



OCTOBER 2006

October 26 Meeting in Town & Country

Upcoming League Meetings

- Thursday, October 26, Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, Town & Country
Monday, October 30, Planning & Zoning Seminar, 5:00 pm, The Heights in Richmond Heights
Thursday, November 16, Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm, Brentwood
Saturday, November 18, Legislative Breakfast, 9:00 am, Sheraton Westport, Lakeside Chalet

The next League meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 26 at the Town & Country City Hall, 1011 Municipal Center Dr., which is on the west service road of I-270, north of Clayton Rd. (Directions: from I-270, exit at Highway 40 eastbound and exit immediately onto Ballas Rd. southbound. Go south to Clayton Rd. and turn right at the traffic light. After crossing over I-270,

turn right onto Municipal Center Dr. City Hall is one block on the left.)

The main item of business will be the consideration of the Legislative packet and priorities for the 2007 session.

Program: Infill Housing and Remodeling in Established Neighborhoods.

Many cities in St. Louis County are struggling to balance

the interests of one homeowner or developer with others on the same street as homes are replaced or rooms are added.

Mayor Rich Magee of Glendale will describe the process used to develop new ordinances establishing an Architectural Review Board, construction policies, height and floor area ratios and lot development percentages.

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Planning & Zoning Workshop Scheduled

Back by popular demand, the League and the law firm of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe will be holding a Workshop on Municipal Planning and Zoning at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 30 at the Heights in Richmond Heights. (Directions: from Highway 40, exit at Hanley Rd. southbound. Turn left at the 1st traffic light, which is Dale Ave. The Heights is down the hill on the left.)

The program will feature an opening general

session which will provide an overview of planning and zoning laws and practices.

Following will be two breakout sessions - one for presentations on the role of the planning commission and the second on the rules and procedures of the board of adjustment.

Planning commission members and board of adjustment members are strongly encouraged to attend, along with elected officials and staff.

The cost is \$20 per person, which includes materials and refreshments.

Attorneys from Curtis Heinz presented this program last year and it was very well received so they have offered to present it again.

Registration information has been sent to all city halls and is also on the League's website at www.stlmuni.org under the Current Events link.

## September Meeting Synopsis

At the September 26 membership meeting, the League heard a presentation from municipal attorney Tom Cunningham, of the firm Cunningham, Vogel and Rost, on the eminent domain ballot issue that had recently been decertified by the Secretary of State. It will not be on the November ballot. Although it will not be voted on in November, the issue is expected to surface again.

Mr. Cunningham explained that the proposal was largely funded by out-of-state interests who are attempting similar constitutional challenges in other states. They have already been successful in Oregon and that State's Supreme Court has upheld the amendment, known as Measure 37.

Although initially described in Missouri as a limit on eminent domain, the amendment actually would have provided a method for any landowner who disagreed with a mu-

nicipal decision, for example a zoning decision, to file suit against the city arguing that his property was negatively impacted. The other option would be for the city to rescind the zoning decisions within 120 days.

Every land use decision made by local officials could lead to the payment of damages along with court costs. In Oregon, one landowner has sought \$850,000. That case that is still pending, along with 49 others.

Mr. Cunningham advised city officials to learn the potentially

serious impacts of this proposal if attempts are again made to place it on the ballot.

Also at the meeting Vice President T.R. Carr presented a proclamation to representatives of the City of University City in recognition of the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mayor Bert Gates and the officials and staff of the City of Shrewsbury for their warm welcome as hosts of the meeting.



University City representatives receive a 100 year anniversary proclamation from Vice President Carr. Pictured are: Councilwoman Stefany Brot, Councilman Arthur Sharpe, Mayor Joe Adams, Vice President Carr, Councilman Michael Glickert, and City Clerk Joyce Pumm.

## Household Hazardous Waste Pickups

Once again the St. Louis County Health Department will be hosting household hazardous collections at three locations in late October and early November.

The dates and locations are:

- Sunday, October 22 - 8 am to 3 pm, Town & Country Crossing (Lucent Technologies), 14250 Clayton Rd, west of Highway 141;

- Saturday, October 28 - 8 am to 3 pm, Westfield Shoppingtown South County, South of Dillard's and Sears stores, (Enter on Lemay Ferry Rd., south of Lindbergh);
- Saturday, November 4 - 8 am to 3 pm, Florissant Valley Community College (on Pershall Rd., near I-270 and W. Florissant Rd. exit).

Acceptable items include: paints, pesticides, gasoline, aerosols, motor oil, fluorescent tubes, pool chemicals, car batteries, driveway sealants and mercury-containing items such as thermometers.

Items that cannot be accepted include: explosives and ammunition, trash, tires, smoke detectors and items from businesses.

## Phase II Storm Water Refresher Workshop

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) in collaboration with St. Louis County Municipal League is hosting a refresher workshop on General Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention in municipal operations. Cities teamed with MSD to obtain a joint stormwater permit as required by federal law. MSD continues to assist cities to meet their obligations through seminars and other activities. The workshop will assist permittees in fulfilling their obligations. Most cities are permittees.

Municipalities engage in a

number of activities that contribute to non-point source pollution in storm water and may increase pollutant concentrations to levels that impact water quality e.g., de-icing roads, materials management, fleet and equipment maintenance, etc. Since stormwater pollution can impact all of us, the workshop is being made available to municipal operations in the City of St. Louis and all municipalities in St. Louis County.

Identical workshops will be offered each day from 8:00 to 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. The workshops are offered free of charge and can fulfill training obli-

gations under our joint our permit. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dona Anderson via email at [danderson@stlmsd.com](mailto:danderson@stlmsd.com) or by phone at 314-436-8708. Participants are advised to register one week in advance. The dates and locations are:  
Wednesday, November 8, Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue.  
Thursday, November 30, Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd.

We encourage city representatives to attend one of the four sessions.

## East-West Gateway Workshop on Road Funding

For municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, staff from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and MoDOT local roads groups will provide information on: funding programs; amounts of funding available under each program; and completing and submitting applications for funding.

Advance registration is required. A registration form is

available on Gateway's web site, [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

The workshop will be held November 15, 9 AM - noon, at MoDOT District 6 Transportation Management Center (TMC), Room 209, 14301 South Outer 40 Road in Town and Country.

Gateway staff have advanced the application phase this year and the deadlines for applications are as follows:

- Preliminary applications for staff review and comments -

Friday, January 5;

- Final applications - Friday, January 19;
- Supplemental information and the application fee - Friday, January 26

As roads and bridges in our County age, it behooves our cities to apply for federal funds to help with the cost of rehabilitation or reconstruction of our infrastructure.

<b>Congratulations To</b>	<b>Boundary Commission</b>	<b>Mark Your Calendar</b>
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Mayors Kyra Watson of Berkeley and Norm McCourt of Black Jack who were elected to the MML Board of Directors at the recent Conference.

They join University City Mayor Joe Adams, Hazelwood City Clerk Colleen Klos, Des Peres Mayor Rick Lahr, Kirkwood Mayor Mike Swoboda and Webster Groves Mayor Gerry Welch on the Board.

The St. Louis County Boundary Commission has a new Executive Director, Michelle Dougherty, and a new e-mail address. To contact Ms. Dougherty use [mdougherty@boundarycommission.com](mailto:mdougherty@boundarycommission.com). The phone number is 314-863-3005.

The commission is now holding hearings on the map plans that were submitted by cities. Annexation plans can be filed after April 2007.

The League will hold its annual Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, November 18 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet.

Registration materials will be sent to all city halls in October.

In addition, we will send invitations to all legislators from St. Louis City and County. Your contacts with legislators help encourage their attendance.

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The League's Legislative Package for 2007 will be on the agenda at our October 26 meeting in Town & Country.

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## Park Grants and Planning Grants Offered

Friday, October 27 is the deadline for submitting park grant applications to the Municipal Park Grant Commission at the League office. \$4 million has been budgeted by the Commission for the current funding round.

You should ensure that all steps in the application have been completed, including appropriate approvals from the governing body, all required signatures and accurate cost sheets.

Successful applicants are expected to be notified in late December or early January.

Please call the League office at 314-726-4747 if you have questions about the grant application process.

The Commission will also be soliciting a second round of park planning grants, which will be due

in December. These grants have been designed to help cities examine recreation needs and update park plans. This is especially important for smaller communities that do not have a professional park staff to develop a park plan.

In August the Commission awarded 12 planning grants with a maximum amount of \$4000. A 20% local match is required.

All cities will be notified of the availability of these grants and the deadline for submission. This represents an excellent opportunity for cities to develop a low-cost, high quality plan that can guide park improvements for the next several years.

## E-Mail Newsletter

The League is interested in reducing costs and speeding the delivery of our Newsletter to you so we have established an e-mail database from those cities who have elected officials and staff addresses on municipal websites.

However, if you have a home or work e-mail that you would prefer, please contact the League office at 314-726-4747 or [staff@stlmuni.org](mailto:staff@stlmuni.org).

Our first attempt to send the Newsletter by e-mail led to some getting multiple copies and some not receiving the Newsletter. We are working to correct this problem so that we can get it to you in a timely manner without difficulty in opening the document. We appreciate your patience.