



Upcoming League Meetings

- Legislative Breakfast, Saturday, November 13, Frontenac Hilton
Thursday, November 18, Ellisville Park Building
2005 Meetings
Thursday, January 27, Creve Coeur City Hall,
Thursday, February 17 (3rd Thursday due to MML Conference), Site TBD
Thursday, March 24, St. Ann City Hall
Thursday, April 28, Glendale City Hall

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November 18 Meeting in Ellisville

The City of Ellisville will host the next League meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 18 at the new Park Administration Center Building in Bluebird Park. The park is located on Kiefer Creek Road about 1/8 mile south of the intersection of Manchester and Clarkson Roads. (Clarkson become Kiefer Creek south of Manchester).

Directions: from I-270, exit at Highway 40 westbound and go approximately 6 miles to the Olive/Clarkson exit. Turn left (south) and go approximately 5 miles to the traffic light

at Manchester. Go through the light on to Kiefer Creek and follow it 1/8 mile to Bluebird Park and go left into the park. Another option is to take Manchester Road west from I-270 approximately 6 miles and turn left on Kiefer Creek at the Clarkson intersection.)

Program: At the League Board's October meeting a presentation was given by Mike Duncan of the County Planning Department that included a statistical analysis of St. Louis County based on new census figures. This interesting program highlighted some

of the both positive and negative trends affecting the County and the region and helped define some of the issues that will need to be addressed by area leaders to try to enhance employment, housing, transportation, education and other factors measures of a healthy region.

Mr. Duncan will present this insightful and thought-provoking program and answer questions from the membership..

All agenda items will be mailed prior to the meeting.

New Legislators Elected

The following Senators and Representatives were elected on November 2 and will take office in January. The League congratulates all of the candidates.

Senator District 1—Harry Kennedy;

Senator District 13—Former Representative Tim Green;

Representative District 59—Jeannette Oxford;

Representative District 64—Rachel Storch;

Representative District

70—John Bowman, Sr.

Representative District 72—Maria Chappelle-Nadal; and

Representative District 87—Scott Muschany.

The legislature convenes on January 5.

Phase II Stormwater Regulations Require Action

In 2002, 59 municipalities that do not have combined sanitary and storm sewers were required by federal law to adopt a plan to control stormwater. (Older cities near the City of St. Louis usually have combined sewers.) In layman's language, the goal is to make the rivers, streams and lakes of the U.S. fishable and swimmable.

A group of cities met with MSD officials over a year to draft a 200 page plan outlining steps cities would need to take over 5 years in order to comply with the Phase II regulations. Most of the actions are designed to reduce pollutants, including dirt from construction sites, from reaching our rivers and streams. The State requires that cities, St. Louis County and MSD implement the tasks outlined in the plan.

Model ordinances have been recommended to address litter, illegal dumping, and pet waste for

county municipalities. The model ordinances address significant sources of pollution impacting water quality in our local streams as evident by the trash, yard waste, and bacteria present in the streams. In October, these model ordinances were sent to the 59 municipalities subject to the phase II storm water regulations by MSD, the phase II coordinating authority. In order to meet the year two goals under the program, all phase II cities must have ordinances adequate to control trash and pet waste. Ten cities have indicated their need to modify or adopt new ordinances to address these issues by March 2005. However, all cities are encouraged to strengthen their ordinances to control trash and pet waste, or to engage in public education efforts to raise awareness.

Another year two goal affecting phase II municipalities involves implementation of the model land

disturbance ordinance and procedures to prevent water quality impacts from construction. The model land disturbance ordinance requires the development of a storm water pollution prevention plan to control erosion and sediment loss from construction sites disturbing an acre or more of land. St. Louis County has implemented their program earlier this year based on the phase II model program. The goal is for 50% of municipalities to have a phase II land disturbance program in place by adopting the model ordinance or contracting for code enforcement by the County by the end of year two, on March 9, 2005. For additional information concerning model ordinances, contact Bruce Litzsinger at MSD by email at blitzsin@stlmsd.com or 314-436-8757.

East-West Gateway Annual Meeting & TravelSafe Congress

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments will hold its Annual Meeting from noon to 2 pm on Friday, November 19 at Millennium Hotel, 200 South 4th St. in Downtown St. Louis.

Prior to this session, Gateway is inviting mayors to the inaugural meeting of the TravelSafe Communities Congress, which will be held

from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. The Congress will play a leading role in coordinating local efforts to reduce serious injuries and fatalities from motor vehicle crashes in the region. There is no charge for this program, although pre-registration is required. Attendees will also select one of four concurrent workshops: citizen education; law enforcement;

emergency response; and engineering.

To register for the TravelSafe Congress, go to Gateway's website at www.ewgateway.org. Reservations for the luncheon and Annual Meeting that follows are \$35 and can be arranged by calling Gateway at 314-421-4220.

League to Provide Weekly Legislative Updates

During the upcoming legislative session that begins in January, the League will provide E-mail and fax updates to our members every Friday. The reports show the status of bills of importance to local governments and provides information for timely contacts with senators and

representatives.

The reports track bills in each committee, hearing schedules, and anticipated floor debate.

Currently our reports are sent to each city hall that has E-mail and is faxed to those that do not. We would like to increase our effective-

ness by adding other interested officials to the E-mail list. If you wish to be added to the Friday legislative update list, please call the League office at 314-726-4747 or send us an e-mail at staff@stlmuni.org.

Park Commission to Review Grant Applications

The Municipal Park Grant Commission has begun the review of grant applications received prior to the October 29 deadline. 41 cities requested funding. The Commission will evaluate each according to the factors outlined in state statute: population, recreational need, previous funds received, and intergovernmental cooperation.

To address the issue of population, the commission has established six population groups so that municipalities compete for grants with others of similar size.

The second factor, recrea-

tional need, is evaluated by requiring applicants to provide a list of all parks and recreation facilities in the community, including those owned by St. Louis County or the state.

To factor in previous funding, the commission considers per capita revenue received in previous grant rounds. For example, if two cities received \$100,000 previously, the one with the higher population will receive more points because the per capita amount will be lower. These per capita amounts are adjusted after every funding cycle to reflect new grants

awarded.

The last factor is intergovernmental cooperation. Cities can join with neighboring cities, school districts, St. Louis County, the state or other governmental units. Arrangements of this type receive additional points, based on the level of financial participation.

\$3.5 million is expected to be awarded. Successful grantees will be notified in December or January. Since the tax was approved in 2000, \$6.1 million has been awarded for 71 projects in 53 municipalities.

Construction Inspection Course Offered

The St. Louis Metro Branch Missouri Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) will be offering a course on Construction Inspection to help local public works staff and other interested attendees in this increasingly complicated field. The course is designed as an introduction and orientation to the broad scope of

public works construction inspection issues for entry level employees.

The course will be held on Wednesdays from February 2 through March 9 at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd. Sessions will run from 8 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$95 per person for all

sessions, payable to APWA.

For a copy of the registration brochure, contact the League office at 314-726-4747. For additional information contact Bryan Pearl, Public Works Director for Maryland Heights, at 314-291-6550.

Cities Successful on Ballot Issues

A number of cities received voter approval for various tax and fee increases. Congratulations to all.

Brentwood—Police and fire pension tax and business license fee;

Chesterfield—Parks sales tax;

Ferguson—parks sales tax and fire service sales tax;

Frontenac—Stormwater sales tax

Glendale—Utility tax and sewer lateral fee increase;

Hazelwood—Street bond issue;

Maryland Heights—Billboard and cell tower fees;

Normandy—Parks sales tax;

St. Ann—Cell tower fee and vacant building fee;

Sunset Hills—Sewer lateral fee;

University City—City hall bond issue;

Webster Groves—General fund sales tax and fire service sales tax.

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November 18 Membership Meeting at Bluebird Park in Ellisville. Mark your calendar.

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October Meeting Synopsis

At the October 28 membership meeting, Maggie Hales, Deputy Director of the St. Louis Area Regional Response System, and Mark Thorp, Fire Chief for Clayton, discussed how the program had been established to help local governments, businesses and citizens plan for, protect against, and recover from critical incidents in the region.—such as natural disasters and terrorist acts. STARRS is a regional non-profit agency for both Missouri and Illinois that is housed at East-West Gateway. Representatives from public health, public safety, hospitals, transportation, communications and utilities are all involved in planning efforts. To date, mutual aid agreements have been reached with 45 area hospitals and coordination among all of these will help avoid overcrowding at facilities in the event of a disaster. An emergency patient tracking system has also been developed to help families find those who might have been injured. Currently STARRS is funded through a number

of federal grants which are funneled through East-West Gateway.

Chief Thorp co-chairs the STARRS Safety and Security Council. He noted that a stopgap radio communications system is currently in place to help local public safety officers talk to each other in an emergency. He also indicated that education would be one of STARRS' main tasks to help the public understand not to try to call all at once in the event of a disaster. Chief Thorp said that they are seeking input from local leaders on how to preserve infrastructure and to keep government operating in a crisis. He noted that local disaster mitigation plans that cities had completed earlier this year would be incorporated into the STARRS action plan.

Also on the program was Terry Milam, City Manager and Police Chief for St. John. Chief Milam is the head of the local St. Louis Area Regional Abduction Alert for missing children. He indicated that there are 4 criteria for

issuing a SARAA alert: 1) a police investigation; 2) the likelihood that the child is in danger; 3) the child is under 17; and 4) sufficient information on the perpetrator or the vehicle involved. Chief Milam said that a runaway child would not cause such an alert because most of the criteria would not be met. He stated that information is relayed to radio station KMOX, which can then alert all other media outlets. He indicated that utility companies, MoDOT, delivery companies and other could get involved as they are on the streets and could spot suspect's vehicle. Chief Milam said that of the 13 alerts issued, 12 were successful in locating the child.

The membership also adopted the League's legislative priorities for the 2005 session. These were presented by Alderman Rich Magee of Glendale, Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Thanks to Mayor Everett Thomas of Northwoods for hosting the meeting.