



Executive Director's Report – June 2021

Continuity of COG Operations – Executive Director Patrick Connors began with the COG on May 26, 2021. With the assistance of outgoing Executive Director Hockenberry and Ms. Janet Wenger Mr. Connors has and is continuing to receive a comprehensive summary of COG operations and obligations.

Grant Award – On May 25, 2021 the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved the COG's application for a Data Driven Code Enforcement Project in the amount of \$24,600. This project is anticipated to launch during the Summer of 2022. The Program can be summarized as follows: "This program provides, for participating communities, a code enforcement officer with certification in the International Property Maintenance Code from the International Code Council, the industry's highest standard. The primary benefits of the arrangement are (a) it provides the participating municipality with qualified staff; (b) the administration of regulations fairly and consistently, and (c) efficient and effective services for the member municipalities on an hourly rate. This Program emphasizes compliance with the IPMC to assure safe, clean and attractive communities built upon a reactive, violation-based approach."

Refuse and Recycling Contract – In anticipation of receiving bids for the upcoming 5-year Garbage and Recycling Agreement the COG's Refuse and Recycling Committee will hold a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Friday, July 2nd at 9:30 a.m. with interested bidders at the Kilbuck Township Municipal Building (343 Eicher Road). Final bids are due and results will be read aloud on Thursday, July 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Kilbuck Township Municipal Building. Bid specifications have been relayed to participating municipalities as well as prospective bidders. The required public advertisements will run in the June 18th and 25th editions of The Citizen News. Further details have been posted to the COG's webpage.

Traveling Glass Dumpster (Kilbuck Township) – From May 29th – June 3rd Kilbuck Township sponsored a travelling glass dumpster which was provided in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). This series of events will continue with Aleppo Township hosting the dumpster from June 26th through July 1st. Seven COG members agreed to sponsor this series resulting in six separate traveling glass dumpster events in 2021.

Hard to Recycle Event – On July 10, 2021 from 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will host a Hard to Recycle Collection Event at the Quaker Valley High School (625 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Electronics such as televisions, computer monitors, printers and other items such as tires will be available for collection for a nominal fee. Please note that batteries, CFLs, and household chemicals will not be accepted at this event. COG members are encouraged to promote this event which will be open to the Public. More information concerning this event including the fee schedule and list of permissible items can be found at prc.org.

Recognition of Ms. Janet Wenger – QVCOG members are invited to celebrate Ms. Janet Wenger's retirement and service to the QVCOG region on June 23rd from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The festivities will take place at Avalon Park (708 New Brighton Road Avalon, PA 15202). Those attending are asked to bring a snack, side, or dessert. Please RSVP by emailing shockenberry@qvcog.org.