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OCTOBER IS RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

October is Residents' Rights Month, an annual event designated by Consumer Voice to honor residents living in all long-term care facilities and those receiving care in their home or community. It is an opportunity to focus on and celebrate the dignity and rights of every individual receiving long-term services and supports.

This year's Residents' Rights Month theme - Amplify Our Voices - emphasizes a community of long-term care residents coming together to make their voices heard. Amplifying your voice means being outspoken about your preferences and choices, and sharing who you are and your experiences. Residents' voices are the most important at the decision-making table - your story deserves to be told!



National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care

For more information and to learn more about the Residents Voice Challenge contact The National Consumer Voice at https://theconsumervoice.org/events/2023-residents-rights-month, or Cindy Tabor at cindy.tabor@ky.gov or 270-886-9484.



FAN DONATIONS HELPING SENIOR CITIZENS BEAT THE HEAT

Thanks to the generous donations from the community, the Pennyrile AAAIL is helping senior citizens beat the heat this summer. Free fans are being given away to those 60 and over that are struggling to stay cool in the hot and humid western Kentucky summer climate. Individuals who qualify are encouraged to call the Pennyrile ADRC at 1-866-844-4396 and speak with Ali Jones.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW PEADD STAFF

Sylvia Chase is from Earlington, Ky. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Murray State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. She is a current member of the Board of Adjustments and the Code Enforcement Board for the city of Earlington. Sylvia is currently a graduate student at Campbellsville University, where she is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree.

Sylvia enjoys spending quality time with her 12-year-old son, Dash and her Yorkipoo Teddy. She is looking forward to her new case management position as it will allow her to continue to provide much needed services throughout her community.





Leeanna Gilkey, originally from Jacksonville, NC., received a BS in Public Health from East Carolina University and will finish her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at the Brody School of Medicine within East Carolina University in the Fall 2023. Having worked within the social work field for the past 3½ years, Leeanna's interests include improving the health and wellbeing of the population by community involvement and engagement, as well as disease prevention and intervention. She comes from a military family and has a background in working with military populations, at risk populations, and children and adults with mental health/substance abuse. One major accomplishment Leeanna has completed was being a part of a published article as a GA. Leeanna has also studied in Iceland and Germany to understand their public health concerns and community disparities.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DAWSON SPRINGS RECEIVES GRANT FOR TIRE-DERIVED PLAYGROUND SURFACING

The City of Dawson Springs has been awarded \$35,000 in funding for a poured-in-place playground surface derived from recycled tires. The new surfacing will be installed at a playground in the Dawson Springs City Park.

Gov. Andy Beshear and Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman announced in June that \$585,150 in grant funding was awarded to 16 counties for projects that include benches, picnic tables, poured-inplace surfacing projects for walkways, common areas and playgrounds that utilize recycled waste tires, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection reported.

The grants are from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to receive a \$2 fee from each retail sale of a new tire in the state. The fund helps manage the approximately 5 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and promotes the development of markets for recycled tire products.

"These projects are a great use of recycled tires, which helps the environment and provides recreation for families in these communities, Gov. Beshear said. "Being outdoors, especially as we get together during the summer months, promotes a safer, healthy lifestyle."

Secretary Goodman applauded all those that applied for the funding. "The cabinet is very pleased to make this funding available," Sec. Goodman said. "Every tire that goes to these projects is one that stays out of waterways."

RECYCLING, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Multiple area communities will benefit from recycling and household hazardous waste grant funding announced recently by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management.

The Division of Waste Management offers three competitive grant programs through the Kentucky Pride Fund that local government entities can use to develop integrated recycling/composting infrastructure and promote the proper disposal of hazardous household chemicals.

Area recipients of 2023-24 funding included:

• Recycling:

The West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corporation (WKRRC), comprising Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties, received \$175,033.66 for a new horizontal baler at the WKRRC processing center at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia, two recycling collection trailers in Trigg County and a 53-foot collection trailer in Crittenden County.

• Household Hazardous Waste:

Pennyrile Solid Waste Management Authority (PSWMA), covering Christian County, received \$8,000. The Trigg County Fiscal Court received \$11,000.

A total of \$6.5 million in 2023-24 recycling, household hazardous waste, and composting grant funds were awarded statewide by the Division of Waste Management.

KY. 911 SERVICES BOARD GRANTS AID FIVE AREA DISPATCH AGENCIES

Several 911 dispatch organizations in the Pennyrile region are set to receive grant funding for mapping and communications upgrades through the Kentucky 911 Services Board.

At its June 13, 2023, meeting, the board approved 39 grants totaling \$2.46 million from applications received for the 2023 competitive grant cycle.

Area recipients announced for funding included the following:

- Livingston County Fiscal Court, which received \$116,627.48 for radio console equipment;
- Madisonville-Hopkins County Central Dispatch, which received \$41,352.91 for recorder equipment;
- Marion-Crittenden County E-911, which received \$27,450 for geospatial and mapping improvements;
- Muhlenberg County 911, which received \$147,500.83 for computer aided dispatch (CAD) equipment;
- Pennyrile Emergency Assistance Center (Caldwell County), which received \$113,098.15 for CAD equipment.

The Kentucky 911 Services Board (KY 911SB), an agency of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, provides grants, support, and training to Kentucky's network of certified 911 dispatch centers, or public safety answering points (PSAPs). Legislation, policy assistance and funding opportunities are developed and implemented to ensure Kentucky's state and local communications infrastructure remains current and capable of supporting responder agencies' efforts in emergency response across the state.

MUHLENBERG COUNTY RECEIVES WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Gov. Andy Beshear presented more than \$3.1 million in funding to benefit tourism, water infrastructure, law enforcement and local nonprofits in the community.

Gov. Beshear announced the commitment of \$1.8 million in funding from the Cleaner Water Program. The funds will go toward the below projects:

- The Central City Municipal Water & Sewer System will use \$313,119 to rehab one of the city's oldest water tanks.
- The city of Drakesboro will use \$313,119 to rehabilitate a water tank and replace a number of fire hydrants.
- The Greenville Utilities Commission will use \$313,119 to replace water service lines throughout the system.
- The Muhlenberg County Water District #1 will use \$313,119 to replace over 24,000 feet of leak-prone waterline.
- The Muhlenberg County Water District #3 will use \$313,119 to replace a section of waterline along Kentucky Highway 70 that has experienced frequent line breaks.
- The city of Powderly will use \$313,119 to help reduce the amount of rainwater that enters the sewer system during heavy rain events.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FUTURE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 169



Gov. Andy Beshear ceremonially broke ground on a project to achieve a longheld goal for the economic development of Western Kentucky – another interstate route designation – by bringing a portion of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway up to interstate highway standards on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at The Bruce Convention Center.

"Western Kentucky's economic momentum is strong, and today's announcement that we are one step closer to seeing the current parkway with interstate shields on it is a signal that Kentucky is open and ready for business and industry growth," Gov. Beshear said during a groundbreaking ceremony in Hopkinsville that included a host of area leaders. "This work is an exciting milestone for all who have advocated for this interstate conversion, and it shows the resilience of the Pennyrile region and the determination of people here to rebuild from the devastation of the tornadoes of 2021."

Work will begin this month on a package of improvements to the 34-mile section of the parkway between Interstate Highways 24 and 69 in Christian and Hopkins counties. Upon completion, which is expected in November 2024. the Federal Highway Administration could then add the roadway to the Interstate Highway System as Interstate Highway 169.

Satellite navigation systems favor interstate routes, and proximity to an interstate is seen as crucial to industry. Thus, the conversion of the Breathitt/Pennyrile Parkway to an interstate has long been a priority for local government and economic development officials, and the parkway already bears "Future I-169" shield signs. The final designation of I-169, connecting with existing Interstates 24 and 69, would give the region an interstate corridor from the Kentucky-Tennessee border to the Ohio River.

PeADD Executive Director, Jason Vincent, said the development of I-169 "has been a top priority of the Pennyrile Area Development District's Regional Transportation Committee for a number of years" under Mahre's leadership. "John knew the impact I-169 would have, not only for Christian County but the entire Pennyrile region. We appreciate the dedication and persistence by federal, state and local officials that has brought I-169 closer to becoming reality," Vincent said.



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded a \$13.9 million contract to Scotty's Contracting to perform the following overpass and interchange work:

- Increase the vertical bridge clearance heights at three overpasses (Morris Lake Road, Woodburn Hay Road, McIntosh Chapel Road) by removing pavement under the overpass and replacing the surface.
- Reconstruct bridge railings on the parkway over Drakes Creek.
- Improve the Exit 30 interchange that serves U.S. Highway 41 southbound traffic and parkway northbound traffic. Crews will upgrade the wayward signing, reconstruct the bridge railing, correct ramp deficiencies and remove the rolled curb.
- Improve the Exit 33 interchange, which currently has a conventional diamond configuration. Crews will increase taper lengths and ramp access on U.S. Highway 62 that don't meet interstate access requirements.
- Improve the Exit 34 interchange that connects I-69/Western Kentucky Parkway and the Pennyrile Parkway near Nortonville. Crews will increase taper lengths of the southbound on-ramp.
- I-169 signage will be installed at the completion of the project, pending Federal Highway Administration approval.



The project builds on a previous \$24 million rehab project on a section of the parkway in Christian County that increased clearances of various underpasses. A future project to improve the KY 1682 interchange on the northern edge of Hopkinsville is being developed.

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program 2023



The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) is taking 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program project applications August 15. It will support nearly all cybersecurity projects including (but not limited to) equipment, personnel, MFA, backups, transitioning to a .gov or ky.gov, training and exercises.

5 virtual workshop dates/times to choose from:

Aug. 14, 2PM (ET) | Aug. 15, 10AM (ET) | Aug. 16, 10AM (ET) | Aug. 17, 12:30PM (ET) | Aug. 18, 1PM (ET) Register for a workshop at https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/da9c2fe325c44b3bb1f011e9f1b2aa75. The grant application will be available on Aug 15th at https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/Grants.aspx.

GOV. BESHEAR PRESENTS MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION TO BENEFIT TRIGG COUNTY

On July 21st, at Murray State University, Gov. Andy Beshear announced \$1.5 million in funding to support tourism, local nonprofits, a community art center, law enforcement and water and sewer infrastructure in Calloway and Trigg counties.

"Today, we get to help create the first-ever visitor's guide for Cadiz and Trigg County, and support infrastructure that will help the school system grow in this community," Gov. Beshear said. "We're also supporting local nonprofits, a community art center and law enforcement. This is what we can do when we come together to build that better Kentucky we all want for our kids and grandkids."

"Investing in infrastructure, law enforcement, tourism and nonprofits are investments in a brighter future for Trigg County," said Trigg County Judge/Executive Stan Humphries. "At the local level, we work very hard to improve the lives of our people. When the state helps out like this, it relieves a financial burden from the county and moves all of us in the right direction."

Cleaner Water Program

Gov. Beshear announced the commitment of \$427,066 from the Cleaner Water Program to the City of Cadiz to replace approximately 2,600 linear feet of sewer line from Line Street to Lincoln Street along a walking trail. This project will benefit students and families, helping the city meet increased demands on its sewer infrastructure after the local school system added a new building.

The Governor also announced the commitment of \$427,065 in Cleaner Water Program funds to the Barkley Lake Water District to construct a new sludge storage lagoon at its water treatment plant.



Tourism Marketing Funding



Gov. Beshear awarded \$63,500 to the Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist and Convention Commission to support travel marketing and promotion. The award is part of the \$75 million in ARPA funding announced by the Governor to boost the state's tourism industry and economy following the decline in visitors brought on by the pandemic.

State legislators representing Calloway and Trigg counties celebrated today's announcements.

"I am excited to see how the awards announced today will help improve our community," said Rep. Mary Beth Imes of Murray. "It is crucial that we continue to fund things like the Nonprofit Assistance Fund, the Cleaner Water Program and the Law Enforcement Protection Program. Each of these funds ensure essential parts of our communities are safe and accessible. They also help to improve the lives of those within our communities through a strong economy, safe drinking water and safe roads."

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"The awards announced today will be instrumental in ensuring our community will have access to clean water and so much more. I am proud to be a part of a legislature that allocates money to these types of programs so Kentuckians can live healthier and safer lives," said Rep. Walker Thomas of Hopkinsville.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

HOPKINSVILLE CAREER CENTER HOLDS EXPUNGEMENT EVENT

Individuals who have a criminal background face many barriers to securing stable employment, housing, and other basic needs. The Hopkinsville Career Center hosted a clinic on August 3 to assist individuals with a criminal conviction to see if they were eligible to have their record expunged. Goodwill Industries of Kentucky provided legal and financial assistance to the participants. The event had over 80 attendees who were able to speak with an attorney about their case, as well as learn about additional resources provided by Kentucky Legal Aid and the Educational Opportunity Center.











STATE PLAN AUGUST 23 • 1:00 PM CDT • PeADD OFFICE

https://wkworkforce.work/local-state-plan

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA DISCUSSION

The WIOA State Plan outlines Kentucky's approach to workforce development which focuses on assisting the individual customer to attain high quality jobs and careers, and helping employers hire and retain skilled workers. A planning meeting will be held Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 1 pm CDT at the Pennyrile Area Development District. Information for the meeting will be uploaded to https://wkworkforce.work/local-state-plan.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Review state and local successes and challenges
- Re-imagine the workforce system to support a broader range of individual customers
- Better serve businesses in attracting and retaining qualified diverse talent

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- How might we re-imagine the current workforce programs to better align to achieve greater outcomes for the individual and business customers?
- How might we collaboratively innovative for a seamless service delivery model to individual and business customers?



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
PeADD Board of Directors Meeting	August 14, 2023	12 noon	PeADD Office & Streamed on YouTube
Pennyrile West Park Board Meeting	August 14, 2023	1pm (or after PeADD Bd Mtg)	PeADD Office
Alzheimer's Support Group	August 15, 2023	11 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	August 16, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	August 23, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office
West Kentucky Workforce Development Area Plan Discussion	August 23, 2023	1 pm (CDT)	PeADD Office
BRIC Energy Stakeholders Meeting	September 6, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 LAKE BARKLEY STATE RESORT PARK

To register click on the link below.

https://www.peadd.org/pride-of-the-pennyrile



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