



MEMBER JURISDICTIONS:

Grandview
Granger
Harrah
Mabton
Moxee
Naches
Selah
Sunnyside
Tieton
Toppenish
Union Gap
Wapato
Yakima
Yakima County
Zillah

**YVCOG EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE:**

James A. Restucci, Chair
Mayor, City of Sunnyside
Mike Leita
Yakima County Commissioner
Micah Cawley
Mayor, City of Yakima
Area 1 — Dan Olson
Union Gap City Council
Area 2 — Loren Belton,
Mayor, City of Toppenish
Area 3 — Mario Martinez
Mayor, City of Mabton
Member At Large-
John Hodkinson, Jr., Vice Chair



311 North 4th Street, Suite 202
Yakima, WA 98901
509-574-1550
FAX 509-574-1551
Website: www.yvcog.org

Funding Opportunities Abound!

By Shawn Conrad, Senior Planner

Department of Ecology – FY 2016 Combined Funding Cycle

Ecology is opening its FY 2016 Combined Funding Cycle. There is approximately \$183 million available in loans and grants from four funding sources, including the Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, Centennial Clean Water Program, Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program, and the Stormwater Financial Assistance Program.

A free application workshop will be held in Ellensburg on **September 11, 2014** at Central Washington University, Student Union & Recreation Center, Rooms 201/202 (Ballroom), 400 East University Way, from 9:00-1:00 p.m. Light refreshments; no registration required. See the complete announcement at <http://tinyurl.com/ECY-Water> or contact Daniel Thompson at Daniel.Thompson@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6510.

Department of Health – DWSRF Construction Loans

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Construction Loans provide low-interest construction loans for publicly-owned (municipal) and privately-owned drinking water systems. These loans cover capital improvements that increase public health and compliance with drinking water regulations. For the 2014 loan cycle, the program will accept loan applications from **September 1-30, 2014**. Applicants need an approved water system plan, a small water system management program, or plan amendment containing their DWSRF project prior to submitting an application. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/DWSRF-Fund> for more information.

Continued on Page 2

YVCOG Hosts Short Course on Local Planning

By Shawn Conrad, Senior Planner

YVCOG, with the City of Zillah, is hosting a free **Short Course on Local Planning**. The Short Course is provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce. This Short Course offering is focused on the public process, and will provide valuable training on the following topics:

- ⇒ Overview of Land Use Decision Making in Washington
- ⇒ Effective Public Hearings
- ⇒ Focus on Quasi-Judicial Decision-Making
- ⇒ “Sunshine Laws” - Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act
- ⇒ Effective Meetings

Planning commissioners, members of other advisory boards, city council members, and staff are highly encouraged to attend. The knowledge held by planning commissioners, city council members, and staff regarding the public process can make or break land use decisions and a city's liability risk.

Continued on Page 2

Grandview Parks Plan Update

By Joseph Calhoun, Planner

The City of Grandview is currently in the process of updating its Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. This update, which will guide Grandview Parks and Recreation from 2015-2020, includes a current parks inventory, list of future projects, goals, policies, and objectives; and will also make the city eligible to apply for grants.

A public meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014 from 7 - 8 p.m. at the Grandview Community Center (812 Wallace Way, Grandview). The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the plan, which will ultimately be presented to City Council for approval. The draft plan can also be viewed on the City of Grandview website - <http://www.grandview.wa.us/>. For more information, contact Joseph Calhoun at (509) 574-1550, or by email at calhounj@yvcog.org.



The poster features a decorative archway at the top with the word "GRANDVIEW" in the center. Below the archway, the text reads "City of Grandview Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan Public Outreach Meeting". A dark red banner below this text says "Come help us review and comment on the Parks & Recreation Plan draft!". Underneath the banner is a photograph of a colorful playground in a park setting. At the bottom of the poster, the date and time are listed: "Thursday, September 25th 7:00 - 8:00 PM @ The Grandview Community Center (812 Wallace Way)".

Funding — Continued from Page 1

Environmental Protection Agency – FY 2015 Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has funding available for local governments to develop an area-wide plan for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. Each project funded must result in an area-wide plan, including implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up, and reusing the brownfields sites. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 20 projects in total, funded at up to \$200,000 each. Proposal submission deadline is **September 22, 2014**. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BF-Grant>.

WA Department of Commerce – Energy Efficiency and Solar Grant

Commerce has opened its last round of the 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency and Solar Grant Program for higher education, local governments, and state agencies. The immediate goal of the Energy Efficiency and Solar Grants program is job creation. Longer-term goals include reducing energy costs at the state's public higher education institutions, local government facilities, and state agencies; and

promoting the use of Washington-manufactured solar products. The application deadline is Thursday, **September 18, 2014** at 5:00 p.m. For complete information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/EE-Grant>.

Short Course — Continued from Page 1

In addition, this short course will provide the training required by the Open Government Trainings Act. Effective July 1, 2014, the Open Government Trainings Act requires jurisdictions' records officers and members of governing bodies (city councils, advisory boards such as planning commissions, and others), and all agency records officers, to receive training on Washington's "sunshine laws" – open public meetings and public records laws. These members must receive training no later than 90 days after they take their oath of office or assume their duties. Individuals already in office as of July 1 should receive training during the 2014 calendar year.

When: Wednesday, October 8, 2014,
6:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Where: Zillah Civic Center, 119 1st Ave, Zillah

Agenda & registration: <http://tinyurl.com/SC-Zillah>

Registration deadline is **September 14, 2014**.

Participate in Rideshare Online and Win Prizes!

By Brian Curtin, CTR Program Coordinator

Happy summer! And with summer comes... our annual RideshareOnline.com [summertime promotion!](#) Brought to you by King County Metro, WSDOT, and the Washington State Ridesharing Organization, this Washington State five-week campaign runs from Sunday, August 17th through Saturday, September 20th. Make a difference in your commute!



Commuters who register or update their accounts and log at least 10 completed, eligible commute trips on the RideshareOnline.com (or sponsored site) calendar will be entered into prize drawings. Eligible modes include vanpool, carpool, riding transit, walking, biking, telecommuting, or compressing their work week. As the eligible trips are logged on the calendar, participants will be automatically qualified for the prize drawings. Visit [RideshareOnline.com](#) for [full eligibility requirements](#).

All commuters statewide who participate get the benefits of saving money on commute costs, and contributing to cleaner air and a sense of community! Participating commuters who track their qualified work trips will be entered into random prize drawings, in which they could win:

- One of two gift cards valued at \$500 each
- One of 10 \$50 MasterCard weekly gift cards

How do I enter?

Commuters will need to register at [RideshareOnline.com](#) or log in and access their accounts. Then, during the Aug. 17 –

Sept. 20 promotion, they need to log at least 10 eligible trips on the RideshareOnline.com calendar to be entered into prize drawings and track weekly to be entered into weekly drawings. Eligible modes include vanpool, carpool, riding transit, walking, biking, telecommuting or compressing their work week. As the eligible trips are logged on the calendar, commuters will be automatically qualified for the prize drawings.

For more information

Official rules and additional information is posted on [RideshareOnline.com](#). For general RideshareOnline.com questions, email rideshare@rideshareonline.com or call Brian Curtin, CTR Program Coordinator, at (509) 759-7992.

AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MPO/RTPO TAC — August 14

- August MTIP Amendment, by Brian Curtin (YVCOG)
- Union Gap Functional Reclassification, by Dennis Henne (Union Gap)

MPO/RTPO Executive Committee & Policy Board — August 18

- Visit by Amy Scarton, WSDOT Assistant Secretary of Community & Economic Development
- STP Funds and MTIP Amendment updates, by Gary Ekstedt (Yakima County / TAC Chair) and Brian Curtin (YVCOG)
- Review of Human Services Transportation Plan, by Madelyn Carlson (People for People)

YVCOG Executive Committee — August 18

- Executive Director Search Committee update
- Adoption of YVCOG Computer Use Policy
- 2015 YVCOG Budget Development

Your YVCOG Staff:

Chris Wickenhagen, Interim Executive Director / Administrative Finance Officer
Brian Curtin, CTR Coordinator
Vacant, Senior Transportation Planner
Shawn Conrad, Senior Planner
Joseph Calhoun, Planner
John R. Rohrbaugh, GIS Analyst/Systems Administrator
Tamara Hayward, Office Specialist
Vacant, Office Specialist



What is Malware?

By John R. Rohrbaugh, GIS Analyst/Systems Administrator

In their February 2014 Newsletter, OUCH!, the SANS Institute, published a simple-to-understand article simply entitled "What is Malware." The SANS Institute is the recognized source worldwide for Information Security Training and Research. As stated on their webpage (www.sans.org): "SANS is the most trusted and by far the largest source for information security training and security certification in the world. It also develops, maintains, and makes available, at no cost, the largest collection of research documents about various aspects of information security, and it operates the Internet's early warning system - the Internet Storm Center."

The article begins by introducing the reader to the subject of malware and who the offenders are likely to be: "The people who create, deploy and benefit from malware can range from individuals acting on their own to well-organized criminal groups or government organizations. In addition, the people that are creating today's sophisticated malware are often dedicated to that purpose; developing malware is their full-time job. In fact, once they develop their malware, they often sell it to other individuals or organizations and provide regular updates and support to their "customers." Once purchased, other criminals make money by installing the malware on millions of unsuspecting victims' systems, creating a botnet of infected systems. This botnet becomes a remotely controlled army, which the cyber criminal can then use for their own purposes, or sell the infected computers to other cyber criminals."

This article can be a critical piece of the reader's defense against malware and cyber criminal behavior of many other kinds. The complete newsletter containing the article can be found at: http://www.securingthehuman.org/newsletters/ouch/issues/OUCH-201402_en.pdf.



YVCOG General Membership Meeting

WHERE: Grandview Community Center
WHEN: Sept. 17, 2014 6:30-9:30 p.m.
DINNER: \$18 at 7 p.m.

Reservations and cancellations for a voting quorum and the caterer are appreciated no later than **Friday, September 12, 2014 at noon**. Please RSVP to Tami at (509) 574-1550 or email to haywardt@yvcog.org.



SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS



MPO/RTPO Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m.

MPO/RTPO Executive Committee & Policy Board & YVCOG Executive Committee
Monday, September 15 at 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 311 North 4th Street, Yakima
* The 300 Building * 2nd Floor *

YVCOG General Membership
Wednesday, September 17 6:30—9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Grandview Community Center

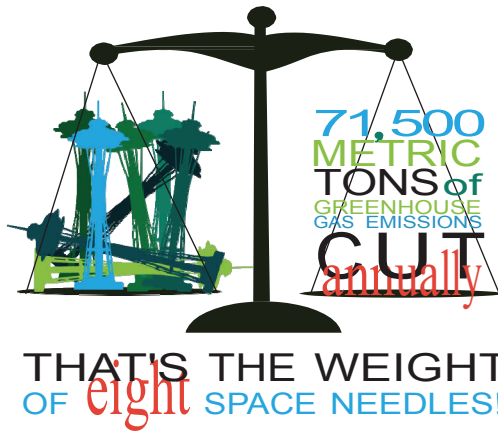
For more info, call (509) 574-1550.



SHARE THE RIDE. TRACK YOUR SAVINGS.
SAVE TIME & MONEY.
REDUCE TRAFFIC & POLLUTION.
ENTER TO WIN PRIZES.

REGISTER AT
RIDESHAREONLINE.COM
TODAY!

BRILLIANT *ideas* CAN REALLY ADD UP.



Each day, more than 570,000 commuters statewide choose to save time, money and the environment by sharing the ride in a vanpool, carpool, by riding transit, walking, biking, telecommuting or compressing their work week!

MAKE A *difference* IN YOUR COMMUTE!

- 2014 promotion runs Aug. 17 - Sept. 20!
- Visit RideshareOnline.com and register!
- Track eligible trips for random prize drawings!
- Prizes include two \$500 gift cards and 10 weekly \$50 prizes!

HOW DO I ENTER? Register at RideshareOnline.com or update your existing user account. During the Aug. 17 - Sept. 20 promotion, log at least 10 completed, eligible trips on the RideshareOnline.com calendar to be entered into prize drawings; track weekly to be entered into weekly drawings. Visit RideshareOnline.com for qualified trips and promotion, prize and eligibility details. Promotion sponsored by RideshareOnline.com, the Washington State Rideshare Organization and your local transit agency.

The Space Needle is a registered trademark of Space Needle LLC and is used with permission.

RideshareOnline.com
Powered by brilliant commuters. Like you.

