



August 2024 Newsletter



The August Lunch & Learn speaker will be Brandon Jenson. He is the Program Manager for the Department of Economic Development's, Community Solutions Division. CDBG abbreviates (Community Development Block Grants) and is designed to address a broad set of needs for rural communities, with low to moderate income residents. The first three items on their lengthy list of things they help out with are:

- Road and sidewalk construction/repair
- Community facilities projects, such as senior centers, parks and fire stations
- Demolition of vacant, dilapidated structures

There are several topics on his list, so jot down your questions now, and check them off at the Lunch & Learn. Just be sure to register through the link below for this great educational opportunity.



Lunch & Learn Registration

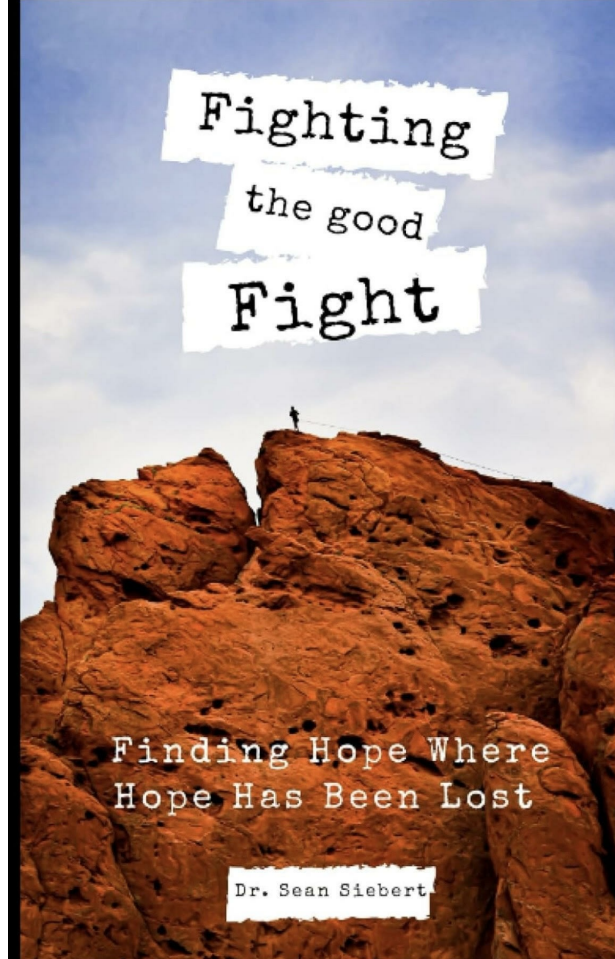
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Missouri Department of
Economic Development

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

FREE BOOK for Attendees



To all who attend our annual conference, on October 21st of this year, you will receive a **FREE** book from Sean Siebert. His book "Fighting the Good Fight" has a 5-star rating and inspires those going through grief, mental health issues, addictions, and life changes.

Sean has great knowledge and experience combined with his great story-telling ability which makes him a sought-after speaker. Dr. Siebert has also worked with schools across the state of Missouri and was awarded the National Association of Development Organization Innovation Award for the work he's done to fight mental health, poverty, and addiction. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

MCB's 60th Annual Conference
(to be held in Jefferson City)
Farm Bureau Headquarters
701 S. Country Club Drive



Adult tickets are \$60 and youth are \$30. Morning snacks and lunch will be served on site. The fun begins at 9am. We have three speakers scheduled, a "Resource Fair" with representatives of several organizations that could possibly help you with your project ideas and let's not forget the awards that are to be given out to the communities that participate in our awards program! Send your name, the name of your community, your address, and phone number along with a check to MCB PO Box 842, Mexico, MO 65265.

Registration ends October 14th!



BTC Bank has earned the Bronze Level for their support of our Better Together Fund. Please consider thanking them with your patronage. Check out the link below:

[BTC Locations](#)

MCB's Better Together Fund

Our Better Together Fund was started in 2022. Our mission is to provide sustainability to continue the work of MCB in the future. Please acknowledge your appreciation of our

statewide efforts by donating through the link or the QR code below. You can also find more information on our website at: [Better Together Fund!](#)



AWARDS DEPARTMENT

**MCB still has
GRANTS AVAILABLE!**



Maysville was the recipient of a 2023 grant from Missouri Community Betterment. Maysville PACA (Promoting

Awesome Community Awareness) used these funds to decorate for the "Christmas on the Square" celebration in Maysville. PACA, which is a group of volunteers, works with the city and county to add Christmas decorations around the downtown square. They also added a Christmas tree of lights on the courthouse lawn, which makes a great backdrop for family photos. Each year they work to improve the holiday experience for their community and to add to the quality of life for their residents.

There are still grants available for this year. Click the link below for more information and to apply.

[Grant Application](#)



The Linn Community Betterment Association is coordinating a 500 piece Jigsaw Puzzle Race on August 10th as a team competition with cash prizes to the top 3 teams finishing

their puzzle. This fundraiser will help support the development of a Discovery Garden for young children in Linn's McGuire Park.

Such a creative way to benefit your community and the children who live in or visit the community of Linn.

Keep up the great work!



The 2024 MCB annual conference will offer the opportunity for attendees to obtain information and discuss their project ideas with representatives of several organizations which support the purpose and mission of the small and mid-sized communities in our state. Invitations to participate in the MCB Resource Fair were extended and several firm commitments have been received. MCB invites readers to suggest entities that would be of interest to the local community volunteers who are the backbone of our organization. To do so or to share other feedback regarding the Resource Fair, please get in touch with Jeff Kormann Resource Fair, at 573-680-0682 or jeffreykormann76@gmail.com.



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August 21st: *Lunch & Learn 12-1 pm*

Brandon Jenson, DED's Community Development Block Grants

September 18th: *Lunch & Learn 12-1 pm*

TBD

September 20th: *Block rate ends*

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 573-761-0400

October 14th: *Last day to register for Conference*

October 21st: *MCB's 60th Annual Conference*

Farm Bureau Headquarters, Jefferson City

November 20th: *Lunch & Learn*

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our MCB network?***

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