

rollin' on the river

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What's *rollin'*?

Mahoning Valley Projects Finalists in Efficientgovnow Competition. Public votes needed.

Last year Mahoning Valley projects won two of three top spots in the efficientgovnow completion and brought nearly \$200,000 into the area. This year, two more Mahoning Valley projects are among the ten finalists in the competition. Up to four of the ten finalists will be funded. They need the public's votes if the Valley is going to go two for two in ten, again.

The projects are:

Grounds for Change: Creating the First Collaborative Land Bank in the Mahoning County Region.

Project would establish Mahoning County's first regional land bank to more effectively deal with vacant properties, eliminate blight, and assemble parcels for future development.

Partners: City of Youngstown, City of Campbell, City of Struthers, Austintown Township and Lien Forward Ohio.

Trumbull County Coordinated Geographical Information System Sharing and Data Collection.

Project would expanded Trumbull County's GIS and provide services and support for 911, and various County, City of Warren and City of Niles operations and departments to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of obtaining and updating geographic data for public use.

Partners: Trumbull County Engineer's Office, GIS Department, Sanitary Engineer, 911 Department, Soil and Water Conservation, Planning Commission, and Cities of Niles and Warren.

Any resident of northeast Ohio, 13 years or older, is eligible to vote. The public can vote on line at www.efficientgovnow or by calling 1-877-771-5206. Paper ballots are also available from the project partners. Voting ends May 31, 2010.

VOTE and forward this information to colleagues, employees, friends, and relatives urging them to vote, too. It's easy – DO IT and let's go two for two in ten, again!

CASTLO Community Improvement Corporation
Mahoning River Corridor Initiative
Sixth Annual

Summer Picnic & Golf Outing

Place: Bedford Trails Golf Course

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m. for picnic (1:30 for golf)

Cost: \$20 for picnic - \$40 for picnic and golf

Picnic includes BBQ Dinner, beverages, prizes.
Golf will be a 9-hole FUN scramble and includes
Green Fees, cart, prizes, snacks and beverages.

RSVP by June 11th: Denise at CASTLO 330-750-1363
All checks made to CASTLO/MRCI and mailed to
CASTLO, 100 S. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471

Down by the Riverside

The Mahoning River Consortium is encouraging all residents of the Mahoning Valley to take part in a Riverside Picnic Day on Saturday, June 12, 2010, in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day.

The picnic is not planned as a structured observance, but rather as a do-it-yourself opportunity for families throughout the Valley to explore and reconnect with the river and the great outdoors by having a picnic anywhere along the river and its tributaries on that day.

The MRC has identified several locations that are available for public access, but participation is not limited to those sites. For the more adventurous, use the occasion to explore the river corridor. Residents are reminded to make sure they have permission from the landowner if using private property, however.

Public sites include:

Foster Park at 3940
Damascus-Newton Falls
Rd., Newton Township.*

Rotary Park at Ticknor
Avenue and First Street,
Newton Falls.



Newton Falls Dam

Newton Falls Covered Bridge at Arlington Blvd. and Jay St.,
Newton Falls,

Canoe City at 74 N. Levitt Rd., Leavittsburg.*



Perkins Parks, Mahoning
Avenue, Warren.*

Gould-Stewart Park at
Main St. SW and Spring St.,
Warren

Nile Water Site at N. Main
St. and First St., Niles.

Packard Park, Mahoning

Avenue, Warren.*

Girard Dam/Viaduct at Liberty Street, Girard.

B & O Station at 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown*

Walton Ave. Bridge at Poland Ave. and Walton Ave.,
Campbell/Struthers.

Yellow Creek Park, SR 616 (Bridge St.) and Lowellville
Road, Struthers.*

Lowellville Village Park* and Bridge, Water Street and
River Road, Lowellville.

*Rest room facilities available at site.

Other activities various groups are planning in conjunction with the Riverside Picnic include canoeing and kayaking trips, a Recycle Regatta at Lake Milton State Park sponsored by YSU Recycling, a tree-planting event by Trees Pleez, and bird-watching activities led by Audubon Society members.



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