



**Upcoming Membership Meetings and Events**

- Thursday, September 25, hosted by Crestwood
- Thursday, October 23, hosted by Berkeley
- Thursday, November 20, hosted by Uplands Park
- Legislative Breakfast, Saturday, November 15

**September 25 Meeting in Crestwood**

The first League meeting of the fall will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25 at the Crestwood Community Center, in Whitecliff Park. (Directions to the Center are on Page 3.)

**Program:** Officials in the St. Louis region are currently working to position the area as an international center for the biomedical and plant sciences, building on the

regional strengths of our local universities, the Danforth Plant Science Center, the Missouri Botanical Garden and Monsanto.

Civic Progress and the RCGA appointed a coalition of business, civic, research and academic leaders to oversee the plan's effective implementation. The Coalition for Plant and Life Sciences is working to

strengthen St. Louis' ability to capture the commercial and economic potential of the region's research assets and produce high paying jobs by making St. Louis the preferred location for companies in the industry.

Donn Rubin, the Coalition Director, will highlight the agency's efforts to date and plans for the future.

**Magee to Chair Legislative Affairs Committee**

League President Bill Bergfeld, Mayor of Warson Woods, has announced the appointment of **Alderman Rich Magee of Glendale** as Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee for 2003. This group will meet during the next few months to review the current League legislative policy and suggest additions, deletions and revisions. The final recommendations will be presented to the Board and membership in October.

The main priorities, as suggested by the Committee and approved by the membership, will be presented to area legislators at the **League's Annual Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, November 15** at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel

at the Airport. Please mark your calendar for this important date.

If any member has suggestions for issues the Committee should consider, please contact the League office. Committee meetings will begin in September.

Other members are:

- Councilwoman Louvenia Mathison, Berkeley;
- Councilman Delsie Boyd, Black Jack;
- Doug Harms, City Administrator, Des Peres;
- Mayor Kevin Coffey, Eureka;
- Mayor Robert Lowery, Florissant;
- Mayor Sandy Sobelman, Frontenac;
- Mayor Monica Huddleston, Greendale;
- Councilman Charles Hienzen, Ladue;
- Mayor Mike Moeller,



Glendale Alderman Rich Magee

- Maryland Heights;
- Mayor Paul Marti, Oakland;
- Mayor Craig Cohen, Olivette;
- Mayor Carrie Cafazza, St. Ann;
- Councilman Wayne Munkel, University City;
- **Chairman Carmen McClendon**, Uplands Park;
- Alderman Gordon Gosh, Warson Woods;
- Chairman Fred Berger, Westwood

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## League to Hold Planning and Zoning Seminar

The League receives many calls from our members regarding planning and zoning practices and the work of the board of adjustment. To help provide insights into the work of these bodies, the League will be holding a seminar for member officials and members of municipal P&Z boards and boards of adjustment. It will be held from **5:00 to 7:30 pm on Monday, September 29** at the Creve Coeur Government Center lower level meeting room. The Center is located at 300 North New Bal-las Rd., between Olive Blvd. and

Ladue Rd.

The cost for the program is \$20, which includes materials and light refreshments.

The speakers for the session will be municipal attorneys Tom Cunningham and Paul Rost from the firm Cunningham, Vogel and Rost and Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning for the City of Wildwood. They will explain the statutory authority for the P&Z commission



The program will be held on September 29.

and the board of adjustment and also highlight several courts cases that help define the parameters within which each body can make decisions.

Please register by calling 314-726-4747 or filling out the registration form on the League website at [www.stlmuni.org](http://www.stlmuni.org) under the Current Events link.

Again, please note that P&Z commission and board of adjustment members are welcome to attend as well as elected officials and city hall staff.

## Round 4 Park Grant Applications Available

Municipalities in St. Louis County will again be able to submit applications for park improvement grants that are funded by the 20% of the 1/1/0 cent regional parks and trails sales tax that was approved by voters.

The Commission anticipates awarding \$3.5 to \$4 million in the current funding round. Meetings were held in early September to explain the application process and

to answer questions from municipal representatives about how to best present proposals.

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

Through the first three rounds, the Commission has awarded over \$4 million to 47 municipalities.

Please contact the League office

if you have questions about the grant process. The League serves as the administrator for the Commission.

Applications are due at the League office by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 31.

The application was distributed at the planning meetings and is also available on the League website at [www.stlmuni.org](http://www.stlmuni.org) under the Park Commission link.

## MML Has Sales Tax Opt Out Model

The Missouri Municipal League has a model opt out ordinance for the sales tax holiday that will occur in August 2004. It is available on the MML website at [www.mocities.com](http://www.mocities.com).

The opt out only applies to locally approved sales taxes. The one cent countywide sales tax is a

County tax and would require action to opt out by the County Council.

Any ordinances to opt out must be submitted to the Missouri Department of Revenue by July 9, 2004.

## Post Profiles Mayor Bira

On Thursday, August 28 the St. Louis Post Dispatch did a feature story on Mayor Virginia Bira of Vinita Park, who is the longest serving Mayor in St. Louis County and a Past League President. It highlighted Mayor Bira's dedication to the citizens of Vinita Park.

Hats off to Mayor Bira!

## Pay-As-You-Throw Gaining Popularity

Otis White, in the June issue of *Governing Magazine*, notes the increasing solid waste trend of “pay as you throw.” He writes, “Here’s a little idea that’s getting bigger: Charge people for each bag of garbage they set on the curb. It is called “pay-as-you-throw,” and it is catching on in New England. Actually, it has been around since the 1970s in some Midwestern cities, and is appealingly simple. Like many yard waste programs, you go to city hall or to a neighborhood hardware store and buy official city garbage

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bags (they’re usually brightly colored, with the city logo on them) for 50 cents to \$3 each. Garbage collectors won’t pick up anything that isn’t in an official bag, or in the case of a bulky item, with a bag tied to it. Ten years ago only 20 cities and towns in Massachusetts used a pay-as-you-throw system; today more than 100 do. What’s the appeal? Cash and clutter. One Massachusetts town expects to raise more than \$1 million form

its \$1.50 bags, on top of annual trash collection fees, which will be continued. Charging by volume has another effect: It reduces the amount people throw away. Surveys show cities and towns reduce trash pickups by 14 to 27 percent once they switch, and increase recycling by a third to a half.

This extends the life of landfills, which filling up and closing, and reduces the demand for raw materials needed to make cans, paper and plastics.

## Census Bureau Corrects Population Errors

There have been several errors discovered and corrected by St. Louis County and the Census Bureau that have revised the population for several municipalities in the County. All of these corrections have shifted population from one entity to another, not adding to the total County population. The largest number of errors were in locating residential facilities in the

wrong jurisdiction, including apartments, nursing homes, or college dorms.

If you believe that such an error has occurred, you may wish to contact the Count Question Resolution (CQR) Program of the Census Bureau. Housing unit challenges must specify the Census block number and include a complete address list

for all units that should be included in the contested block. However the population in the buildings cannot be challenged. Discussions must take place by September 30, 2003.

For more information contact the CQR at 866-546-0527 or the website at:

Count.Question.Resolution@census.gov.

## Direction to Crestwood Community Center

From I-270, exit at I-44 east and immediately onto Watson Rd. Go past Crestwood Plaza approximately 1/2 mile to the stoplight at Grant Road. Turn right on Grant and then right on Pardee Road. Turn right on Whitecliff Park Lane to reach the Center.

If coming from the east on Watson Rd., turn left on Grant and follow the same directions. A map will be included with the mailing to mayors, board chairmen and chief administrative officers.

## Congratulations To . . .

Chesterfield City Attorney Doug Beach, who was recently elected President of the Missouri Municipal Attorney’s Association.

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the Crestwood Community Center.  
We hope to see you there!**

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## Fall 2003 Household Chemical Collections

As you undertake your fall cleaning, remember that improper disposal of leftover household chemicals can be harmful to the environment and pose a risk to public health.

The best way to properly manage leftover household chemicals is to use them or give them to someone else to use. Depending on the age and usefulness of the leftover products, you may be able to share with friends, neighbors, or family members. Another idea is to donate products in good condition to local organizations. Some materials (motor oil, certain batteries, etc.) can be recycled locally. Check the County Health Department website at [www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/recycler/waste\\_mg.html](http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/recycler/waste_mg.html) for a listing of local recycling outlets and other toxicity reduction information.

As a safe alternative to disposal, bring your leftover chemicals to drop off events sponsored by the

Department. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or tax bill, will be required. The costs are covered by Saint Louis County landfill surcharge funds.

### **Event Dates: Rain or Shine**

**Saturday, October 11** Westfield Shoppingtown South County—8:00 am to 3:00 p.m., South of Dillard's & Sears. Enter on Lemay Ferry Rd., south of S. Lindbergh.

**Saturday, October 18** Town and Country Crossing (Lucent Technologies) - 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m., 1111 S. Woods Mill Road, Town & Country, (Enter on Clayton Rd., 2 blocks west of Hwy 141).

**Saturday, November 15** Florissant Valley Community College—8:00 am to 3:00 p.m., (on Pershall Rd. near I-270 & W. Florissant exit)

**ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:** Paints, stains, varnishes, pesti-

cides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ-pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, household batteries (rechargeable), anti-freeze, brake and transmission fluids, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, drive sealant, and mercury-containing items (thermometers, thermostats, salts).

### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

Explosives and ammunition, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, medical waste, household trash, tires and other bulky items. **Materials from business, commercial, non-profit, and government organizations are also prohibited.**

For more information on these events or other activities, please call the St. Louis County Department of Health Recycling Hotline at (314) 286-9200, or check out their web site at [www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/](http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/)