local government and citizens. The most recent Fact Sheets were sent out to all County Commissioners and State Legislators at the end of August 2017. SMCOG.org/Environment

How To Fix Traffic Forever

This 11-min video explains; why more lanes = more traffic, how timed on-ramp meters as well as roundabouts and diverging diamond interchanges mitigate congestion and accidents, how economic strategies like road pricing produce effective results, and how shared streets and removing some safety controls cause driver discomfort which results in slower and safer driving. These strategies can be applied anywhere. YouTube.com

New Report Released on Bicycle Safety

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) recently released a report on bicycle safety. It analyzes national data and offers ways in which states and localities can improve infrastructure to improve safety of cyclists. The report – A Right to the Road: Understanding & Addressing Bicyclist Safety – features 30 steps such as increasing law enforcement training as it relates to laws protecting cyclists and tying infrastructure improvements to public education campaigns. GHSA.org

Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments

This FEMA guide helps local governments prepare for recovering from future disasters by engaging their whole community and planning recovery tactics and activities that are comprehensive and long term in nature. FEMA.gov

JOBS

Administration + Finance

- [City Attorney](#), City of Ozark, \$80,000-\$90,000/yr.
- [City Attorney](#), City of Republic, \$85,000-\$95,000/yr.
- [Deputy City Manager](#), City of Springfield, DOQ.
- [Communications Manager](#), City of Branson, DOQ.

Public Safety

- [Police Officer](#), City of Springfield, \$35,214 - \$60,756/yr.
- [Patrol Officer](#), City of Republic, \$15.57/hr.
- [Police Officer](#), City of Ozark, DOQ.
- [Police Officer](#), City of Aurora
- [Corrections Officer](#), Taney County, \$11.50/hr.
- [911 Communications Officer](#), City of Monett, \$27,348 - \$30,904/yr.

Planning

- [Planning Specialist](#), FEMA Reservist, \$12.18 - \$15.98/hr.
- Expert Specialist positions, FEMA Reservist, \$24.65 - \$34.62/hr.
- [Comm Planning Expert](#) | [Local Gov Admin](#) | [Comm Design Expert](#) | [Comm Dev Expert](#)

Public Works + Transportation

- [Public Works Director](#), City of Republic, \$75,000 - \$85,000/yr.
- [Street Superintendent](#), City of Republic, \$22.80 - \$30.27/hr.
- [Facility Maintenance Worker](#), City of Republic, \$11.82 - \$15.68/hr.
- [Maintenance Worker I](#), City of Branson, \$13.02/hr.
- [Wastewater Operator II](#), City of Ozark

Other

- [MO Dept. of Conservation](#): Various positions available
- [MO Job Center](#): Upcoming hiring events in Southwest Missouri

GRANTS

HUD Continuum of Care deadline is Sep 28
HUD is offering grants to public and private agencies to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. Review the grant here.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program deadline is Sep 29
Grants to help schools and parent teacher groups with school improvement projects and to provide for the basic needs of their students. Review the grant here.

African American Civil Rights Grant Program deadline is Sep 29
The National Park Service's (NPS) African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens in the 20th Century. AACR grants will fund a broad range of planning, preservation, and research projects for historic sites including: survey, inventory, documentation, interpretation, education, architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and brick + mortar repair. Review the grant here.

USDA – Rural Broadband Access Loan Program deadline is Sep 30
The Rural Broadband Access Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment to provide service at the broadband lending speed. Review the grant here.

Health Care Access Design Challenge deadline is Oct 5
The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) – a national technical assistance center – is awarding grants of up to \$30,000 to seven communities to help them address health care transportation access issues and challenges. Review the grant here.

FY17 TIGER Program deadline is Oct 16
USDOT is accepting applications for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. \$500mil is available, with \$100mil to be used for rural areas. Projects must not exceed \$25mil, and cost greater than \$5mil or greater than \$1mil in rural areas. This year's TIGER solicitation is similar to previous funding rounds, but with special consideration for projects that result in improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, such as projects that improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity, or facilitate economic growth or competitiveness. Rural applicants are encouraged to watch this FY17 TIGER Webinar. This round of TIGER also emphasizes projects that exceed the min non-federal cost share. Review the grant here.

Students to Service Loan Repayment Program deadline is Oct 19
Loan repayment assistance to medical/dental students who agree to provide services in eligible Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) of greatest need. Apply here.

Resident Opportunity + Self Sufficiency Program deadline is Oct 23
Grants to fund Service Coordinators to assist residents of public housing in making progress towards self-sufficiency, including the provision of job training, employment, adult education, housing, and health resources. Review the grant here.

USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant deadline is Nov 2
U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is accepting applications for the infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program. INFRA has \$1.5 billion available for projects which meet national and regional economic goals and leverage non-federal funding. Safety is a critical priority of the program as well. Large projects will be eligible for at least \$25 million and smaller projects will be funded starting at \$5 million. The FAST Act requires at least 25% of the funding be applied to rural projects. Review the grant here.

Rural Impact County Challenge – Child Poverty deadline is Nov 3
"Community Coaching" for the Rural Impact County Challenge is a national effort to combat rural child poverty. Community Coaching seeks to support counties making a real difference in the lives of children in rural communities. Up to 10 county teams will be selected to receive assistance from a Roadmaps to Health Community Coach from the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Program. Review the grant here.

Rural Housing Preservation + Revitalization Loans deadline is Dec 1
Funding tools, including grants, no interest loans, soft-second loans, and debt deferral, to restructure loans for existing rural rental housing and off-farm labor housing projects to help improve and preserve the availability of safe affordable multi-family rental housing for low income residents in rural areas. Review the grant here.

Safer School Garden Grant deadline is Dec 1
Funding to start a school garden to encourage children to be active outside + to engage students in learning about nutrition and the environment. Review the grant here.

Smart Rural Community Collaboration Challenge deadline is Dec 1
Provides funding to support the development and implementation of innovative broadband-enabled solutions to support rural commerce, healthcare, public safety, econ dev, education, energy, or other community-oriented initiatives. Review the grant here.

AmeriCorps State and National Grants deadline is Dec 13
Funding for programs that are designed to strengthen communities and solve local problems, including those found in rural and underserved areas. Review the grant here.

OHRD 2018 District Grant Projects deadline is Dec 15
Each year, Ozarks Headwaters Recycling & Materials Management District (OHRD) awards grants towards Solid Waste Reduction for persons/groups located in Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster counties. "Solid Waste Reduction" includes recycling, public education, and any program that reduces solid waste. Review the grant here.

Water + Waste Disposal Projects Grant Ongoing
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 to help fund predevelopment costs for proposed water and wastewater disposal projects. Review the grant here.

SBA – Loan Program to Small Businesses Ongoing
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 info: JaneHood@missouristate.edu or click here.

National School Lunch Afterschool Snack Program Ongoing
Funding for schools and residential child care institutions to provide afterschool snacks to low-income children who participate in the National program. Review the grant here.

EDA – Public Works + EAA Program Ongoing
Under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Programs, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments to leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies. These programs are designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Rural + urban applicants are being solicited to develop creative approaches to address evolving economic conditions. Review the grant here.

Hearst Foundations Grants for NPOs Ongoing
The Hearst Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that address issues in 4 areas: education, health, culture, and social service. Review the grant here.

USDA – Rural Relending Program Ongoing
USDA Rural Development's Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) provides low interest loans to intermediaries that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create or retain jobs in rural communities. Review the grant here.

Walgreens Community Grant Ongoing
The Walgreens Community Grant Program supports projects focused on improving access to health and wellness, pharmacy education programs + mentoring initiatives, civic + community outreach, and emergency + disaster relief. Review the grant here.

QUOTE

"Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die, but long after we are gone be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistence."

Daniel Burnham – Architect

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