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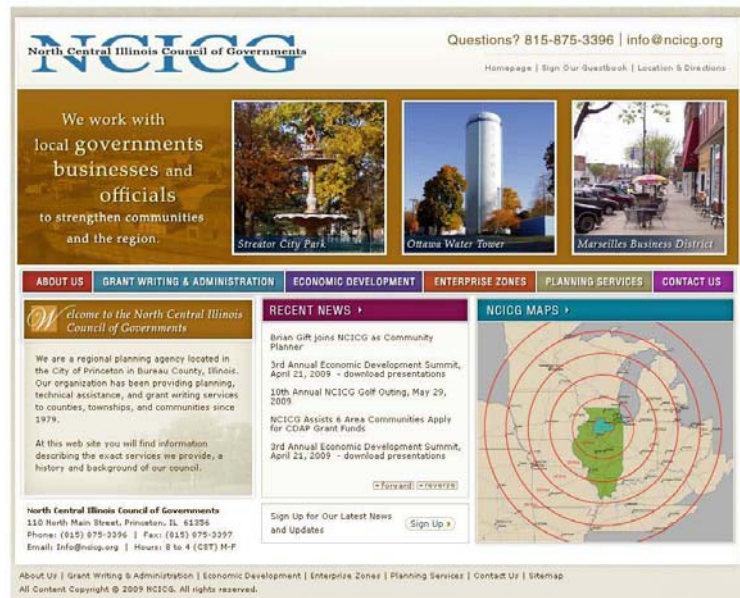
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NCICG's NEW LOOK ...

CHECK THIS OUT – NCICG will be releasing its new website soon...
watch for the announcement.



The NCICG staff has been working with a web page design company to redesign our NCICG website. Above is a preview of our new look. Watch for the announcement. In the meantime, you are welcome to visit www.ncicg.org.

Dates to remember...

**CDAP Income Survey
DUE to NCICG -
Date has passed.
Call with question.**

**CDAP Public Infrastructure
Construction Grant
Application due
February 19, 2010**

**CDAP Design Engineering
Applications due
May 14, 2010**

And...

**4th Annual Economic Summit
- Spring 2010**

**11th Annual Golf Outing
- Late Spring 2010**

**31st Annual NCICG Dinner
- Fall 2010**

NCICG 30th Annual Dinner ... Thursday, November 12, 2009

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, North Central IL Council of Governments (NCICG) celebrated our 30th year by recognizing the following former Mayors / Village Presidents for their support of NCICG:



Pictured from left to right:

Larry L. Harber, City of Toluca

**Sherry Kupec for James Kupec, in memoriam,
City of Wenona**

James A. Narczewski, City of Spring Valley

Don Bosnich, Jr., Village of DePue

John Gordon, Village of Wyanet

Tim Shipp, Village of Bureau Junction.

Kevin Troglio, Village of Mark was not able to attend.

The honorees (representing a combined **204 years of service** as mayor/village president and trustee/alderman/councilman), received plaques recognizing their many years of service. Each Achievement Award was inscribed...

“In Grateful Appreciation for Dedicated Service to the People of their respective city/village and their Support of the North Central Illinois Council of Governments.”

Over the 30 years, NCICG wrote and administered a total of approximately **60 grants** for a variety of projects in these **seven (7) communities**. Total grant funds awarded equals **\$14,732,157**. These grants resulted in a total of **\$87,645,210 of public and private funds** being invested in these seven (7) communities. This figure does not include the peripheral benefits and expenditures that occur because of projects like this (e.g. jobs created).



The evening's program also included a presentation by **Carol Kulek** from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Bureau of Energy/Recycling. Her presentation, entitled: "Energy Efficiency Resources for Local Governments," outlined for the communities how the DCEO and NCICG will be working with Federal Recovery funds to help their communities become more energy efficient. Ms. Kulek made the formal announcement that **NCICG will be administering over \$900,000 in Federal Recovery funds for the statewide Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program**. The funds will be granted to local governments in the region through a competitive application process.

Carol was introduced by past-Executive Director of NCICG, **Doug McDermand**. Doug gave a brief history of NCICG highlighting some of the major accomplishments.

A Service Award was presented to **Kevin Lindeman**. Kevin had worked a little over three (3) years, left to work in the private sector and returned in January 2000. This coming January 3, 2010 he will have completed 10 (a total of 13.3 years) continuing years of dedication and service to NCICG and all of the communities. Kevin was also awarded the "Get 'er done" recognition.

Samantha Warren from Debbie Halvorson's office made a presentation that included a framed certificate: "This flag which was flown over the U.S. Capital is in recognition of North Central Illinois Council of Governments for its 30 years of community service... signed Debbie Halvorson, Member of Congress, 11th District of Illinois."

Sponsors who helped cover expenses were: Foth Infrastructure & Environmental, McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., Chamlin & Associates, Wendler Groundbreaking Solutions, D.J. Sickley Construction Co., Inc., and Attorney Gary L. Peterlin of Perona, Peterlin, Andreoni & Brolley, LLC.



Mayor / Village President Honorees

Tim Shipp
Bureau Junction, Village President



Years of Service
Village President – 13 Years
Trustee – 9 Years



Bureau Junction Projects
Grant Total \$ 1,469,904
Project Total \$ 2,012,311

Don Bosnich, Jr.
DePue, Village President



Years of Service
Village President – 16 Years



DePue Projects
Grant Total \$ 1,122,990
Project Total \$ 1,741,236

Kevin Troglio
Mark, Village President



Years of Service
Village President – 20 years
Trustee – 3 years



Mark Projects
Grant Total \$ 1,676,812
Project Total \$ 10,967,018

James A. Narczewski
Spring Valley, Mayor



Years of Service
Mayor – 20 Years
Alderman – 10 years



Spring Valley Projects
Grant Total \$ 4,827,591
Project Total \$ 60,827,270

Larry L. Harber
Toluca, Mayor



Years of Service
Mayor – 28 Years
Alderman – 16 years



Toluca Projects
Grant Total \$1,782,700
Project Total \$3,553,171

James Kupec
Wenona, Mayor



Years of Service
Mayor – 9 years
Alderman – 18 years



Wenona Projects
Grant Total \$ 1,946,650
Project Total \$ 5,328,750

John Gordon
Wyanet, Village President



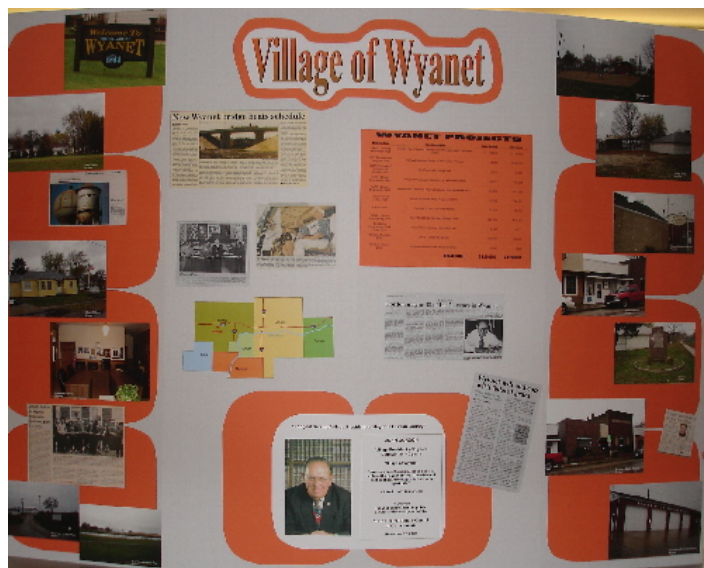
“Longest Serving Village President or Mayor in Bureau County”

Years of Service
Village President – 36 years
Councilman – 6 years



Wyanet Projects
Grant Total \$ 1,894,510
Project Total \$ 3,204,454

Each Community / Honoree had an information board designed and on display at the event. Go to our website for more viewing.



NCICG... 2009 In Review

What a year! 2009 presented us with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), an Illinois Capital Bill, applications for ARRA infrastructure projects, and a new regional Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, just to mention a few. Here are some of the highlights:

- New staff additions during past year... added **Brian Gift, Community Planner**. Brian, a University of Illinois graduate, is working on comprehensive plans, mapping, zoning and energy efficiency projects.
- A region-wide call for projects by NCICG resulted in a comprehensive list of **205** potential projects totaling **\$359,717,798.00**. The list was presented to: the IL Strategic Infrastructure Task Force; Federal and State Agencies; Federal and State Legislators; Illinois Capital Bill Hearing panels, and several State and National Organizations that issued "Calls for Projects."
- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANTS** - New program through DCEO Bureau of Energy & Recycling. NCICG will administrate the program our service area. Competitive grants will be available to local governments to implement a variety of energy efficiency programs and projects. Program will roll out in early 2010.
- NCICG assisted with a plan to launch a **regional broadband project**. Effort was spearheaded by City of Ottawa. Also joining the effort is LaSalle County, the City of Oglesby, the City of Peru and the City of LaSalle.
- Planning Projects: **Comprehensive Plans** are nearing completion for the City of Oglesby and Putnam County.
- **Zoning** map for Sheridan has been completed and an update of the McNabb Zoning Ordinance is underway.
- **Enterprise Zones** – NCICG Administers two (2) Zones: **Bureau/Putnam EZ** and **Marshall County EZ**. GIS maps have been completed for the Marshall County EZ and will be soon prepared for the Bureau/Putnam EZ. The NCICG Economic Development District funded this effort.
- **HSTP** – IDOT CONTRACT– 2007-2009 – Three (3) year contract to develop a Human Services Transportation Plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson & Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, Dekalb, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam). Purpose is to coordinate and advance transportation services for elderly, disabled and low-income people. Plans are complete and are being implemented.
- The **Oglesby** McPhedran Park Grant has been funded through the IL Department of Natural Resources, Open Space and Land Acquisition Program. Work continues on the **Princeton** Zearing Park expansion. An acquisition grant has been submitted for the City of **LaSalle** to acquire a fifty-two (52) acre parcel for future park development.
- **Economic Development**
 - ✓ **3rd Annual Summit - 2009** held at Celebrations in LaSalle on May 22.
 - ✓ **4th Annual Summit - 2010** - TBA.
 - ✓ EDD has several grant applications for **EDA** Public Works and Economic Development funds submitted.
 - ✓ **Webinars** were hosted at IVCC and Marshall County, NIU Extension. Partnerships continue with: North Central Illinois Logistic Council, NCI Works, Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway, and others.
 - ✓ The EDD is funding a **new NCICG website** with a significant economic development component.
- **NCICG and IVCC have formed a new partnership**. The two entities have worked on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy. NCICG is available to assist the College with other grants as needed. Many other projects and collaborations have been discussed and will be explored.
- **Recycling** – The Marshall/Putnam Recycling Program observed Arbor Day (a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care) by giving away trees at locations in both counties. Other highlights: The Marshall/Putnam Fair booth and a new public information campaign.
- **CDAP Grants** ... Communities awarded grants from February 2009 funding round: Kinsman, Princeton, Tiskilwa and Wenona.
- **CDAP Grants** ... Communities awarded grants from June 2009 ARRA funding round: Carbon Hill, Diamond, and Grand Ridge.
- **10th Annual Golf Outing** was held on May 29 at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley.
- **11th Annual Golf Outing** – TBA