

## **Turtle Creek Valley COG Director's Report**

TCVCOG Board Meeting  
January 26, 2023

### **Upcoming Meetings**

2/2: Manager's Meeting, 2pm  
2/10/23: Annual Dinner  
2/14/23: Police Chief Meeting, 2:30pm  
3/29/23: County Executive Candidate Forum, 5:30pm  
4/13 – 4/16: ALOM Spring Conference

### **CodeNforce**

Glassport and North Braddock have submitted their signed agreement to be BETA phase participants. We continue to work with Grass Roots Solutions on the Business Plan.

### **Code Enforcement**

We are working with the Local Government Academy (LGA) to develop a Workforce Development plan for code enforcement. The preliminary idea is to create an apprenticeship program through the TCVCOG Code Enforcement program by engaging tech schools in our region. We had an initial meeting with LGA and Strategic Solutions on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Vector Program**

Spring will be here before we know it, so please submit your opt in agreements for 2023. We would appreciate your help in getting dates on our calendar in April, May and June. With your permission, I will open a Certificate of Deposit so that our vector replacement fund can grow more rapidly. The highest rate I've seen to date is 4.1%

### **Annual Dinner – Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

The TCVCOG Annual Dinner will take place on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood Country Club. We decided to maximize networking time by keeping the program short, and with one guest speaker – The honorable Jim Brewster, State Senator. Please let me know in the next day or two if there are any specific topics you'd like the Senator to address. We thought we'd eliminate the head tables this year and reserve a few round tables near the podium for speakers.

#### **Menu:**

Wedding soup (served at table?), Chicken Parm, Pasta Rosa Cream, Sausage stuffed Banana Peppers, Green beans, Rolls & Butter, Tiramisu/Lemon Cake, Coffee, Decaf and Iced Tea, Cash Bar (One drink ticket will be provided upon entrance to the event)

### **Meeting with John Weinstein**

Mr. Weinstein requested a meeting to discuss ways Allegheny County could better engage and support COGs. We met for over two hours, after which he expressed his interest in meeting with all Seven COG directors in Allegheny County. That meeting took place on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Weinstein seems very interested in finding ways to partner with COGs should he be elected as our next County Executive.

Mr. Lamb will be talking with the COG Directors at our next regular COG Director's meeting in March.

### County Executive Candidate Forum

Please Save the Date! The County Executive Candidate forum has been slated for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Palisades in McKeesport. This is a great opportunity to showcase our needs/priorities to the next County Executive and it is critical we have attendance from elected officials and staff of our member towns. We will be working on putting questions together in the next few weeks.

### Enterprise Zone of Braddock/East Shore Initiative

I've been asked to serve on their Executive Director search committee. For more information on this exciting opportunity: <http://eastshorepgh.com/Work/>

### Police Test

We conducted a police test for Churchill, East McKeesport, Forest Hills and Pitcairn on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we only had two out of three candidates show up for the test.

### Swissvale Police Regionalization Meeting

Swissvale Borough council invited me to speak about current shared services through TCVCOG at a public meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting was a good introduction of existing and developing shared services in our area. Everyone seemed interested in moving the conversation forward. It was suggested that the next meeting be a police regionalization 101 for those who are new to the concept. The group also said it would be helpful to hear some case studies on other police regionalization efforts.

### ALOM Spring Conference

ALOM's Spring Educational Conference is slated for April 13 – 16. Are we all in favor of TCVCOG continuing the tradition of hosting a hospitality suite? Should we host all three days? With your permission, I'd like to place the following ad in the program booklet:

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