



# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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December 16, 2013 • University City Department Updates

This Council Brief provides information regarding City activities. This document is produced bi-weekly. For more detail please contact the City Manager at (314) 505-8534.

## Community Events:

- **Yard Waste Stickers.** Yard waste stickers are required on paper bags all year round, except October 15 – December 31. Yard waste is picked up on the same day as your trash and recycling. Plastic bags are not collected. Yard waste includes leaves, small limbs, small plants and grass clippings. No dirt, rocks, gravel or food waste.
- **Holiday Light Recycling Drive 2013.** Tis' the Season to Recycle! Reduce waste and spread cheer this holiday season by donating broken or unwanted holiday lights to St. Louis Green's 2013 Holiday Light Recycling Drive! This year St. Louis Green hopes to divert over 136,000 pounds of lights from entering our landfills. The collection bin is located in the basement level of the City Hall Annex, 6801 Blvd. Lights can also be dropped off at participating Walmart store locations in Missouri. Holiday light drop-off locations are located throughout Missouri. Check out [www.stlouisgreen.com](http://www.stlouisgreen.com) website for a list of all locations or call (314) 222-8004.
  - November 16, 2013 - January 12, 2014
- **Fall 2013 Leaf Collection is ongoing.** All leaves must be placed at the front curb area (not in the alley) by Sunday night to be collected. City trucks pick-up leaves in each area the entire week and make only one pass on each street. Please be sure that access is not blocked by parked vehicles. Call the Public Works and Parks Department at (314) 505-8560, to confirm your area.
  - CENTRAL area – December 16
  - WEST area – December 16
  - EAST area – December 23
- **Affordable Care Act Information Program.** Community Action Agency of St. Louis County's Certified Application Counselors will be at the University City Library to provide education and answer questions about the Affordable Care Act and how it can benefit you. There is no charge for this program and no registration is required. For more information about Community Action Agency of St. Louis County visit, [www.caastlc.org/affordable-care.html](http://www.caastlc.org/affordable-care.html)
  - December 18, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, 6701 Delmar Blvd (auditorium)
- **Annual University City Employee Holiday Party.** Catering will be provided by Valenti's Meat Market and Bakery.
  - December 20, 12:00 – 2:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center.

## Meetings

- **Board of Adjustment Meeting**
  - December 18, 6:30 – 6:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **CALOP Commission Meeting**
  - December 19, 6:00 – 8:30 PM @ City Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 6)
- **Human Relations Commission Meeting**
  - December 19, 6:30 – 9:00 PM @ City Hall (City Council Chambers)

- **Historic Preservation Commission (CANCELLED)**
  - December 19, 7:00 – 8:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### DISBURSEMENTS

The Finance Department is responsible for issuing Accounts Payable (AP) checks for the City. During the period of November 29 – December 12, Finance has issued four (4) AP checks that were greater than \$50,000.00. The below table represents the vendor, dollar amount paid and purpose:

	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID	DESCRIPTION
1	Wachter, Inc.	\$106,111.20	New Firehouse Construction
2	Complete Curbside Leaf Removal Services	\$50,000.00	2013 Fall Leaf Curbside Collection
3	Ameren Missouri	\$52,056.88	Utilities - Electricity
4	Labib S. Wajih, LLC	\$50,641.90	Annual Sewer Lateral Repairs

### DOG PARK/DOG LICENSES

During the period of November 29 – December 12, staff issued four (4) dog park tags, totaling \$62.00. Of this amount, U City People for Dogs portion is \$56.00 and the City's portion is \$6.00.

### SOLID WASTE

#### Shut-Off Collection

As of the first week of December, the approximate amount collected per route from issuing Shut-Off notices, are as follows:

Route	Amount Collected
1	\$53,799.00
2	\$23,766.00
3	\$91,379.00
4	\$82,109.00
5	\$29,577.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$280,630.00</b>

The amount collected represents an increase of \$15,149.00 from mid-November.

#### Payment Agreements

Staff continues to monitor payment agreements. Below is a table illustrating the number of payments missed on delinquent accounts by Route:

<b>Delinquent Payment Agreements</b>			
<i>Route</i>	<i>1 Payment Missed</i>	<i>2 or more Payments Missed</i>	<i>Total by Route</i>
1	3	30	33
2	6	6	12
3	25	20	45
4	24	30	54
5	11	9	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>164</b>

### Shut-Off Notices

The Finance Department is preparing for the beginning of the 2014 Shut-Off cycle for Solid Waste services. Shut-Off notices are being mailed to delinquent accounts in Route 1 starting Friday, December 13. Approximately, 80 accounts are receiving Shut-Off notices; 47 accounts being first time notices and 33 being notices for accounts that are delinquent on payment agreements that were made during the 2013 Shut-Off cycle. The amount the City is attempting to collect from the 80 accounts is approximately \$50,346.00.

Accounts receiving the notices for the first time will have thirty (30) days to respond to the Finance Department to make a payment agreement or pay the balance in full. Otherwise, the Solid Waste services will be shut off and a lien will be placed on the property.

Accounts receiving Shut-Off notices due to delinquent payment agreement obligations will be required to pay the amount necessary to bring their payment agreement back to good standing. If a payment agreement is not brought into good standing, the Solid Waste service will be shut off for that account and a lien will be placed on the property until the account balance is paid in full and lien release fee is paid.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

### **PROJECTS:**

- Ferguson Bridge Replacement: Construction in progress. After first extension of contract time approved to complete the project by December 11, contractor has submitted a second extension of contract time, which was denied by the City (agreed upon with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) officials) and now a third extension of contract time request has been submitted to complete the project by the end of February of 2014. Project will continue construction with or without extension and if necessary liquidated damages will be charged to the contractor.
- Jackson Pedestrian Signal Replacement: Construction in progress. Contract time 60 calendar days. Coordination with University City School District in place to allow students access to the sidewalks being replaced.
- Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Upgrades on Etzel Ave, Kingsland Ave, 82<sup>nd</sup> Blvd and Old Bonhomme Rd (STP-5402 (607)): Semi-final inspection completed on November 25. Project substantially completed as of December 2 with contractor currently working on punch list items completion.
- Transfer Station Structural Repair: Due to issues with the concrete below the topping course, additional work needs to be completed before topping course can be applied. Project will be closed after repair work is completed, final inspection is completed and final paperwork is submitted.

- Bicycle Striping on Canton Ave, Old Bonhomme Rd and Jackson Ave (STP-5402(609)): Preliminary Design approved by MoDOT and the University City School District comments have been addressed. Due to concerns, all angled parking within the Jackson Circle has been removed from the design. Final Design scheduled to be submitted to MoDOT for review in early December 2013.
- Olive Blvd/Westgate Ave Intersection Improvements Project (STP- 5402 (611)): Preliminary design is revised to address St. Louis County's comments and will be submitted in December of 2013 to MoDOT along with Right-of-Way acquisition plans.
- Chamberlain Bridge Replacement (STP-5402(610)): Engineering consultant is finalizing plans, specifications and estimates in order to submit information to MoDOT in December.
- Fiscal Year 2013 Spring Asphalt Overlay Project: Contract awarded to Gershenson Construction Co, Inc. Work Completed. Waiting on closeout documentation.
- Municipal Parks Grant Project for Millar Park Improvements: Contract signed on October 30 and Notice to Proceed sent to Kozeny-Wagner, Inc. on October 31. Work to begin in early December. City forces have begun removals in the park in preparation for contractor. Waiting on Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to provide outfall information in order to submit DNR permit.
- Sewer Lateral Repair Program Annual Contract: Contractor is working on projects nine (9) projects tasked under this contract.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project No. 1: Contract awarded to L Krupp Construction, Inc. at the September 9 Council meeting. Construction began on December 2 on Melrose Ave and Mount Vernon Ave. With the current weather conditions, construction is on hold.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Sidewalk Repairs Project: Notice of Award has been given to J L Brown Contracting Services, Inc. Work began November 2013 and currently being completed on Abbeville Dr and Jeanerette Dr before moving onto other locations, weather permitting.
- Kingsbury Avenue Sidewalk Replacement: Awarded to SBC Contracting Co.; project closed.
- Teasdale Avenue Sidewalk Connection: Waiting for project approval.
- Comments for new digital message board plans are in review.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Curb Ramp Design Project: Thouvenot, Wade, & Moerchen, Inc. is the design consultant. Surveying and design substantially completed. Final payment to be made the week of December 16.
- Fiscal Year 14 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project No. 2: Scheduled to advertise for bids in late December for work to take place in early spring 2014.
- Concrete Slab Repairs and Alleys: Notice of Award has been given to J L Brown Contracting Services, Inc. Project will begin when Fiscal Year 2014 Sidewalk Repairs Project is complete, weather permitting.
- Cracksealing: Contract award to PLM, Inc. was approved by City Council. Signed contracts received from contractor. Project work is anticipated to begin as soon as suitable weather conditions are reached.
- Asphalt Rejuvenators: Contract award to CAM, LLC was approved by City Council. Signed contracts received from contractor. Project work will be performed in spring 2014.
- 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Annual sidewalk funds have been released, and a concrete sidewalk-curb repairs project planned on 6600 block of Bartmer Ave, 6500 block of Corbitt Ave, and 6700 block of Julian Ave. City Council approved award of project to West Fall Hauling on November 12. Notice of Award has been sent to the contractor. Waiting on signed contract and bonds to be returned.
- Ultra-Thin Hot-Mix-Asphalt Project: Scheduled for spring 2014 and streets selected for project will be crack sealed and base repaired, weather permitting, before the paving

season begins. City staff will begin marking areas for base repairs prior to contract work starting. Project bidding planned for the winter of 2013/14.

## **ENGINEERING/ADMINISTRATION**

- Working with MSD in regards to being a co-permittee on the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) as now required by Missouri Department of Natural Resources – co-permittee application submitted on May 10, 2013. Permit has not been received to date, but City is to proceed as if permitted in order to meet permit goals. The first goal to meet is implementing municipal land disturbance programs and adopting storm water ordinances to regulate & enforce post-construction strategies in new & redevelopment projects. This goal must be completed by June 30, 2014.
- Updating the Right-of-Way Rules and Regulations: City restoration draft standard drawings/specifications are under review.
- Washington University Loop Student Living Initiative project in Delmar Loop, construction in progress.
- Delmar Loop Area Parking Study. Crawford Bunte Brammeier (CBB) Traffic and Transportation Engineers will complete the study once the Trolley Project submits final plans reflecting new parking availability for loading zones.
- Mock roundabout at Trinity Ave-Delmar Blvd has been operational since July 25. City's traffic engineering consultant reported traffic operations to be acceptable. Phase II: Temporary closure of Trinity Ave (the perpendicular street) at Delmar Blvd, both north and south sides closures were evaluated by CBB Traffic and Transportation Engineers and found the traffic and pedestrian operations functional. Results presented at the November Traffic Commission meeting and the commission's recommendation was to keep Trinity Ave open on both sides of Delmar Blvd ensuring safe access to pedestrians by moving the crosswalks away from the intersection and moving the vehicular accesses from Delmar to Trinity to a visible point to make turns safely.
- The Green Practices Commission recommended the Bring Conservation Home program to staff. City staff reviewed the program and developed the resolution to be reviewed by Council during the December 9, meeting.
- Staff is working with Trailnet to finalize and print the Adopted University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan document.
- Ongoing reporting, monitoring, and inventorying of street light outages.
- Ongoing review and approval of private development projects on MyGov for building permit issuance.
- Staff is working to streamline the plan review methodology to incorporate MyGov review steps to assure timely permit issuance.
- Design in progress for improvements to Ackert Walkway/Ackert Plaza, for both safety and aesthetics from Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc. Ackert walkway arch type sign incorporated in this project. Preliminary plans submitted to the City in November 2013. After archway design is submitted, this project will be presented to both Arts and Letters and Parks Commissions.
- Staff prepared a draft of the Delmar Boulevard streetscape design guidelines to standardize streetscape design. Revisions ongoing.
- Olive Boulevard Standards are being upgraded to be submitted to City Council for approval.
- Staff is working on a detailed five (5) year plan for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.
- Army Corps of Engineers Study Flood Buy-Out: River Des Peres, Army Corps in the process of finalizing the small study for use in future Grant planning. The Army Corps is

still waiting on word as to whether or not funds will be available in the federal fiscal year 2015 to finalize the full study.

- 98% Loop Trolley Plans received September 15 and reviewed by Staff. 100% Loop Trolley plans not submitted as of December 9. Staff met with Loop Trolley Project Manager Chris Poehler to review all agreements listed as part of the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Staff provided comments on operations & maintenance agreement drafted by Loop Trolley Company.
- Staff completed cost estimate and received a proposal from a consultant for the master plan update to Heman Park. Staff submitted a grant application through the Municipal Parks Grant Commission for partial funding of the study on December 13.
- Staff performed condition ratings with MoDOT personnel on MoDOT off-system bridges in University City.
- Staff attended MSD's Municipal General Housekeeping & Pollution Prevention Workshop as part of transitioning into Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community.
- Staff attended an MSD Project Clear meeting regarding MSD's plans for separating storm flow from sanitary sewer system.
- Staff assisted property manager on Delmar Blvd for application of parking lot# 4 user agreements to define maintenance roles between property owner and the City.
- Staff is preparing Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Improvement Program and a special study session to finalize program is scheduled for January 13, 2014.

## **STREETS**

- Carrying out annual street leaf collection; the final two weeks of the collection:
  - Central Area December 16 – December 20. Due to inclement weather, leaf collection in the West and Central area has been delayed and will be completed during the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> for the West Area and the week of December 23<sup>rd</sup> for the East Area. The leaf collection banners and the community bulletin boards will be changed and the schedule change was also posted on the U City website and social media pages on December 10.
  - Hauling compost from Ruth Park to Heman distribution area.
- Composting leaves at the Ruth Park Recycling area.

## **PARKS**

- Installed new park signs at Ackert Park.
- Continuing the City's portion of the demolition work for the Millar Park Phase I renovation project.
- Providing supplemental manpower for annual street leaf collection.

## **FORESTRY**

- Began tree planting December 1.
- Removed trees as part of the Millar Park Phase I renovation project.

## **GOLF**

- Leaf mulching, leaf and acorn removal from greens and fairways the main activity.
- Performed final fertilization for the season

## **SOLID WASTE**

- University City received a grant from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District for \$10,000 to implement a recycling education program. Funds will be used to create and mail an informational brochure about solid waste programs to U City

residents during spring/summer 2014.

- Staff received the 2014 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program application and will apply for funding to expand the recycling program in City buildings by purchasing, installing and monitoring new indoor and outdoor recycling containers. Funds will also be requested to develop recycling educational materials to support and market the expanded program. About \$20,000 was requested for the Grant application submitted on December 10.
- Requested bids for the annual order of alley trash dumpsters; bids were received on October 21. City Council approved the recommendation and the order will be placed during December 2013.

## **FLEET**

- Accepted delivery of a new automated sanitation truck.
  - Continued routine maintenance and repair.
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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

#### Major Development Projects

- Residences at Delcrest Ct:
  - Building 1, 2, & Garage: Finished.
  - Building 3: Finalizing.
  - Building 4: Performing final inspections.
  - Building 5: Rough inspections finished; waiting on final inspections.
  - Building 6: Finishing rough inspections.
- Church of Scientology: On hold.
- WASHU Development:
  - Building 1A: Under roof; being drywalled.
  - Building 1B: Finished foundation and elevator shafts.
  - Building 2: Shell complete; being drywalled and systems being installed.
  - Building 3: Pouring floors and installing mechanical equipment.
  - Building 4: Phase II planned for 2014/2015.
- The District:
  - Remodels ongoing with a possible completion date of June 2014.
- Walgreens:
  - Installing systems.
  - Installing site drainage system.
- New MERS/Goodwill building:
  - Installing street lighting.
  - Site work to begin next week.
- Daycare on Delcrest Ct:
  - Site work being completed.
- Facilities Maintenance is working on a Request for Proposal for audio/video equipment at Heman Park Community Center:
  - Responses received; analyzing proposal.
- Request for Proposal for Environmental Hazard Assessment of the City Hall Annex:
  - Work to commence next week.
- Request for Qualifications for Consulting Services on the Heman Park Pool House:

- Being created.
- Request for Qualifications for Annex use:
  - Qualified firm interviewed; City requested a bid.
- Demolition of 6604 Crest Ave:
  - Contracts signed; building should be demolished by January 15, 2014.
- Rental Agent Registration:
  - 328 agents registered as of December 11.

## **RECREATION**

### Centennial Commons Special Events

- Upcoming Centennial Commons “Cub Care” Special: Holiday “Drop and Shop”. Pre-registered participants will be accepted on Saturday, December 21 (last Saturday of holiday shopping) from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available and activities will include holiday arts and crafts, games, movies and much more.
- A two week holiday mini fitness session begins December 23 and ends January 4, 2014. Classes available: 6:00 AM Boot Camp, “Butts & Gutts”, Golden Lions Low Impact Fitness, Senior Stretcherize, Zumba and introducing Barre Fusion. Registration ends Saturday, December 14.

### Miscellaneous

- U. City Summer Job Fair Ages 17 & up. Saturday, December 21 (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM), Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. Calling all lifeguards, students, teachers, etc.! Come find out about part-time, summer and year-round employment at CentCom and Heman Pool. Available positions: summer camp counselor, lifeguards, control desk clerk, and more. Attire: business casual (i.e. shirt, slacks, etc.). For more information, call (314) 505-8625 or Relay Missouri (800) 735-2966 (TDD).

## **PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Staff continued to carry out the economic development work-plan, including meeting with individuals/brokers/developers interested in locating in University City. Staff consulted with several businesses regarding site selection.
- Staff continues to work with the University City School District on the roof project at the High School gyms. The District indicated that they were going to consult with a clay tile roof specialist, and present the findings to staff the week of November 11. Staff received information from the District, which included reports from the District’s regularly engaged contractor and architect. The information was relayed to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and guidance.
- Staff conducted a Public Meeting on the Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Sustainability Plan on December 12 at the Heman Park Community Center. A brown bag discussion was also held on December 12 from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM at the University City Library, as a second opportunity for public comment. Staff also met with a few representatives of the Loop Special Business District on December 10 and 12 to discuss the plan revisions.
- Staff met with the State Historic Preservation Office to discuss historic preservation review procedures, the Zoning Code and training. Some process improvements and training opportunities for the public and Board and Commission members will be developed.



Comprehensive Plan Update

- A joint meeting of City Council and the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Plan Commission was held on Tuesday, December 10 to review the draft scope of work for the next update to the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed planning and community engagement consultants were present at this meeting and provided an overview of the process and responded to questions. A final scope of work and contract will be drafted and presented to City Council for authorization in January, 2014. Work on the plan update will commence soon thereafter.

Upcoming Board and Commission Meeting Information

Board/Commission Items – December 2013/January 2014

Board/Commission	Meeting Date	Applicant/Petitioner	Request/Proposal	Proposal Location	Ward
Plan Commission - Comprehensive Plan Committee	TBD	Department of Community Development	Discussion of: Revised Draft Parkview Gardens Sustainable Development Plan; Comprehensive Plan Update - Consultant Scope of Work	University City	1,2,3
Plan Commission	12/17/2013	N/A	TBD	N/A	N/A
City Council	1/13/2014	Council Apartments, Inc. c/o Vince Keady with Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP	Map Amendment request to rezone property from HRO - High Density Residential/Office District to PD-M Planned Development - Mixed-Use District	8348-8350 Delcrest Drive (Crown Center)	1
City Council	1/13/2014	Council Apartments, Inc. c/o Vince Keady with Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP	Request to approve Preliminary Development Plan	8348-8350 Delcrest Drive (Crown Center)	1
City Council	1/13/2014	Department of Community Development	Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment pertaining to lighted athletic fields and similar recreational uses	University City	1,2,3

As of 12/10/2013

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- New firehouse technology:
  - Bay phone being installed.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Wi-Fi being finalized.
- City Hall Access Control:
  - System running.
  - Finalizing project with a few changes still needing to be made.
- Request for Proposal for Storage/Backup/Disaster Recovery:
  - Disaster recovery development scheduled.
- Wi-Fi being upgraded in City Hall:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> floor completed.
  - Completing 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- Preparing budget numbers for Fiscal Year 2015.
- Refresh computers were received and are being implemented.
- Staff are preparing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for potential agenda software options:
  - In process.
- Redundant Internet Connection:
  - Antennas installed; equipment being configured.

- Parking Pay Station Internet Connection Replacement:
    - Time improved to process a credit card from 1 ½ minutes to 10 seconds.
    - Operational.
  - Centennial Commons Camera Installation:
    - Installation complete.
    - Waiting for a switch to be installed before they will go live.
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## LIBRARY

### EVENTS

#### **Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys Registration Open!**

We've officially begun registration for our 2014 program series sponsored by ALA and NEH called Let's Talk about It: Muslim Journeys. Participants will read five books and participate in a series of discussions lead by Gultan Ilhan, a philosophy professor at STLCC Meramec. Gultan Ilhan has also conducted many workshops and seminars aimed at fostering understanding and communication among Muslims and people of other faith traditions, so she should be a great facilitator. Our program partner for this is Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis, <http://www.interfaithstl.org>.

University City Public Library is one of 125 libraries and state humanities council across the country selected to participate in the project, which seeks to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

Discussion meetings will take place monthly in the University City Public Library auditorium.

Selections from *The Columbia Sourcebook* **February 27**

*Acts of Faith*/Ebo Patel **March 20**

*A Quiet Revolution*/Leila Ahmed **April 17**

*The Butterfly Mosque: a young American Women's Journey to Love and Islam*/G. Willow Wilson **May 15**

This program is free, but advance registration is required. Contact the library at (314) 727-3150 or email: [reference@ucpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:reference@ucpl.lib.mo.us).

**December 3 –  
December 30**

#### **In the Gallery: "Dexter Live!" by Dexter Silvers**

Join us for a meet and greet with well-known local artist Dexter Silvers, whose work will be on display in the 'Gallery of the Month.' Mr. Silvers will also unveil two new pieces from his St. Louis collection. Reception to be held Sunday, December 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

- December 17**  
**7:00 PM**      **Readings in History Book Group**
- Join us for a discussion of Thomas Penn's *Winter King: Henry VII and the Dawn of Tudor England*. We'll also have copies of next month's selection *On the Map* by Simon Garfield.
- December 18**  
**2:30 PM**      **Computer Class**  
*Intro to Word 2007*
- Learn Word 2007 basics, including how to edit and format your work.
- Computer classes are free and do not require registration. All classes are designed for beginners and last one hour. Classes take place in the auditorium, unless otherwise noted.
- December 18**  
**7:00 PM**      **Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group**
- Join us for a discussion of Ayana Mathis' *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*. We'll also have copies of next month's selection, *Bitter Brew: the Rise and Fall of Anheuser-Busch and America's King of Beers* by William Knoedelseder.
- December 19**  
**10:00 AM –**  
**2:00 PM**      **Blood Drive**
- Volunteers from the American Red Cross will be on hand at the Library for a holiday blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome, or make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (use sponsor code ucitylibrary).
- December 24**      **Closed for Christmas Holiday**
- December 25**      **Closed for Christmas Holiday**

#### CHILDREN, TEEN, AND FAMILY EVENTS

- September 12 –**      **Teen Spot Gaming Nights**  
**January 23**      *For 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up*  
**7:00 –**  
**8:30 PM**
- Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Xbox 360 and Wii games every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from September 2013 - January 2014.
- Game Night Dates:  
December 26, 2013  
January 9, 2014  
January 23, 2014
- October 2 –**      **Treehouse Book Club**  
**March 5**      *For 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders*  
**7:00 –**  
**8:00 PM**
- The Treehouse Book Club provides readers an opportunity to talk about books and meet new friends. Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

from October 2013 – March 2014. This year the theme is “Extraordinary Ordinary Kids.” We will be discussing books about ordinary kids doing extraordinary things and extraordinary kids trying to be ordinary. Book club members are expected to read the book before coming to the meeting.

Featured Books:

-- No Meeting in January --

February 5, 2014 – Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

March 12, 2014 – Title to be announced

There is a one-time fee of \$4.00 due at the registration. The fee covers the cost of treats and a pizza and book party at the end of the program.

For more information call UCPL Youth Services at (314) 727-3150 or email: [kclodfelter@ucpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:kclodfelter@ucpl.lib.mo.us).

Register early. Space is limited!

**October 9 –  
March 12  
7:00 –  
8:00 PM**

**Show Me Reader Book Club**

*For 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders*

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from October 2013 – March 2014. Club members will listen to and discuss 1 or 2 books. Nominated for the Missouri Young Readers “Show Me Award”. Meetings include a craft or game activity and a treat

Meeting Dates:

-- No Meeting in January --

February 12, 2014

March 12, 2014

Advance registration is required. A \$4.00 fee is due at the registration to cover the cost of refreshments.

For more information call UCPL Youth Services at (314) 727-3150.

**November 12 –  
December 19**

**Fall Storytime II**

*“Fall into Fall”*

Laptime (12-17 months), 30 minute rhymes and movement program

- Monday – 9:45 AM, November 18 – December 16
- Monday – 10:30 AM, November 18 – December 16
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2’s (24-36 months), 40 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Wednesday – 9:30 AM, November 13 – December 18
- Thursday – 9:30 AM, November 14 – December 19

NOTE: No storytime on Thanksgiving, November 28; you may attend the Wednesday November 27 instead

3-5 year olds, 50 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Wednesday – 10:30 AM, November 13 – December 18
- Thursday – 10:30 AM, November 14 – December 19

NOTE: No storytime on Thanksgiving, November 28; you may attend the Wednesday November 27 instead

**Evening Storytime**

3-6 year olds, 45 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Tuesday – 6:30 PM, November 12 – December 17

**December 19  
4:00 PM**

**Movies**

*“Rise of the Guardians”*, Rated PG

Movies are shown in Lil’s Treehouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Admission is FREE.



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**In This Week's Edition:**

**-Announcements**

Map of the Month: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Net Worker Flow by Tract, 2006-2010  
Request for Qualifications - Washington, Mo., Municipal Code Revisions  
Federal-aid Project Implementation Workshop - Right of Way Acquisition  
Nominations Sought to Recognize Leaders in Community and Neighborhood Rebuilding Efforts  
Applicants under the Age of 40 Sought for Urban Leadership Gathering  
Call for Proposals - Sustainability Conference 2014  
East-West Gateway Invites You to Assist in the Updating of its Public Involvement Plan  
MU's Pollution Prevention Intern Program Seeking Projects for 2014

**-Conferences and Events**

Applying Collaborative Techniques to Urban Problem Solving - Workshop  
Integrating Equity into Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning - Webinar  
Conferences and Events Further Out

**-News**

East-West Gateway Board Approves OneSTL Plan  
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## Announcements...

### Map of the Month: St. Louis Metropolitan Area Net Worker Flow by Tract, 2006-2010

East-West Gateway's Map of the Month for December shows net worker flow by tract, using the latest Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP) data. For a given Census tract, net worker flow is defined as the number of employees who work in the tract, minus the number of residents who leave the tract to work elsewhere. A tract with positive net worker flow can be interpreted as a place that is an employment destination. A tract with a large negative net worker flow might be interpreted as predominantly residential, or a bedroom community. Lighter shades on the map indicate a relative balance between residential population and employment. The CTPP is a joint effort between the Federal Highway Administration and Census Bureau to help with transportation planning. The 2006-2010 CTPP, based on (the) 2010 5-Year American Community Survey data, shows that the areas with the highest concentrations of net worker inflow are along major transportation systems. These include locations near interstates, highways, Lambert Airport, Scott Air Force Base and the Mississippi River. You can view this map by clicking on the Map of the Month icon at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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### Request for Qualifications - Washington, Mo., Municipal Code Revisions

The City of Washington, Missouri is requesting qualifications from planning consultants to develop revised zoning and subdivision codes for the community. Washington is located approximately 50 miles west of St. Louis and is the largest city within Franklin County. Washington has a diverse labor pool and has become a major employment and manufacturing center with over sixty industries. The community is also the major retail center and banking center of Franklin County. The 2010 Census reported a population of 13,982 for the community. Submittal deadline is January 6. Link to the Request for Qualification document from [www.ci.washington.mo.us](http://www.ci.washington.mo.us).

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### Federal-aid Project Implementation Workshop - Right of Way Acquisition

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to instruct Local Public Agencies regarding the rules and regulations for acquiring right of way. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies that have a project programmed in the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program or for those who would like to learn more about the right of way process. The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 23, at the Maryland Heights Community Centre - 2344 McKelvey Rd Maryland Heights, MO 63043, from 9 -11 AM. MoDOT staff will be available to answer project specific questions after the workshop ends until noon. For more information contact Bill Hampton at (314) 453-1837. Registration is available on the East-West Gateway homepage [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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### Nominations Sought to Recognize Leaders in Community and Neighborhood Rebuilding Efforts

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) ( [www.communitybuildersstl.org](http://www.communitybuildersstl.org) ) is excited about hosting it's second annual awards reception on March 6, at the Missouri Botanical Garden! This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. CBN is asking for nominations in categories ranging from the public sector to business to philanthropy to nonprofits and more. The Awards Nomination Application can be found online at the following link: <http://goo.gl/CDAhcg>. Along with nominating an organization or an individual, please join CBN for an evening of networking, food, fun and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors. Register for the event at <http://goo.gl/iaU6OF>.

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## Applicants under the Age of 40 Sought for Urban Leadership Gathering

Next year from April 24-26, forty young leaders from cities across the country will convene in Chattanooga, Tenn. for an intensive three-day series of presentations, workshops, tours and other activities. The Vanguard conference, an annual experiential urban leadership gathering, convenes the best and brightest young urban leaders working to improve cities across sectors, including urban planning, community development, entrepreneurship, government, transportation, sustainability, design, art and media. This year, Next City will select forty new applicants whose bright ideas for cities, experience in the field and ambition for the future all show great promise to become members of the 2014 Vanguard class. Non-profits directors, city council members, artists, private sector leaders, and other individuals influencing the direction of their cities are invited to apply. Only catch? Applicants must be under the age of 40. Applications for the 2014 Vanguard Conference are being accepted now through February 14. Learn more and apply at <http://nextcity.org/vanguard>.

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## Call for Proposals - Sustainability Conference 2014

Webster University Sustainability Coalition will be hosting the third annual sustainability conference April 10-11, at Webster University. The conference planners seek proposals that address diverse perspectives and innovative approaches to present and future challenges to sustainability. The goal of the conference is to promote innovative thinking about sustainability by fostering critical discourse and respectful conversations representing a variety of viewpoints. To that end, a limited number of proposals will be carefully selected to create focused sessions on critical issues within the field of sustainability. Proposals are due by January 15. For more information on conference topics and to submit a proposal, go to [www.webster.edu/sustainability/conference/cfp.html](http://www.webster.edu/sustainability/conference/cfp.html). Direct questions about your proposal and the conference to [sustainability@webster.edu](mailto:sustainability@webster.edu).

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## East-West Gateway Invites You to Assist in the Updating of its Public Involvement Plan

East-West Gateway asks that you take a few minutes to take an online survey for the purpose of informing East-West Gateway as it updates its Public Involvement Plan. The East-West Gateway Public Involvement Plan guides how we, as the metropolitan planning organization for the region, ensure quality engagement and interaction with all citizens of the St. Louis metropolitan area. This is not a plan about how to build a bridge across the Mississippi or Missouri Rivers, but rather a plan about how we build a bridge to you, the public. We need to know how we can design our outreach efforts in a way that makes your involvement easier, fuller and more likely. This survey will begin to inform East-West Gateway's public involvement plan. We appreciate your participation. You can take the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EWGPIPSURVEY>.

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## MU's Pollution Prevention Intern Program Seeking Projects for 2014

The University of Missouri Pollution Prevention Intern Program is currently seeking companies, government entities, and institutions interested in placing its upper-level engineering interns for 2014. The program has helped Missouri businesses and municipalities save more than \$1 million in annual costs through energy efficiency, heat recovery, transportation efficiency, waste reduction and water conservation. The Missouri Environmental Assistance Center assists with the identification of available utility rebates, grants, secured loans and tax incentives to help finance project improvements. Certain projects qualify for 100 percent upfront financing. Contact the Pollution Prevention intern program today to discuss projects for increasing your organization's environmental efficiency. Visit [www.moeac.net/p2intern](http://www.moeac.net/p2intern) for more information or contact Leah Christian at [christianl@missouri.edu](mailto:christianl@missouri.edu).

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## Conferences and Events...

### December 14: Applying Collaborative Techniques to Urban Problem Solving - Workshop

This workshop will explore more advanced skills and issues in collaborative urban policy-making. In particular, it will question when it is appropriate to use collaboration, who needs to participate, and how to



structure the process. A negotiation role play exercise will be followed by an in-depth discussion of the opportunities and challenges of applying these strategies to local urban problems, drawing on the group's collective experiences here in St. Louis. Dr. Susanne Cowan, Post-Doctorate Fellow at Washington University will conduct this workshop. This workshop will be held December 14, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at CEL, Center for Architecture and Design St. Louis at Grand Center, 3307 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. For more information and to register, go to <http://creativeexchangelab.com/workshop-series-urban-plan-policy> Contact [ja@creativeexchangelab.com](mailto:ja@creativeexchangelab.com) if you desire to attend and have concerns about not having taken the prerequisite.

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## December 18: Integrating Equity into Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning - Webinar

This webinar explores the idea of equity in the context of active transportation and suggests approaches for planners working to make cycling and walking programs and projects more equitable. The session includes: A definition of terms. What do we mean by equity? Can it be quantified? What outcomes do we expect if we are planning for transportation equity, and how do we measure those? Examples of where equity work is happening around the U.S. Learn about projects that address equity from the perspectives of different communities (youth, women, people of color, immigrant). The webinar will be held Dec. 18, from 2 - 3 PM, at MoDOT Traffic Management Center—Room 207, 14301 South Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Sponsored locally by: Great Rivers Greenway, TEAMSTL, and MoDOT. RSVP by 5 PM, Dec.17, to [gnesbit@grgstl.org](mailto:gnesbit@grgstl.org) to receive the handouts via e-mail before the webinar

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## What's in the News...

### In regional news...

#### East-West Gateway Board Approves OneSTL Plan

##### **OneSTL advances a prosperous, healthy and vibrant future for the St. Louis region.**

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments Board of Directors on Wednesday approved OneSTL, a regional plan for sustainable development that provides a framework for collaboration among local governments as they adapt to the changing needs of the area's communities.

OneSTL is the culmination of three years of public meetings, surveys, and discussions that were funded by a \$4.7 million planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the \$100 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. The amount St. Louis received in 2010 was the fourth highest among the 45 regional areas that received funding. HUD had received 225 grant applications.

Sustainability refers to the concept of making decisions about development and government policy by considering the economic, social, and environmental impacts of a project. Both the private sector and the public sector have grown accustomed to considering sustainability when deciding what to do and how to spend money.

At the federal level, priority is being placed on improved coordination of transportation, housing, and environmental spending in recognition of the interdependence of those programs. By showing ways for St. Louis to make more efficient and wiser use of funding from those departments, the intent of the plan is to build broad-based prosperity and environmental sustainability in the region.

The document approved by the board outlines goals and strategies for becoming a more sustainable region, as well as quantitative measures that will track progress toward sustainability over time. The goals were articulated based on extensive public outreach that solicited opinions from thousands of area residents over the last three years. The plan is voluntary, providing recommended methods for achieving a broad range of goals. The plan does not impose any mandates.

"OneSTL provides a starting point for local government, non-profit groups, businesses, and citizens to find and share ideas on how to improve services and give people what they want," says Ed Hillhouse, executive director of East-West Gateway. "Anyone or any group can implement parts of the plan they deem worthwhile. The phrase 'many communities – one future,' sums up the intent of OneSTL, in that it captures the essence of collaboration among many distinct communities working toward common and shared goals."

The plan was created with 11 consortium partners and 23 supporting partners. More than 200 people were members of 10 committees that met dozens of times over the three-year planning process. More than

2,000 residents attended the public meetings throughout the region held to solicit input on what people thought should be the area's priorities.

OneSTL includes a web site, [www.OneSTL.org](http://www.OneSTL.org), which presents ideas, instructions, and case studies that can be assessed and adopted by anyone. The web site includes locally implemented projects and success stories that will be continually updated. Another web-based resource, [www.stlouisdata.org](http://www.stlouisdata.org), provides access to a wide range of data and maps for the St. Louis region.

OneSTL, as approved by the East-West Gateway Board of Directors, is delineated in a 198-page document titled "OneSTL – Many Communities, One Future – A Plan for a Prosperous, Healthy, Vibrant St. Louis Region." The plan is available at [www.OneSTL.org](http://www.OneSTL.org).

Part of the funding for the planning process in turn produced 75 assessments and surveys, including a fair housing equity assessment, transit-oriented development studies, and pilot studies in O'Fallon, Mo.; Belleville; Alton; Festus; and Bellefontaine Neighbors.

The three-year grant enabled East-West Gateway to organize a process of community planning and collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries that relied on citizen and public official participation. The process brought together a diverse group of organizations and individuals, including the business community, environmental groups, transportation experts, housing planners and citizens.

The four core members of this grant program are East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the city of St. Louis, St. Louis County and FOCUS St. Louis. Other consortium members include Trailnet, Citizens for Modern Transit, Metro, Great Rivers Greenway, Metro St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council, Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation and Development, and the Applied Research Collaborative (St. Louis University, University of Missouri – St. Louis and Southern Illinois at Edwardsville).

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## Missouri DNR Accepting Grant Applications for the Federal Recreational Trails Program

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting grant applications from private organizations and municipal, county or state agencies for the Fiscal Year 2014 grant round of the federal Recreational Trails Program.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

Eligible project categories include development of new trails, construction, maintenance, and restoration. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis, and a minimum 20 percent match is required for projects. Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2014.

To assist potential project sponsors with the application process, a grant application workshop will be held in Jefferson City and two conference calls will take place in January. The complete schedule is available online at [www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants](http://www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants).

The application is available online at [www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants](http://www.mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants) or by writing to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri State Parks, Grants Management Section, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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## In national news...

### NY Program Connects Manufacturing Businesses to the State's Technology Resources

New York has launched Fuzehub to help connect small- and medium-sized manufacturing businesses to the state's technology resources. The program allows businesses to submit technical expertise requests through an online form. Within 48 hours, a team of technical and manufacturing professionals will respond through real-time discussions to provide assistance and referrals to experts, resources, and workshops as needed. Officials hope the new platform will encourage innovation and drive economic growth and job creation by putting businesses in contact with partners such as New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership programs, universities, economic development organizations, and other state programs.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/KO5YSe>.

Source: *Innovators Insights*, December 5, 2013

## Synchronized Street Repairs Save Chicago Residents Money and Aggravation

Tell me if this sounds familiar: A city repaves a crumbling street only to dig it up again 9 months later to replace an aging water main. Chicago's new Project Coordination Office (PCO) is intended to prevent such unnecessary and costly headaches.

"Rather than simply working to make each [street] repair process smoother and more effective, CDOT Commissioner Gabe Klein, along with William Cheaks, the deputy commissioner for infrastructure management, took a step back and realized that a little more coordination could go a long way," writes Steve Goldsmith. "Calling upon a local engineering firm to assist with implementation and ongoing coordination, Klein created the PCO to foster cooperation among all the departments, contractors and utilities that need to dig up streets."

"The PCO brings in not only other city departments but also private utilities such as Peoples' Gas and Commonwealth Edison. By timing all projects to coincide, the city can cut the streets less often, reducing costs as well as inconvenience for citizens. The results so far are encouraging: Introduced in 2012, the PCO saved the city \$10 million in that first year, with more savings expected in 2013."

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/xTfBPs> .

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, November 25, 2013

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## Online Resources...

### St. Louis Regional Chamber Releases Greater St. Louis Employment Summary

The region's unemployment rate has declined to the lowest rate since October 2008 with a seasonally adjusted rate of 6.9% in October. The region's unemployment rate is below the national unemployment rate of 7.3%. Nationally, the preliminary seasonally adjusted national nonfarm employment numbers for October showed the addition of 204,000 jobs or a 0.1% increase. The region's seasonally adjusted payroll employment figures showed a loss of 500 jobs or essentially a flat job market. The not-seasonally adjusted payroll employment data also points to tepid job growth in the region. Over-the-year unadjusted job data from October 2012 to October 2013 shows that total employment in the region rose by 6,000 (a 0.5% growth rate). At the same time employment grew by 1.7% nationally. In October, the employment growth rate in four St. Louis industry sectors – Manufacturing, Financial Activities, Educational Services, and Other Services - outpaced the nation's over-the-year growth rate. This summary is available by clicking on the "Monthly Employment Summary" tab on the Economic Overview page of the St. Louis Regional Chamber website: [www.stlregionalchamber.com/regional-data/economy](http://www.stlregionalchamber.com/regional-data/economy).

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## Jobs...

### Assistant City Engineer

#### City of O'Fallon, Ill.

The City of O'Fallon, Ill., is seeking a full-time Assistant City Engineer. This position is responsible for assisting the Director of Public Works (City Engineer) in performing professional, administrative, and supervisory civil engineering work relating to the design, construction, and maintenance of City infrastructure. Hire range is \$70,600 to \$88,296 DOQ. View the full job posting and application instructions at [http://www.ofallon.org/Public\\_Documents/OFallonIL\\_Jobs](http://www.ofallon.org/Public_Documents/OFallonIL_Jobs). Closes January 30.

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### Executive Director

#### University City Chamber of Commerce

The University City, Missouri Chamber of Commerce is searching for a dynamic and goal oriented individual with a Bachelors Degree and min. of 2 years related experience including experience in working with a Board of Directors. Strong skills in membership development & retention are essential as well as finance, computer skills, marketing, advertising and community development & business relations. Salary

is competitive and negotiable. Link to the full job posting and application instructions from [www.universitycitychamber.com](http://www.universitycitychamber.com). EOE

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## Senior Planner

### City of Chesterfield

This is a highly responsible position with professional and administrative responsibilities that assists in the Planning and Development Services Division. Work involves preparing and presenting complex reports by developing work plans, researching and analyzing data, conducting public meetings, making needs assessments and reporting findings or recommendations to the Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and Planning and Public Works Committee. Work includes both current and long range planning activities and responsibilities, assists in the review and development of department policies and procedures, and other special projects including transportation related projects. Meet with the public, developers, and consultants to review and discuss development proposals and regulations of the City of Chesterfield. View the full job posting and application instructions at [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html). EOE

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## Transportation Analyst II - Travel Demand Modeler

### East-West Gateway Council of Governments

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments has an opening for a Transportation Analyst. This professional position reports to the Manager of Systems Evaluation and has general responsibility for developing and analyzing travel demand forecasts, as well as upgrading and maintaining the region's travel demand model. Experience in transportation systems modeling and statistical analysis is required. The salary is based on qualifications and experience. The Council offers a competitive benefits package. The full job description and application instructions are available at [www.ewgateway.org/AboutUs/JobAds/jobads.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/AboutUs/JobAds/jobads.htm). EOE/AA

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## Additional Job Opportunities

**Planner II**, County of Jefferson, \$41,098: [www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx)

**Equip. Tech.**, City of Lebanon, Mo.; \$12.08 - \$14.59/hr: [www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270](http://www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270)

**HR Generalist**; City of O'Fallon, Mo.; \$40,601-\$42,644 start; [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Court Clerk I**; City of Lebanon, Mo.; \$12.08 - \$14.59/hr: [www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270](http://www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270)

**Building Safety Inspector**, City of Wentzville, \$40,921 - \$57,288: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Black Jack: [www.cityofblackjack.com/job-postings.html](http://www.cityofblackjack.com/job-postings.html)

**Office Manager**, Open Space Council, \$10.00-\$13.50/hr.: <http://goo.gl/43oUvw>

**Application/Web Developer**, City of Chesterfield, start at \$51,892/yr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Chesterfield, start at \$16.66/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Police Officer**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$44,802-\$47,071: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Patrol Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$44,193- \$61,871: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

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## Grants...

### Economic Development Assistance Programs

Under the Economic Development Assistance Programs (EDAP) Federal Funding Opportunity announcement, EDA will make construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban

communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include environmentally sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. Rolling deadlines for applications. For more information, see the opportunity synopsis at [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=248297](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=248297).

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### **EPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants**

The FY2014 EPA Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants guidelines have been announced. Communities will have until January 22, 2014 to submit their applications. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has published guidance to assist applicants in preparing proposals for grants to assess and clean up Brownfields sites. EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and non profits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse Brownfields sites. EPA provides Brownfields funding for three types of grants: Brownfields Assessment Grants, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants, and Brownfields Cleanup Grants. Proposal guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants are online at [www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-05.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-05.pdf); Revolving Loan Fund proposal guidelines are online at [www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-06.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-06.pdf); and Cleanup Grant proposal guidelines at [www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-07.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-13-07.pdf).

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### **Environmental Education Model Grants Program**

Under this program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques, and that will serve as models that can be replicated in a variety of settings. Application deadline is February 4. Go to [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=249039](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=249039) for more information.

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### **Grants to Address Local Environmental and Public Health Issues**

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (CPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an affected community. The CPS Program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. The CPS Program requires selected applicants, or recipients, to use the EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model (<http://goo.gl/0uslbH>) as part of their projects. The model aims to address local environmental and/or public health issues in a collaborative manner with various stakeholders such as communities, industry, academic institutions, and others. Application deadline is Feb. 18. Go to [www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-cps-grants.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-cps-grants.html) for more information.

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### **Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program**

Communities across the country are interested in implementing green infrastructure to protect water quality, provide ecosystem services, increase resiliency to climate change, create economic opportunities, and support a high quality of life. Many communities, however, lack the tools, resources, or information to achieve these goals. As part of EPA's commitment to engaging with local communities, EPA is offering direct assistance to communities interested in implementing green infrastructure. This technical assistance will serve both to advance the adoption of green infrastructure programs in selected communities and to develop knowledge and tools that can be transferred to other communities and to a national audience. The value of the EPA assistance available in 2014 is approximately \$400,000, and EPA anticipates providing assistance to 5 to 7 communities. Interested communities are encouraged to respond to EPA's Request for Letters of Interest, available online at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/upload/RLI-2014-Version-4.pdf>. If additional funding becomes available, EPA may return to the applicant pool identified through this request to select additional recipient communities. (This opportunity provides technical assistance. It is not a grant.)

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### **Rebate Program to Aid in the Replacement or Retrofit of Diesel Construction Engines**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made available \$2 million in funding for rebates to

help public and private construction equipment owners replace or retrofit older diesel construction engines. The rebates will reduce harmful pollution and improve air quality in local areas. Rebates will be offered as part of the Diesel Emission Reduction Act, also known as DERA. Public and private construction equipment owners in eligible counties (**the entire East-West Gateway region is eligible**), that are facing air quality challenges are encouraged to apply for rebates for the replacement or retrofit of construction equipment engines. EPA will accept applications from November 20, to January 15, and anticipates awarding the rebates in February 2014. To learn more about the rebate program, applicant eligibility and the selection process, visit [www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-construction.htm](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/dera-rebate-construction.htm).

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## Our Town Initiative

The National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. The Our Town initiative will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to improve their quality of life, foster stronger community identity and a sense of place, and revitalize economic development. All applications must involve two primary partners: a local government entity and a nonprofit organization. Local governments include counties, parishes, cities, towns, villages, or federally recognized tribal governments. Local arts agencies or other departments, agencies, or entities within an eligible local government may submit the application on behalf of that local government. Application Due: January 13. Go to <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/grant-program-description> for more information.

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## Quotes...

*"The drug is called walking. Its generic name is physical activity."*

Dr. Bob Sallis, a family practitioner at a Kaiser Permanente clinic, speaking to leaders about the benefits of walking at the 2013 Walking Summit in Washington, D.C.

Source: Better! Cities & Towns News Update, December 11, 2013

Read the story containing this quote at <http://goo.gl/fXSVgu>. Also, for a more entertaining presentation on the benefits of walking, view Dr. Mike Evans video lecture at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUaInS6HIGo>. (This video was featured in a previous issue of *Briefings*.)

*"In a victory for fun, liberty and sound fiscal policy, New Jersey will let most of its residents gamble online."*

Editorial published at Bloomberg News praising New Jersey's decision to allow online gambling, and recommending such a policy for the entire country.

Source: *Governing*, November 27, 2013

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