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SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

September Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Where: Kirkwood Performing Arts Center

[210 E Monroe Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122 \(Map\)](#)

Time: 6:30 pm Refreshments

7:00 pm Meeting

The speaker for the September Membership Meeting is Tom Blair, PE, MoDOT District Engineer - St. Louis. Tom Blair has the honor and humbling task of leading more than 700 dedicated team members in taking care of and operating the state transportation system in the St. Louis region. The district includes the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin counties, making it part of the 7th largest transportation system in the nation.

Mr. Blair will discuss the \$2.8 billion "IMPROVE I-70" project to add an additional east and west bound lane to I-70 across the state. The safety and economic prosperity of Missourians depends, in part, on an I-70 that grows along with the state and nation. That's why the Missouri Department of Transportation is working to improve I-70. Today, many portions of the facility are strained beyond capacity and have outdated interchange designs which increase delays and dampen economic activity.

Missouri's FY2024 budget from the General Assembly and supported by Governor Parson provides General Revenue for the costs to plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate and repair three lanes in each direction on approximately 200 miles of Interstate 70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville. For more information on the project, click [here](#).

Legislative Round Tables

During the last two weeks of August, the League held three meetings with legislators from the County and League members. We are very appreciative of the 18 legislators who took the time to meet with our members to provide an update on the issues they will be pursuing in the 2024 session. Legislators also took questions and heard comments from League members about topics of importance to all local municipalities in St. Louis County. We hope to continue these meetings on a regular basis.



Legislative Affairs Committee

The Legislative Affairs Committee reviews and updates the League's legislative policy statements and recommends the legislative priorities for the upcoming session. The priorities and policy statements convey to the legislators major issues being faced by local governments. If you have suggestions for policies for the committee to review, please contact the League office at staff@stlmuni.org.

The final report will be presented to the membership at the October League meeting.

Committee members are:

Chairman, Mayor Mike Clement - Manchester
Councilmember Merrill Hansen - Chesterfield

City Administrator Sam Johnson - Normandy
Mayor Sharon Pace - Northwoods

Mayor Scott Shipley - Crestwood
Mayor Mike Roerman - Ellisville
Mayor Ella Jones - Ferguson
Mayor Kate Hatfield - Frontenac

Mayor Marty Little - Overland
City Administrator Frank Johnson - Twin Oaks
Mayor James McGee - Vinita Park
Mayor Laura Arnold - Webster Groves

Legislative Spotlight



**Representative
Ian Mackey**

**District 099
Democrat**

Elected: 2018
Years Served: 5
Hometown: St. Louis
Counties: St. Louis

Representative Ian Mackey, a Democrat, represents parts of St. Louis County (District 99) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018.

In addition to his legislative duties, Mackey is an attorney and former teacher.

Mackey is a 2005 graduate of Hickory County R-1 High School. He graduated from Westminster College in 2009 with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education before getting his juris doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in 2017.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, and raised in the Missouri Ozarks, Mackey currently resides in St. Louis. He attends the Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton.

Park Commission Grant 2023

Round 24 of the annual Municipal Park Grant program closed on Monday, August 28, 2023. There were 25 applications submitted requesting approximately \$9.1 million.

Staff is reviewing the applications and will give each a preliminary score. The Park Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in late September to score each application and rank them from highest to lowest. The Advisory Committee will forward their recommendations to the Park Grant Commission who will again review the applications and Advisory Committee score before awarding the Round 24 grants by late October. Notification will be sent to all applicants following the Commissions meeting. For those cities that are awarded a grant, the agreements will be mailed in November.

Outstanding Local Government Achievement Awards



Each year, East-West Gateway presents Outstanding Local Government Achievement awards to recognize the extraordinary work of individuals, municipal and county governments / departments, special purpose districts and public educational institutions in the city of St. Louis and Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties in Missouri and Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois. Jurisdictions, departments and districts, large or small, are eligible as well as individuals who serve as volunteers or paid staff members.

Help celebrate these accomplishments by nominating the individuals, projects and partnerships that represent the best in the public sector. Nominations must be submitted online.

Please go to www.ewgateway.org/OLGAs-2023 for more information and to submit your nominations.

UMSL Planning & Zoning Certification

Entering its 20th year in 2023, the Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning Chancellor's Certificate has educated hundreds of members of the St. Louis planning community. Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning is taught by a team of senior practitioners, who have extensive knowledge and experience in local government planning in Missouri, Illinois and across the nation.

Registration will open on September 7 for the Chancellor's Certificate in Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning at UMSL. Intended for planners, elected officials, municipal leaders, and citizens seeking to become involved in local planning processes, this course covers the fundamentals of planning and zoning and critical components in the work of planning and zoning commissions. Classes start October 19 and are held on Thursdays from 6-9pm. Scholarships are available.

For more information and registration info (opening September 7), click [here](#).

November Open House

Mark Your Calendar! The November Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 30, at the Maryland Heights Community Center located at 2300 McKelvey Rd., MO 63043, ([MAP](#)), from 6:30 until 8:30 pm.

In place of the regular business meeting, the Executive Board has once again elected to sponsor an Affiliate Open House to recognize and thank our affiliate members for their continued support for the League. Last year over 25 affiliate members and 100 guests attended the event. Municipal Elected

For more information, click [here](#).

Missouri Department of Conservation



STL REGION COMMUNITY CONSERVATION FORUM

 TUESDAY
OCTOBER 17, 2023
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

 POWDER VALLEY CNC
11715 CRAGWOLD RD
ST LOUIS, MO 63122

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| 9:00 AM | <p>Introduction to the forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on MDC Community Conservation Tier System• Plenary Speaker: Dan Pearson STL Audubon Bring Conservation Home Program |
| 10:15 AM | <p>Round 1 Breakout Sessions: (choose 1 to attend)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education & Outreach: The Power of Getting People Outdoors• Conservation in Urban Areas: Build it and They Will Come• Equitable Access to Nature |
| 11:30 AM | <p>Round 2 Breakout Sessions: (choose 1 to attend)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education & Outreach: The Power of Getting People Outdoors• Conservation in Urban Areas: Build it and They Will Come• Equitable Access to Nature |
| 12:30 PM | LUNCH PROVIDED |
| 1:30 PM | <p>Community Conservation Partners Facilitated Q&A Panel Session with: MDC, STL Audubon, River City Outdoors, USDA, and Forest Releaf</p> |
| 2:45 PM | WRAP-UP AND GOODBYES |

US Small Business Announcement from
the Office of Advocacy

The Justice Department proposes new ADA website accessibility rules for State and Local Governments

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is establishing technical standards for state and local governmental entities to make their websites and mobile applications accessible for people with disabilities. They will revisit regulations under title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In addition, DOJ is adopting a private accessibility standard for web access, which is the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA. These requirements include making websites and mobile applications understandable by screen readers or similar assistive technology so the information can be accessible by individuals who are blind or have low vision. Technical standards include adding text descriptions of images and navigational links that facilitate using a screen reader. This proposal would also require captions on all videos and audio files on their websites. This will enable people who are deaf or hard of hearing to watch real-time presentations and other content.

For more information, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

DATE

September 10-13, 2023

October 26, 2023

November 30, 2023

EVENT

MML Conference

October League Meeting

November Open House

LOCATION

Kansas City, MO

Election Board, Saint Ann

Maryland Heights Community Center



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