

# MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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## Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan Open House Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019

**Time:** 3:00-5:00 PM

**Location:**

Calhoun County Courthouse,  
Circuit Court Courtroom, 3rd floor  
363 Main Street, Grantville, WV

**Questions?**

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The comprehensive plan is  
the roadmap for the  
county's future.

Please attend the Open House  
to provide input, ask questions,  
and discuss how we can bring  
jobs and economic development  
to Calhoun County.

Drop in for a few minutes or  
stay the entire time to share  
your thoughts with local  
officials and fellow residents.

This is **YOUR** opportunity  
to provide input on the  
future of Calhoun County!



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOOKING OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS

Over the last couple of years, Community Development has been working with FEMA on hazard mitigation acquisitions projects throughout the region. After thinking the project was put on hold, we were notified that the acquisitions in Spencer, Happy Valley (Parkersburg), and Calhoun County were recommended by the state for funding. Although this does not guarantee funding from FEMA, this is the first step toward acquiring these homes and getting residents out of dangerous flood areas.

MOVRC HELPING COMMUNITIES

# UPDATE

If you haven't checked out the new MOVRC website please do so. We finally went live in August. [www.movrc.org](http://www.movrc.org)

In addition to a cleaner overall look we also have an online loan application.

## WORKFORCE

This month the Workforce Development Board is having the full Board/LEO meeting on September 27th at 10 am. The meeting will be held at the Board of Health in Clay, West Virginia. The Youth Committee meeting will be taking place September 12th at 10 am. at the Board of Health in Clay, West Virginia. There will be a Business Resource Network meeting on September 19th from 10:00 to 12:00. The event will be held in the conference room of the MOVRC.

Senior Companions from Barbour, Braxton, Lewis, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur and Webster Counties enjoyed the Barbour County Fair on August 27, 2019. Activities for the day included: Horse and buggy rides, train display, and local entertainment. Information was provided from AARP, Office of the Attorney General, and multiple other vendors on senior issues. Lunch was provided and a veteran recognition ceremony was held.



A GOOD TIME



September 10, 2019 Volunteer Recognition for Lou Bogdan, a 99 year old resident of the community was recognized for his 40 years of volunteer service for the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council and the Parkersburg Police Department.

Lou was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a message from Gov. Jim Justice that said he was receiving the award *“for outstanding commitment to volunteerism and exceptional contributions toward making West Virginia a better place. Volunteers are not just the heart of activities, they are the heart of each community.”*

Bogdan also received an award from the Parkersburg Police Department for his dedication over the years. According to a press release written by Anne McFee, a former Retired Senior Volunteer Program director, Bogdan would help prepare payroll for the office and described the Police Department as a *“second home”* for him.

After the passing of his wife, Bogdan decided to find something to do to fill his time. He began work with RSVP, a program of the Regional Council. A few ways he has served the community are by offering Volunteer Income Tax Preparation, cooking meals and providing recipes for friends and family.

*“(Lou) is an amazing individual. (He’s) super intelligent, he’s up to date with all the latest technology,”* Carol Jackson, executive director of the Regional Council, said. *“He’s just an amazing person.”*

“If you stop and think ‘why are we on the face of the Earth, each and every one of us?’ We’re here to help our fellow man,” he said

He shared his perspective on the concept of giving. *“The only way we can progress as a person or people is by giving,”* he said.

Bogdan said giving is among the hardest tasks to do. *“As soon as you do something for someone else, they immediately want to thank you and the only way you can give, truly, is to give and walk away and not wait around for the thanks. By waiting around for the thanks, you have turned the wonderful thought of giving into a simple business transaction. That’s really not giving in the true sense of the word.”*

He talked about different qualities in human beings that are passed down from older generations. He shared many lessons that were instilled in him by his father. One of them was the concept of setting aside money. Each week, his mother set aside half dollar which, over the years, paid for a total of 19 years worth of college for Bogdan and his siblings.

It was thanks to this practice that Bogdan *“had the honor of being one of the first three individuals of the United States to be recruited to do jet engine research back in 1942.”*

He said *“the upbringing has an awful lot to do with how you end up.”*

Bogdan gave a few pieces of advice for the group. *“If somebody gives you a problem that you can solve, help them.”* He said that by helping someone, *“you have educated them because now they are smarter than they were before the problem was solved. You made that other individual a better person because of it.”*