



NORTHWEST NEWSFLASH

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKSHOP TODAY!

Local businesses have been heavily impacted by the current pandemic, exposing new challenges in how we ensure our businesses carry on during a hazard event. John Carr, Program Coordinator and Instructor for the Emergency and Disaster Management program at Northwest Missouri State University, will be facilitating a workshop that will be focused broadly on business continuity (efforts taken to ensure your business can still provide services and bring in revenue regardless of it being affected by a hazard event).

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments and Northwest Missouri State University are teaming up to offer the Workshop. Topics being discussed will include basic information about emergency planning, threat and hazard identification, risk assessment, planning processes, and other preparedness efforts. The Business Continuity Workshop is being held virtually, via ZOOM. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Those planning to attend should register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/business-continuity-workshop-1-tickets-139018601379>. The workshop was funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds that were awarded to the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

HOLT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN KICKOFF MEETING

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) is hosting the first gathering in a series of meetings focusing on the 5-year update for Holt County's Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Kickoff meeting will be held Monday, March 29, at 5 p.m. and will be held virtually, via ZOOM. All interested citizens and public officials of Holt County are invited to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84352539279...>

Meeting ID: 843 5253 9279

Passcode: 581541

Call-In Only Number: 312-626-6799

Holt County is susceptible to many types of natural hazards. Tornadoes, winter storms, and flooding have shaped the landscape, history, and economy of the county. Hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing sustained actions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks associated with these potential disasters. The plan, funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the communities of Holt County, will utilize a committee of first responders, elected officials, and public volunteers to gather community- and county-specific information. The Hazard Mitigation Plan, currently under revision by the County and RCOG, is a requirement to access federal mitigation funds in the event of a natural disaster. The Committee will discuss existing hazards, community profiles, and the general plan update process. An RSVP is requested for anyone planning to attend. Please contact Amy Dowis at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, (660) 582-5121, ext. 3 or by e-mail at amy@nwmorcog.org or Marisa Alvares by e-mail at marisa@nwmorcog.org with questions and RSVPs.

WORTH COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN KICKOFF MEETING

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) is hosting the first gathering in a series of meetings focusing on the 5-year update for Worth County's Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Kickoff meeting will be held Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. and will be held virtually, via ZOOM. All interested citizens and public officials of Worth County are invited to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87577765721...>

Meeting ID: 875 7776 5721

Passcode: 843043

Call-In Only Number: 312-626-6799

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Spring Cleaning at the Regional Council

We have done some cleaning and reorganizing and want to give our member communities first dibs on a few items we no longer need. Please see the attached flyer for photos and descriptions. We've got a desk, a credenza, a huge marker board, some shelving, an end table and a plotter (we call him "Big Dog"). These items are FREE! You must pick these items up from the Regional Council office in Maryville. To claim an item and make arrangements for pick-up, please email alices@nwmorcog.org or call 660-582-5121, ext. 5.

News from the Missouri Job Center-Maryville

Missouri Job Centers are now open to the public as long as they meet the following:

- Follow social distancing rules
- The state's infectious disease preparedness response plan
- Less than 9% positivity rate in the county where the job center resides

Missouri Job Center-Maryville is open to the public as of March 15.

Upcoming Virtual Job Fairs (All are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

March 23 - Manufacturing

April 6 – HealthCare

April 20 – All industries statewide

May 18 – Information Technology

June 8 – Part-time and Remote work

June 22 – Healthcare

Please use the following link to see the list and to register: <https://returnstrongmo.easyvirtuallfair.com/prefair/>

Job Center staff members are looking for youth ages 16-24 who are not attending any school (HiSet classes excluded), and are seeking employment, to enroll in the WIOA Out of School Youth program. We are also seeking businesses/employers who are interested in mentoring a youth for Paid Work Experience. For more information please contact Rita at the Missouri Job Center-Maryville at (660) 582-8980. For questions or information about the services offered at the Missouri Job Center-Maryville, please contact Rita or Denise via phone at (660) 582-8980 or email Rita at rita@nwmorcog.org.

Solid Waste FY22 Grant Call and Other News

The Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District has grant funds available from the MO DNR Solid Waste Management Program to distribute to both public and private entities throughout our 5-county area. The grant funds are intended to reduce the amount of waste entering the local waste stream and facilitate recycling. Applications must be received by Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 3 p.m. to be considered. Information is available on the Regional Council website at www.nwmorcog.org and Regional Council's Facebook page.

Watch our Website and Facebook page for upcoming information on the Playground Scrap Tire Material Grant application form, process, and deadline.

Solid Waste Planner, Robin Davidson, has been out and about in the area hosting City-Wide Recycling and Education Events. You can view Robin's "Recycling Awareness Presentation" video created for the students at our area schools by visiting the Regional Council's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9_J2qT_JvQ. These recycling/education events are being held in local school parking lots. Remaining scheduled events include:
March 25: 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Oregon and 1 to 3 p.m. at Graham
April 16: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Jefferson; 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Barnard; and 1 to 3 p.m. at Pickering

Crisis Communication Workshop to replace 2nd Business Continuity Workshop

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments and Northwest Missouri State University are teaming up to offer a Crisis Communication workshop designed to help local entities that have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The workshop is being held virtually, via ZOOM and is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend the workshop. Those planning to attend should register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crisis-communication-workshop-tickets-147632192863>. The Business Continuity Workshop for April 13 has been canceled and is being replaced with the Crisis Communication Workshop.

John Carr, Program Coordinator and Instructor for the Emergency and Disaster Management program at Northwest Missouri State University, will facilitate the Crisis Communication Workshop. Organizations face crises of different sizes on a regular basis- negative feedback on review sites, rumors spreading on social media, and most recently the possibility of a positive COVID-19 case at a business. When businesses must respond to events like these, a timely and tactful response is critical. In this session we will talk about what crisis communication is, best practices for businesses, and how to create a crisis communications plan. The session will review several case studies examples, as well as include time for questions at the end of the presentation. The Crisis Communication Workshop is being funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds that were awarded to the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Opens April 3

The Nodaway County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site will be open Saturday, April 3, 2021 and May 1, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The HHW Collection Site is located at the Nodaway County Maintenance Barn, 1516 East Halsey Street, Maryville, Missouri. Brochures are available online at www.nwmorcog.org. Residents of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth Counties are welcome to participate (ID required). There is no fee to drop-off; it is FREE for residents only. No commercial or business waste can be accepted.

Examples of HHW include: household chemicals (bleach, ammonia, and cleaners) fertilizers, pesticides, brake fluid, transmission fluid, household waxes, Ni-cad, lithium, and lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, florescent tubes, antifreeze, oil base paint, and varnish. No latex paint accepted. Latex paint can be dried out and put into the trash. Keep materials in the original container; and do not mix household hazardous wastes together. For further information, please contact: Robin Davidson at (660) 582-5121, ext. 4 or email robin@nwmorcog.org.

LARGE EVENT PLANNING WORKSHOP HELD

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments and Northwest Missouri State University teamed up to offer a workshop designed to address organizations that are planning for events such as festivals, youth camps, vacation bible schools, rodeos, etc. The Large Event Planning Workshop was held virtually, via ZOOM on Saturday, March 6, with approximately 20 participants. John Carr, Program Coordinator and Instructor for the Emergency and Disaster Management program at Northwest Missouri State University, facilitated the workshop which focused on topics such as the current best practices for event hosting related to COVID-19, the trajectory of the pandemic, where we anticipate things will be this summer, and how to ensure your event is a safe one.

The Large Event Planning Workshop was the first of three workshops being funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds that were awarded to the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. If you were unable to attend the workshop but are still interested in the topic, you may watch the recording on our YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/WLanU4ZQR4M>.

GENTRY COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN APPROVED

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have approved the Gentry County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The Plan will be in effect for five years and will expire March 11, 2026. The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments conducted meetings with city and county officials, emergency management agencies, school leaders, stakeholders and other interested individuals to update the hazard mitigation plan and reduce the negative impacts of natural hazards in the future. With an approved plan, Gentry County's participating jurisdictions will be eligible for state hazard mitigation grant funding opportunities.

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments would like to thank everyone who participated in the Plan update process. To view the Plan, please access it on the Regional Council's website at www.nwmorcog.org. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, please email them to Amy Dowis, Regional Planner, at amy@nwmorcog.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23: Business Continuity Workshop, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

March 25: City-Wide Recycling/Education Events, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Oregon; and 1 to 3 p.m. at Graham

March 25: Regional Council Board Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom or in person at 403 N. Market, Maryville

March 29: Holt County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update Kickoff Meeting, 5 p.m., via Zoom

March 29: Worth County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update Kickoff Meeting, 7 p.m., via Zoom

April 2: Regional Council Closed

April 3: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site OPEN, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1516 E. Halsey, Maryville

April 5: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., via Zoom

April 14: Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Regional Council Office

April 16: City-Wide Recycling/Education Events, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Jefferson, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Barnard; and 1 to 3 p.m. at Pickering.

April 22: Earth Day

April 27: Crisis Communication Workshop, 4:30 p.m., via Zoom

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