

NODA *news*

Newsletter of the Northern Oklahoma Development Authority

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Double Trouble

NODA and NORTPO are excited to announce that we have two new faces that have joined our team. Please join us in welcoming them to the NODA family.

New Face, New Plans



Devon Westbrook, NODA's new Transportation Planner with the NORTPO program. Devon graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with his Bachelor's in Geography and is currently pursuing his Master's in Regional and City Planning. Before coming to work for NODA, Devon was with the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) on the Clean Cities Coalition working to grow the program and

advance alternative fuel adoption in the Oklahoma City metro area. Devon is a devout follower of Jesus Christ. He enjoys gardening with his wife, Gabrielle, rock climbing, reading, and drinking coffee.

Let him know what you liked about your county's Long Range Transportation Plan and what you would like to see included in our regional plan. You can contact him at devon@noda-ok.org.

Coordinating a New Start



Troy Amundson, the new Economic Development Coordinator with the EDA program. Troy is originally from Minnesota, but has been living in Garber for about 32 years with his wife. His wife is a semi-retired teacher in Garber. He has been a small business owner for 30 years, testing water/wastewater for nearly all of the rural communities in the NODA district for 30 years. He was

the Utilities Superintendent in Garber for 4 years, worked for ConocoPhillips in research, taught science in Perry and Ponca City. He ran trains for BNSF for 13 years and was a welder at Ditch Witch for the last couple of years. He has a BS degree from OSU. He says he's excited to have the opportunity to do everything he can to assist the communities in the NODA district achieve their goals for revitalization of their economies.

He will be assisting in writing Economic Grants. You can contact him at troy@noda-ok.org.

TECH UPDATES

NODA Website:

If you have tried to access the NODA website at nodanet.org you have noticed that the content has been reduced and you are now redirected to a new website. This is intentional and the new website for NODA is www.noda-ok.org

NORTPO Website:

We are aware of the current issues preventing you from accessing the NORTPO website at www.nortpo.org. We are working diligently to resolve these issues and return all the content to you!

Please watch for further updates on this situation.



Mask-erade:

Due to the record number of COVID-19 cases in Garfield County the Enid Mayor and Board of Commissioners voted on a town wide mask mandate at their regular meeting on Dec. 1, 2020. The meeting was held at the Stride Bank Center to continue social distancing practices while still allowing for public attendance and commenting. This is the fourth vote on a town-wide mandate, the first was voted down 5-2 in July, 4-3 in August and the special meeting for the third vote was cancelled. At this meeting the mandate passed 6-1, which means now face coverings are required in any indoor public places.

This requirement does not apply to Vance Air Force Base, Garfield County Court House, school buildings, religious institutions, hospitals and other medical residential facilities. A list of individual exceptions is available online.

The latest number of COVID-19 cases in Garfield County are 4,340, 789 of which are new cases in the last 14 days, with 37 deaths, and 3,812 recovered.



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Making a Difference in Northern Oklahoma

We provide opportunities to improve the quality of life in our eight county region - Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major and Noble.

For more information about NODA services, contact us at (580)237-4810 or nodanet.org.

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Annual Average Daily Traffic Count Transportation Map



Map of Dewey County and the town of Seiling provided by: Susmita Som
(System applicable to any community.)



FY21 NODA REAP GRANT AWARDS

With the spirit of giving in the air this holiday season, NODA announces the 21 awardees receiving the FY21 REAP grant. Thirty applications were received and reviewed by the REAP committee. We are happy to award this year's REAP grants to the following:

ALFALFA COUNTY

- *Aline-Water Lines
- *Burlington-Streets
- *Goltry-Storm Water Drainage
- *Jet-Streets

GRANT COUNTY

- *Pond Creek-Lift Station

NOBLE COUNTY

- *Marland FD-SCBA Fill Station
- *Morrison-Sirens

GARFIELD COUNTY

- *Covington-Sewer Lines
- *Drummond-Sewer Lagoon
- *Fairmont-Sewer Lines
- *Garfield Co. RWD7-ARM Meters
- *Lahoma-Generator
- *Waukomis-AMR Meters

KINGFISHER COUNTY

- *Cashion-Sewer Lines
- *Hennessey-Water Lines
- *Okarche-Lift Station

KAY COUNTY

- *Braman-Water Lines
- *Newkirk-Water Lines
- *Tonkawa-Sirens

BLAINE COUNTY

- *Okeene-Streets

MAJOR COUNTY

- *Ringwood-Excavator

CDBG Starts Anew January 2021

The FY21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application season is fast approaching. Our staff is ready to help your community apply for CDBG funding at no cost. That is just one benefit of being a NODA member.

CDBG makes it possible for communities to finance a variety of public infrastructure and economic improvements, thus improving the lives of your residents. The FY21 CDBG application cycle will open in mid to late January. Anticipated application due dates are:

- ☼ Community Revitalization: late March
- ☼ Water/Wastewater Engineering and Construction: early May
- ☼ Capital Improvements Plan (CIP): early July

Are you prepared for CDBG Grants? If you are planning to apply in 2021 here are a few items to consider completing now that we feel can speed up the application process when the season starts:

- ☼ Is your DUNS # for your city/town/county? It cannot be for your Utilities Dept. or your Fire Dept.
- ☼ Have you registered your city/town/county with SAM.gov? Must be registered in order to receive federal funding. Have you done the annual renewal yet?
- ☼ Is your income survey current? They are good for 5 years. The oldest it can be for this next cycle is 2016. Keep in mind that you might have to do a targeted survey if the project doesn't benefit the entire community.

If you have a project and you would like to apply for CDBG funds, please contact Jennifer Firgard at 580.599.0358 or jennifer@noda-oeda.org.



OKLAHOMA Transportation

State's first draft public transit plan released by ODOT and Oklahoma Transit Association

For the first time, the State of Oklahoma has developed a statewide plan for public transportation that unites urban and rural transit services by laying out mobility priorities for the next 20 years. The plan outlines the goals, strategies, objectives and priorities to make Oklahoma a Top Ten state for public transit by 2040. The full plan is available to the public for review or pdf download at www.oktransitplan.org.



On January 1, 2021, NODA will be releasing a survey to get public comment on our proposed goals for the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. You will be able to find the survey on the nortpo.org website under the Surveys tab. We ask that you share the link by either word of mouth or digitally so that we can get comments from as much of the NODA and OEDA area as possible.



WE MISSED IT!

We apologize for missing the Fall 2020, Volume 3 of the NODA newsletter. We hope you enjoy this edition, please remember to stay safe, shop local, and take care of yourself and each other.



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