



Legislative Affairs Committee Named

- Upcoming League Meetings
• August 29, Monday, Sewer Lateral Seminar, Creve Coeur, 3:00 pm
• September 22, Thursday, Membership Meeting, Jennings, 7:30 pm
• October 27, Thursday, Membership Meeting, St. Ann, 7:30 pm
• November 5, Saturday, Legislative Breakfast, Frontenac Hilton, 9:00 am
• November 17, Thursday, Membership Meeting, Ballwin, 7:30 pm

League President Betty Humphrey, Mayor of Richmond Heights, has announced the appointment of the 2005 Legislative Affairs Committee. This group will review previous legislative issues, consider suggestions from the membership, and make a recommendation for legislative priorities for the 2006 session.

League members who have suggestions for inclusion in the legislative package should contact the League office at 314-726-4747.

Committee mem-

bers are:

- Mayor Pat Kelly, Brentwood, Chairman
• Bob Kuntz, City Administrator, Ballwin
• Mayor Kyra Watson, Berkeley
• Alderman Viola Murphy, Cool Valley
• Mayor Roy Robinson, Crestwood
• Councilman Matt Pirrello, Ellisville
• Mayor Brian Fletcher, Ferguson
• Councilman Tom Schneider, Florissant

- Mayor Lee Murray, Frontenac
• Mayor Rich Magee, Glendale
• Councilmember Gina Mitten, Richmond Heights
• Alderman Edie Barnard, Rock Hill
• Mayor Carrie Cafazza, St. Ann
• Mayor Jim Hobbs, Sunset Hills
• Mayor Jon Dalton, Town & Country
• Councilman Randy Jotte, Webster Groves
• Mayor Ed Marshall, Wildwood

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Sewer Lateral Workshop Scheduled

To-date 70 municipalities in St. Louis County, and the unincorporated area, have adopted a sewer lateral repair program. New technology is being used by plumbing companies to reduce the amount of digging when repairing laterals. The League will be holding a workshop to introduce our members to these types of repair programs. It will be

held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29 at the Creve Coeur Government Center, lower level meeting room.

The speaker will be Todd Morgan of Rex Sales Co., Inc, whose company works with Pipe Patch by Fernco to repair small lateral sections.

For larger repairs, Tope Plumbing utilizes

PermaLining. Glenn Tope will be the presenter.

Also on the program will be Steve Rennekamp, Program Manager for the County Sewer Lateral program, who will answer questions about their use of liners.

We will end with a group discussion about effective programs.

Round 6 Park Grant Applications Available in September

Municipalities in St. Louis County will again be able to submit applications for park improvement grants that are funded by the 20% of the 1/10 cent regional parks and trails sales tax that was approved by voters in 2000.

The Commission anticipates awarding \$3.7 million in the next funding round. Pre-application meetings will be held at the following dates and times:

Friday, September 2, - 9:00 am at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd., north of Dorsett Rd.

Tuesday, September 6 - 9:00 a.m. at the Webster Groves Recreation Center, I-44 at Elm.

Thursday, September 8 - 5 p.m. at the Dellwood City Hall, on Chambers Rd., just west of West Florissant Rd.

Applications will be distributed at the planning meetings and will be available to download on the Park Grant Commission's website at www.muniparkgrants.org.

The applications are scored on criteria established by state statute. Successful applicants are expected to be notified in late December or early January.

Applications are due at the League office by 4:00 pm on Friday, October 28. Please call the League office if you have questions about the grant process.

The Commission consists of 7 voting members appointed by the mayors in each County Council district. They are: Errol Bush, former Mayor of Northwoods; Tom Jackson of Hazelwood, Steve Woodard, former Kirkwood Councilmember; Dianna Poulson, former assistant to the Mayor of Florissant; Jim Brasfield, former Mayor of Crestwood; Trudy Hoey, former Green Park Alderman; and Nancy Greenwood, former Mayor of Chesterfield.

Mary Vaughan, Director of Parks and Recreation for Maryland Heights, and Brent Hobbard, City Manager of Ellisville, are non-voting members.

League Establishes BRAC Task Force

The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law is designed to promote numerous consolidations of military bases with little interference from Congress. The Pentagon submits a list of recommended changes to an independent BRAC Commission which then reviews it and sends an all or nothing list to the President and Congress.

The Pentagon recommended that 3 major facilities close in whole or in part in St. Louis: the

Defense Accounting Unit on Goodfellow with 300 jobs; the 131st Air National Guard unit at Lambert with 250 jobs; and the Records Center in Overland with 1950 jobs.

Mayor Robert Lowery of Florissant is chairing the League's BRAC Task Force. After significant research, it appears that the Pentagon failed to consider the cost of rebuilding the Records Center at Fort Knox at a cost of nearly \$350 million.

The Air National Guard unit is one of the best in the U.S. with about a dozen top gun pilots. It relies on many American Airline pilots based here, and, most importantly, is one of the few protecting the middle of America.

The committee has written to the BRAC Commission recommending a more thorough analysis of the figures and urging our Congressional delegation and Governor Blunt to pursue the accuracy of the data.

MML Annual Conference - September 11-14

The Missouri Municipal League will be holding its Annual Conference from September 11-14 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks.

One of the most important functions of the conference is the adoption of the Missouri Municipal Policy, which establishes MML lobbying efforts for the 2006 session. Attendees should

familiarize themselves with the proposed policy and attend the annual business meeting to vote on the policy statements. Many other informative sessions are scheduled.

The registration fee is \$165 if prepaid or \$185 if billed or paid on site. Additional fees are charged for most meal events, including the annual banquet.

Hotel rooms at Tan-Tar-A are \$108 per night. Housing and conference registration forms are available from the County League or the MML website, www.mocities.com.

The County League will have a hospitality room for our members. See staff members Tim Fischesser or Steve Ables at the conference for details.

Annexation Map Plan Development Underway

The St. Louis County Boundary Commission will begin accepting map plan submissions on January 1, 2006 for the five-year cycle starting on that date. The final deadline for map plan submissions is July 1, 2006.

Each municipality located in St. Louis County, the chief elected official of St. Louis County, and any citizen group may present general maps of proposed boundary changes and proposed established unincorporated areas to the Commission for map plan review.

Along with the map plan, the party submitting a proposed incorporation or established unincorporated area must include a petition signed by not less than five percent of the registered voters in the area affected by the proposal. A transmittal letter with the following information must also be supplied: the official name of the party submitting the map; designation by the party submitting map of a person, including title, address and

telephone number, who will act on the party's behalf; certification that the map represents the party's official map plan proposal and is in conformance with the requirements of RSMo. §72.423.

The maps must be depicted with sufficient detail and accuracy to permit review and comment by the Commission.

They may be submitted on paper or digitally and the cost of the maps will be borne by the submitting party. Upon receipt, the Commission may request additional information regarding population, current housing unit counts, assessed valuation and land use of the area affected by map plans.

From August 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 the Commission will solicit written comments on all map plans and will hold informational public hearings in or near affected areas. By April 1, 2007, the Commission may issue written comments regarding each proposed map plan.

These comments are designed to notify the proponents and opponents of any proposed map plan of the Commission's view of the merits or demerits of the map plan based upon policy considerations.

Not later than April 15, 2007, the submitting party may amend its map plan based on the public hearings or other comment. However, no such amendment can enlarge the area originally submitted, except for minor technical amendments necessary to address boundary issues. The map plan as submitted or as amended by April 15, 2007 will remain on file with the Commission and will be the limit of permissible boundary changes and established unincorporated area proposals until the next five-year planning cycle begins on January 1, 2011.

The time within which plans of intent in support of a proposal must be submitted during the upcoming cycle begins April 15, 2007 and ends July 1, 2010.

Eminent Domain/TIF Stud Groups Appointed

Governor Matt Blunt has created an Eminent Domain Task Force to review the state and federal eminent domain laws and establish criteria that the state and its local governments will use when the use of eminent domain is being proposed. The task force will also recommend specific legislation for consideration by the General Assembly.

In a similar vein, the Legislature has also appointed a TIF Review Committee to consider possible changes to the Tax

Increment Financing Laws. This group will be holding meetings in St. Louis and Kansas City in the near future to hear input from local officials and the public.

Contrary to media reports, the recent Kelo U.S. Supreme Court decision did not expand local authority to use eminent domain, but rather continued to follow precedent which always allowed it. Cities have legitimate redevelopment concerns and need these types of tools to provide improvements before an area becomes severely blighted.

Field Surveying Course

Bhasin Associates is offering an entry level field surveying course for municipal public works officials. It will run from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm on Thursday, August 25 at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd. The cost is \$125 per person.

The League office has copies of the registration form or you can contact Mr. Vijay Bhasin by e-mail at bhasinassociates@hotmail.com.

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**The next League meeting will be on
September 22 in Jennings.**

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Shrewsbury Team Tops in League Golf Outing

Warm weather did not deter over 20 teams of golfers for the League's 1st Annual Golf Tournament on June 30 at the Golf Club of Florissant.

We very much appreciate the invitation from Mayor Lowery, Councilman Tom Schneider and the officials and staff of the City of Florissant and the Golf Club for hosting this tournament and their willingness to make this an annual event for the League membership. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

We would also like to thank our non-golfing drink cart drivers: President Betty Humphrey, Mayor Virginia Bira of Vinita Park and Mayor Carrie Cafazza of St. Ann.

Florissant Mayor Robert Lowery and League President Betty Humphrey congratulate the winning team from Shrewsbury. They are: Ed Tabash, Richard Unverferth, Mayor Bert Gates and City Administrator Barry Alexander (L-R)

Legal advice at the tournament was provided by: Kevin Kelly, who works for several cities, and Keith Cheung, Stephanie Karr and Carl Lumley of the firm Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe (L-R).

