Greetings!

Today I'm thinking about events that bring us together as "community."

This week we remember 9/11. Most of us vividly recall where we were and how we were impacted by the events and the sacrifices that ensued for so many individuals.
and families. Most communities will have events commemorating 9/11, and these will bring together cross section of our local and national communities.

Here in the Midwest, we finally had some rain over the last couple of weeks. While not enough to save most of the crops, it has been enough to get the grass growing again and get us out of the house now that the triple digits seem, thankfully, a summer memory and just in time for fall festivals, downtown events, and craft shows. I enjoy these gatherings as they bring together community members and highlight the local businesses, artisans, food and cultural traditions of the community. These events also highlight the similarities as well as unique characteristics of our communities. Take some time this year to get out and experience events like these in your part of the country.

The two national political conventions were also a form of community - people who share goals and values came together to celebrate and reinforce those goals and values.

And let's not forget that football season is back and those of us on college/university campuses are in the midst of fall football frenzy. Here in Missouri we are learning what it means to be part of the SEC!

Bottom line - get out and join in your community, get to know people, understand what your community values, start a conversation and enjoy the cooler weather!

Sincerely,

Sharon Gulick
President, Community Development Society

**News from CDS**

**2013 CDS Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC: Invitation to Join the Program Committee**  CDS members are welcome to offer their time and talents to the 2013 program committee. We have members who
practice, and research. CDS provides those who do community work with best practices, networking opportunities, tools, and other resources.

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ERS Charts of Note

- Prevalence of food insecurity has changed little since 2008-09
- Obese Americans Watched 37 Minutes More TV on Average Day than Normal-Weight Americans
- More Hired Farmworkers Are Located in Metropolitan Areas
- SNAP Participants Spend More Time in Grocery Shopping and Meal Preparation, Less Time Eating
- Young Operators Are Not Uncommon on Farms Involved in Rural Development-Related On-

have stepped up to help with the annual meeting, but we welcome others. If interested, please contact Bo Beaulieu, VP for Programs.

In addition, the call for papers will be coming out in the next couple of months.

**2012 CDS Conference Presentations and Pictures Are Online**

Could'n't make it to the CDS meeting in Cincinnati? Missed a session you wanted to attend? Want to review a session you did attend? Presentations from the conference are now online.

**Future CDS Conferences**

If you are interested in forming a local host committee to support a conference in your community, please contact Dave Lamie, VP Operations.

**Community Wealth**

How do you define Community Wealth? CDS would like to know. These answers will be compiled and summarized for future use.

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**CDS UpFront**

Compiled by Timothy Collins, Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

**Social Innovations for Economic Degrowth**

A reduction of gross domestic product needed for sustainability entails a fundamental transformation of economic structures. But what precisely are the necessary steps?
Happiness Comes From Respect, Not Riches
A series of studies shows that wealth doesn't make us happier—but the respect of others does.

Breaking Out of the System Trap: Civil Society Organizations
Increasingly, civil society leaders are questioning the efficacy of current strategies and are searching for new ways to tackle the systemic and cultural root causes of global environmental and social crises. Organizations have key opportunities to fulfill their potential as effective change agents.

Kansas Beckons Natives Home with Breaks
Fifty Kansas counties have lost 10% of their population since 2000. The state and county governments are recruiting residents with tax breaks, land offers, and major help repaying student loans.

Indiana Spurs Small Towns to Set a Course
The Stellar Communities program in Indiana awards grants to small towns that can envision a healthy future and have solid plans for getting there.

Sailing Our Own Odyssey, through the Arts
Double Edge Theater's staging of The Odyssey in rural Western Massachusetts inspires rural leaders to dream big and, in the spirit of Native peoples, bring art's magic back home.

40 Embattled Years of Rural Development
The Rural Development Title is a small but crucial part of the Farm Bill. And after four decades, it remains one of the most vulnerable parts of this mammoth legislation.

For the Amish, Big Agribusiness Is Destroying a Way of Life
In upstate New York, small farmers are being squeezed out by thousand-cow dairies and genetically modified crop producers. The
Rural Hospital Revival
Rural hospitals need to become health care centers, not just places with beds and emergency rooms. And it wouldn't hurt if the cafeteria were also the best place to eat in town!

What's to Become of Small Towns?
The adaptation of city-centered growth tools to small town planning exercises is not only possible, but preferable, using strategies for acting regionally, while planning locally for small town sustainability.

Regionalism: Spreading the Fiscal Irresponsibility
Regionalism includes two principal strains, local government amalgamation and metropolitan tax sharing. Both of these strategies are aimed at transferring tax funding from suburban local governments to larger core area governments.

Plan Cincinnati Aims to Guide City Back toward its Urban Roots
The renewed focus on urbanism in the Plan Cincinnati document establishes 11 goals that range from growing the city's population, to becoming more aggressive with economic development, to developing a culture of health. The plan identifies 40 Neighborhood Centers to serve as diverse, walkable centers of activity throughout the city.

Creative Class Cannibalization
The "Frankenstein effects" of place-making: The diversity of people and place that attracts the creative class is eventually forced out by those in search of the "highest and best use."

Education and Job Requirements: The Great Mismatch
For a person to get a job, there must be a job opening. Call that Step One. Step Two is that the person seeking said job has the requirements to actually do that job. For many U.S. metropolitan areas, Step Two is the hard part.
Grant Opportunities

**Funders Network: Local Sustainability Matching Fund**  
Application deadline: October 1, 2012

**Corporation for National and Community Service: 2013 RSVP Competition**  
Application deadline: October 11, 2012

**USDA: Value Added Producer Grant Program**  
Application deadline: October 15, 2012

**HUD: Office of Native American Training and Technical Assistance**  
Application deadline: October 16, 2012

**Department of Commerce: FY2013 Community-based Marine Debris Removal**  
Application deadline: November 1, 2012

**NEA Research: Art Works, FY 2013**  
Application deadline: November 6, 2012

**EPA: Environmental Education Regional Grants**  
Application deadline: November 21, 2012

**NSF: Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2013**  
Application deadline: December 3, 2012

**NEH: Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections**  
Application deadline: December 4, 2012

**EDA: Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program**  
Application deadline: Accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received

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**New Orleans Poverty Rate Almost Twice National Average, Report Finds**  
A new study on wealth, poverty, and opportunity in New Orleans reports that 37% of all New Orleans residents live in "asset poverty," a new measurement of poverty defined as not having the financial means to support a household for three months at the federal poverty level should they lose their main source of income.

**Characteristics and Influential Factors of Food Deserts**  
Relative to all other census tracts, USDA food desert tracts tend to have smaller populations, higher rates of abandoned or vacant homes, and residents who have lower levels of education, lower incomes, and higher unemployment.

**Cleveland's "Gardening for Greenbacks" program gets financial support**  
Three Farm Credit System organizations - AgriBank, CoBank and Farm Credit Services Mid-America - have joined together to provide financial support for Cleveland's beginning urban farmers as part of the city's Gardening for Greenbacks program.

**Urban Gardening Under Threat in Africa**  
Urban locales in the developing world "have incorporated horticulture into their urban planning" for decades. In Africa, urbanization is threatening these essential parts of the food system.

**Plans for Copenhagen's First 'Climate Adapted' Neighborhood Unveiled**  
By better integrating the natural and built environments, while enforcing standards of livability, Copenhagen seeks to transform its Saint Kjeld's neighborhood into "a showcase area for climate adaptation technology."

**Life Is Easier With Friends Next Door**  
Feeling a need for community? Cohousing can provide affordable space and neighbors to share it with.

**Urban Naturalist: Challenging city kids to find the wilderness in a sidewalk crack**
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Molly Steinwald of Pittsburgh has been charged with reimagining urban environmental education and revamping outreach programs for at-risk youth.

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