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May 2024 NEWSLETTER

May Installation Dinner

All municipal officials and staff are invited to the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis' Annual Installation Dinner on Thursday, May 23rd at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel in Berkeley. Because of generous contributions from our associate members and supporters, we will have a complimentary cocktail reception beginning at 6:00pm with dinner to follow at 7:00pm. The price is \$35 per person.

If your municipality has several attendees, we ask that you register through your municipal clerk. They have the registration form. Individuals or small groups can register by contacting the League office. We will not be issuing tickets, but we are asking for the names of everyone attending from your municipality. Attendees are encouraged to bring municipal names tags. We will have open seating with tables of ten.

We ask that you RSVP no later than Friday, May 17. To RSVP please contact your City Clerk or the League Office at Staff@stlmuni.org.

When: Thursday, May 23, 2023
Where: Renaissance Ballroom - St. Louis Airport Hotel
9801 Natural Bridge Road ([MAP](#))
Berkeley, MO 63134
Time: 6:00pm Cocktail Reception

7:00pm Dinner

The keynote speaker for the evening will be Dr. Jody Sowell. Dr. Jody Sowell serves as the seventh president in the 156-year history of the Missouri Historical Society. Though new to the position – he was appointed in July 2022 – Jody is hardly new to MHS or to St. Louis. He has worked at MHS in a number of roles for 18 years and has lived in St. Louis for 21. In addition to his work at MHS, Jody appears every week on KMOV's CBS Sunday Morning in his popular STL History Minute segments and teaches at Saint Louis University, where he also earned his doctorate in American Studies.

Dr. Sowell's presentation, "I am St. Louis, and I Don't Believe We've Met" is a fast-paced tour through St. Louis history. Audiences will hear some stories they know and many stories they don't. All the stories will feature the richness, diversity, and complexity that makes St. Louis such a fascinating place.

Legislative Update

As the Legislature enters its final weeks, some priority bills for local governments are being taken up for consideration. This does NOT include proposals to end the sales tax on food. Bills of interest include: [HB 2065 \(Owen\)](#) - authorizes St. Louis County and any municipality with more than 1,500 inhabitants and not located in St. Louis County to establish a land bank. Local Government Committee. Heard 2/13. Passed Committee 2/20. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 3/4. Perfected 3/6. Passed House 3/11. Senate Emerging Issues Committee. Heard 4/9. (Support)

[HB 1604 \(Hinman\)](#) – changes the filing period for April elections to the 16th Tuesday prior to the election to the 13th Tuesday prior to the election, unless the 13th Tuesday prior to an election falls on a holiday, then the closing of filing shall be the next day that is not a holiday. Elections Committee. Heard 1/9. Passed Committee Consent (Non-controversial) 1/30. Referred Consent & House Procedures Committee. Passed Committee 2/13. Passed Rules Committee 2/13 Consent. Passed House 3/7. Senate Local Government & Elections Committee. Heard 4/2. Passed Committee 4/15.

[HB 1720 \(Falkner\)](#) – defines as closed records email addresses and telephone numbers submitted to a public governmental body by individuals or entities for the sole purpose of receiving electronic or other communications limited to newsletters, notifications, advisories, alerts, and periodic reports. Local Government Committee. Heard 1/16. Passed Committee 1/23. Referred Rules Committee. Passed Committee 1/29. House Perfection Calendar. Perfected 2/6. Passed House 2/8. Senate Local Government & Elections Committee. Heard 3/25. Passed Committee 4/2. (Support)

New Officers and Board Members Elected

At the April 25 membership meeting the following new officers and board members were elected or re-elected for the 2024-25 year.

President - Mayor Tim Lowery, Florissant

Vice President - Mayor David Dimmitt, Brentwood

Finance Chairman - Mayor Edward Mahan, Rock Hills

Board Members - Mayor Laura Arnold, Webster Groves

Mayor Marty Little, Overland

Aldерwoman Marcieta Reed, Vinita Park

Mayor Mike Roemerman, Ellisville

All will be installed at the May 23 Installation Dinner.

St. Louis County Comprehensive Plan 2050

Paul Weatherford, Senior Planner - Long Range Planning, Department of Planning for St. Louis County writes:

"St. Louis County has begun developing a new Comprehensive Plan for the first time in 40 years, providing a strategic framework for how our community intends to grow and evolve over the next 25 years. Central to this process is engaging with our municipal partners to discuss the opportunities before us and how we can work together to provide a bright future for our community. We will be presenting at the Municipal League Executive Board meeting on April 18th and will be reaching out to all 87 municipalities in St. Louis County over the next couple of months."

"In the meantime, please visit the Plan's website, www.stlouiscounty2050.com, and subscribe for updates. We look forward to working with you through this process."

MML Regional Meeting - May 14th



The City of Arnold will host the Metro East Regional meeting of the Missouri Municipal League.

**The topic:
Advanced Sunshine Law, presented by Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, P.C.**

To register: click [here](#)

Pre- Application Workshop Scheduled for the Municipal Park Grants

We have scheduled the pre-application workshops for the 2024 Municipal Park Grants, Round 25.

We encourage everyone anticipating applying for a grant to have an attendance. There is knowledge to gain and points to obtain!

SCHEDULE:

Workshop 1: Wednesday, June 12th - Brentwood Community Center - 9AM

Workshop 2: Thursday, June 13th - Maryland Heights Council Chambers - 9AM

Workshop 3: Thursday June 20th - Normandy City Hall - 4PM

Planning Grant Changes

The Park Commission realizes that not all municipalities have professional public works, engineering or parks staff to coordinate construction grant applications and project oversight. This has led, at times, to incomplete or inaccurate applications and delays in completing projects on time and within budget. For this reason, Commission members have adopted a policy **requiring** any municipality that does not have professional public works, engineering or parks staff, to receive a planning grant before applying for any construction grant. Commissioners believe that this policy will help assure that quality projects can be planned for and implemented in a timely and efficient manner. If you have questions about this policy, please contact the Municipal League staff at staff@stlmuni.org or 314-726-4747.

Planning grants of up to \$10,000 are available to help develop master plans to guide future park developments or for construction specific project planning. The planning grant applications are available throughout the year and can be found [here](#). If you are considering a project for next year, it is recommended that you start the planning process as soon as possible.

Municipal Job Postings

Be sure to check The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis website for Municipal Job Postings. Click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

DATE**May 23, 2024****EVENT****League Installation Dinner****LOCATION****Renaissance Hotel - Berkeley**



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