



# COUNCIL BRIEFS

February 7, 2014 • 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.

## Meetings

- **Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters Meeting**
  - February 11, 7:00 – 9:00 PM @ Centennial Commons (Boardroom)
- **Library Board Meeting**
  - February 12, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Traffic Commission Meeting**
  - February 12, 6:30 – 8:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Green Practices Meeting**
  - February 13, 6:00 – 7:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Senior Commission Meeting**
  - February 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Board of Adjustment Meeting**
  - February 18, 6:30 – 8:00 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board Meeting**
  - February 20, 4:00 – 5:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Human Relations Commission Meeting**
  - February 20, 6:30 – 8:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center
- **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**
  - February 20, 7:00 – 8:30 PM @ Heman Park Community Center

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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### DISBURSEMENTS

The Finance Department is responsible for issuing Accounts Payable (AP) checks for the City. During the period of January 24 – February 6, Finance issued two (2) 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	Altec Industries	\$152,631.00	2013 Aerial Forestry Truck w/ Chipper Body
2	St. Louis Area Insurance Trust	\$230,817.59	Health Insurance - February

## **DOG PARK/DOG LICENSES**

During the period of December 13 – February 6, staff issued fifty-eight (58) dog park tags, totaling \$1,928.00. Of this amount, U City People for Dogs portion is \$1,499.00 and the City's portion is \$429.00.

During the period of December 13 – February 6, staff issued twenty (20) dog licenses, totaling \$60.00. Dog licenses are to be obtained on or before the first of March of each year.

## **SOLID WASTE**

### *Solid Waste - Shut-Off Notices*

Route 2: On Wednesday, February 12, eight (8) refuse accounts will have their trash service "Shut-Off" and their trash/recycling carts will be removed by the Solid Waste Division. Three (3) accounts are considered first time shut-offs and five (5) accounts are being shut-off due to delinquent payment agreements.

Route 3: The Finance Department is preparing Shut-Off notices for Route 3 delinquent accounts on February 10. Shut-Off notices will be sent to twenty-six (26) accounts with delinquent payment agreements and eight-one (81) accounts for the first time.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS**

### **PROJECTS:**

- Ferguson Bridge Replacement: Construction in progress. The proposed completion day by the contractor, Gansner Excavating & Grading LLC, is March 15.
- Jackson Pedestrian Signal Replacement: Construction substantially complete. Currently working with Ameren to power the new signal.
- Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Upgrades on Etzel Ave, Kingsland Ave, 82<sup>nd</sup> Blvd and Old Bonhomme Rd (STP-5402 (607)): Project substantially completed. 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)): Final Design submitted to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) along with request to authorize advertisement for bids and obligate construction funds.
- Olive Blvd/Westgate Ave Intersection Improvements Project (STP - 5402 (611)): Preliminary design submitted in January to MoDOT along with Right-of-Way acquisition plans.
- Chamberlain Bridge Replacement Project (STP-5402(610)): Engineering consultant submitted final plans, specifications and estimates and the City is reviewing to approve submission to MoDOT in the beginning of February.
- Municipal Parks Grant Project for Millar Park Improvements: Contract awarded to Kozeny-Wagner Inc. City forces began removals in the park in preparation for contractor and anticipated a completion in January of 2014. Time extension granted to complete the project by May of 2014.
- Sewer Lateral Repair Program Annual Contract: Contractor is working on twelve (12) 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, 2013 City Council meeting. Construction began on December 2, 2013 on Melrose Ave and Mount Vernon Ave. With the current weather conditions construction will continue once weather is clear enough to get good working days.

- Fiscal Year 2014 Sidewalk Repairs Project: Work began November 2013 and continued when the weather permitted. Work has been completed on Abbeville Dr and Jeanerette Dr and has moved to Cornell Ave, Blackberry Ave, Blackberry Pl and Tulane Ave before moving on to other locations, weather permitting.
- Teasdale Avenue Sidewalk Connection: Project has been approved and the request for proposal has been sent to The Sterling Company Engineers and Surveyors.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Curb Ramp Design Project: Thouvenot, Wade, & Moercher, Inc. is the design consultant. Surveying and design substantially completed. Consultant amendment to their contract to include additional survey and design of Americans With Disabilities (ADA) ramps has been approved.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Spot Replacement Project No. 2: Advertisement for bids went out February 6 and are due February 21 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 awarded to PLM, Inc. was approved by City Council. Signed contracts received from contractor. Project work scheduled when suitable weather conditions are consistent.
- 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 Westfall Hauling Inc. on November 12, 2013. Notice of Award has been sent to the contractor. Project to begin as soon as suitable weather conditions are reached.
- 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 February 2014.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Asphalt Overlay: Approval of award of contract to Ford Asphalt Company and change order are on the City Council agenda for the February 10 meeting, Notice of Award will be sent upon City Council approval of quantities, project to begin spring 2014.
- Fiscal Year 2014 Asphalt Overlay 2: Project to be bid February 2014.
- Heman Pool Painting: Scheduled to go out for bid in February for completion by May 1.
- Golf Course Netting/Fencing: Scheduled to go out for bid in February once specifications have been completed.

## **ENGINEERING/ADMINISTRATION**

- Working with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) in regards to being a co-permittee on the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) as now required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Co-permittee application was submitted on May 10, 2013. Permit has not been received to date, but City is to proceed as if permitted is in order to meet permit goals. The first goal to meet is implementing municipal land disturbance programs and adopting storm water ordinances to regulate and enforce post-

construction strategies in new & redevelopment projects. This goal must be completed by June 30.

- 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. Pedestrian covered walkway will be removed and pedestrian traffic will be detoured to the south side of Delmar Blvd from February 17 to May 31. This is to complete the façade of the buildings facing Delmar Blvd and improvements in the Right-of- Way.
- 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 Engineer and found the traffic and pedestrian operations functional. Results presented at the November 2013 Traffic Commission meeting. 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 Blvd to Trinity Ave to a visible point to make turns safely.
- 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.
- 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. This project was presented to the Park Commission with favorable input. The Arts and Letters Commission will review the project at their March 2013 meeting.
- Staff prepared a draft of the Delmar Blvd 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.
- Staff is working on a grant application through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources-Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Heman Park Trails Improvements.
- Staff attended a public open house for coordination of portion of Price Road Improvements grant project with the City of Ladue.
- Staff attended a MSD Project Clear meeting for combined sewer system areas in the St. Louis metropolitan region.
- Staff attended a Transportation Improvement Program project development workshop.
- Staff is working on the Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Fund project application for submission by February 14.
- 98% Loop Trolley Plans received September 15, 2013 and reviewed by Staff. 100% Loop Trolley plans not submitted as of February 4. 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 and maintenance agreement drafted by Loop Trolley Company. Loop Trolley will present at the Traffic Commission a request to approve additional nine (9) parking spaces on Loop North, as a mitigation of the parking loss due to the construction of the project, and also request to approve the construction of the Trolley without a HAWK signal at the Limit Ave trolley stop, as recommended on the Traffic Impact Study.

- Staff completed cost estimate and received a proposal from a consultant for the master plan update to Heman Park. Staff awaiting City Council approval of the agreement to begin (on City Council agenda for February 10 meeting).
- Staff completed cost estimate and received a proposal from a consultant for Lewis Park improvements. Staff received grant agreements from Municipal Parks Grant Commission and is awaiting council approval (on City Council agenda for February 10 meeting).
- Staff is working with St. Louis County on an agreement for the County to perform pavement markings on an annual basis, for a set unit price; this contract setting is similar to contracts between the County and other municipalities close to University City. Draft agreement received from the County and it is under review.

## **STREETS**

- Leaf Collection update:
  - Crews will complete the Central Area when weather and ground conditions allow; we will also follow up on special request throughout February.
- Crews will be patching potholes as needed.

## **PARKS**

- Continuing the City's portion of the demolition work for the Millar Park Phase I renovation project.
- Grounds cleanup, leaf removal, and mulching operations continue when conditions allow.
- Performing off season equipment repairs and painting.

## **FORESTRY**

- Tree planting continues through the winter when ground conditions allow.
- Contractor block pruning continues.

## **GOLF**

- Performing leaf mulching, leaf and acorn removal from greens and fairways when ground and weather conditions allow.
- Off season equipment maintenance continues.

## **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 are being used to create and mail an informational brochure about solid waste programs to U City residents during spring/summer 2014. The graphic designer has been selected and the draft brochure design is underway.
- During January, City staff inspected fifty-four (54) properties in Route 1 Monday and removed the trash and recycling carts from homes with unpaid (shut-off) solid waste accounts. Dumpsters were not removed at properties with alley dumpster service. Nine accounts were restored and the containers returned.

- Solid Waste staff will begin removing trash and recycling containers from homes with shut-off trash accounts in Route 2 Wednesday area, during the week of February 10.

## **FLEET**

- Continued routine maintenance and repair.
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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

#### Major Development Projects

- Firehouse: Construction is complete and the building is occupied.
- Vanguard Crossing: Buildings 1, 2, 3 and garage are complete and permits are finalized; construction work is ongoing on buildings 4 – 6 with the exterior work being completed.
- Washington University Loop Student Living Initiative: Approximately 75% of the interior work has been completed in Building 1A; the foundation, elevator shafts and steel structure have been completed in Building 1B; Buildings 2-3 have a majority of the exterior work completed; interior framing and systems installation is progressing.
- New Walgreens at Delmar Blvd/Delcrest Ct: Interior work is progressing; a majority of the exterior work is completed.
- New Goodwill: Site work has begun to prepare for footings and foundations.
- Daycare at Delcrest Court (Little Sunshine's Playhouse): Site work is completed to pour footings and foundations.

#### Miscellaneous Projects

- Facilities Maintenance Division prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new sound system at the Heman Park Community Center.
- Facilities Maintenance Division is preparing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for improvements to Heman Park Pool House.

## **RECREATION DIVISION**

- On February 2, Centennial Commons concluded its Super Bowl Fitness Challenge with thirteen (13) participants tracking their exercise minutes for approximately one month- ending participant exercise minutes for the month ranged from 30 to 2,420. Our winner with 2,624 exercise minutes was Maria Chappelle-Nadal. Congrats to Maria and all of the other participants!
- The Charter Communications switch from “analog” to “digital” service will also hit Centennial Commons. Over the next several weeks, television service throughout Centennial Commons will be limited while Charter upgrades both our wiring and equipment.
- Staff is considering various physical and aesthetic improvements to the Heman Park Community Center. Due to increase usage of the facility, various upgrades and maintenance projects are needed.

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

- Responses for a RFQ for a City Hall Annex Historic Preservation Assessment were received and were evaluated as per the Qualification Based Selection process. Staff is negotiating the scope of work and contract with the best qualified firm.

- Staff continued to carry out the economic development work-plan, including meeting with individuals seeking to expand a business in University City. Staff worked on projects associated with the Economic Development Retail Sales Tax (EDRST). An application for funding through the EDRST was developed and distributed to groups and individuals.
- Staff worked on the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Transportation (DOT) grants, administration and management.
- Staff met with the University City Chamber of Commerce on various economic development matters, including the upcoming workshop, EDRST procedures. A Small Business Workshop will be held on 2/25/14 on legal and accounting issues facing small businesses. This workshop is being co-sponsored by the Library, City and University City Chamber of Commerce. Please see attached flyer.
- Staff continues to work with the University City School District on the roof project at the high school gyms. Staff consulted with State Historic Preservation Office on a consultant for the project.
- Staff worked on partnering with the City of St. Louis on a National Alliance of Preservation Commissions on a joint application for the 2016 national forum.
- Staff worked on Certified Local Government updates for the State Historic Preservation Office.

#### Comprehensive Plan Update

- Staff has been working with the consultants to execute contracts and prepare for project kick-off.

Upcoming Board and Commission meeting information

**Board/Commission Items – February 2014**

Board/Commission	Meeting Date	Applicant/Petitioner	Request/Proposal	Proposal Location	Ward
City Council	2/10/2014	Joe Edwards c/o Kiku Obata and Company	Conditional Use Permi to allow a ground floor restaurant (non-retail) in PD-M Planned Development Mixed – Use District	6261 Delmar Boulevard (Building 1B in Washington University Development in The Loop)	2
Board of Adjustment	2/18/2014	Louis and Dale Ackerman (property owners) c/o Brian Yount with Mosby Building Arts	Rear year and front yard setback varianace	8257 Tulane Avenue	1
Board of Adjustment	2/18/2014	Paul Meier with Habitat for Humanity St. Louis	Variance extension request for previously approved side yard setback variance	6526 Plymouth Avenue	3
Historic Preservation Commission	2/20/2014	University City School District c/o Bond Architects	Design Review for proposed window replacement at Jackson Park School	7400 Balson Avenue (University City Education Complex Historic District-Local Historic District and National Register District)	2
Historic Preservation Commission	2/20/2014	University City School District c/o Bond Architects	Design Review for proposed library/classroom addition to University City High School	7401 Balson Avenue (University City Education Complex Historic District-Local Historic District and National Register District)	2
Historic Preservation Commission	2/20/2014	North Delmar FY14, LLC c/o The Lawrence Group	Design Review for proposed exterior renovations to multi-family building	745 Interdrive St (Delmar Loop/Parkview Gardens Historic District-National Register Historic District)	2
Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board	2/20/2014	Department of Community Development	Quarterly Update	University City	1,2,3
Plan Commission	2/26/2014	Council Apartments, Inc. c/o Vince Keady with Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP	Approval of Final Development Plan in PD-M Planned Development Mixed-Use District	8348-8350 Delcrest Drive (Crown Center)	1
					2/4/2014

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- Laserfiche upgrade:
  - Working on server build.
  - Planning implementation and design.
- Police Department Server Replacement:
  - Servers racked and OS installed.
  - Working with outside organizations for planning of additional programs.
- Firehouse #1 cameras:
  - Completed.
- Centennial Commons cameras:
  - Completed.
- Fire Department mobile computers:
  - Completed.
- Network Shared drives:
  - Organizing and removing old files from IT Share.
- Golf Course computers:
  - Replacing computers and monitors.
  - Waiting for approval of new credit card software.



- Adobe Acrobat XI:
  - Working on installing new licenses.

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## LIBRARY

### EVENTS

**February 13**  
**11:00 AM**

#### **Computer Class**

*Introduction to Computers*

Learn the parts of the computer and how to use the mouse. Computer classes are free and do not require registration. All classes are designed for beginners and last one hour.

**February 15**  
**9:00 –**  
**10:30 AM**

#### **Health Screening**

Volunteer doctors and nurses from Health Protection and Education Services will be in the library today conducting free health screenings. Screenings check heart, liver, kidney, cholesterol, skin, teeth, and more! No advance registration is required, but spots fill up quickly, so attendees may want to arrive promptly at 9:00 AM. For more information, email [info@hpes-stl.org](mailto:info@hpes-stl.org) or call the library at (314) 727-3150.

**February 17**

#### **Closed for President's Day**

**February 20**  
**11:00 AM**

#### **Computer Class**

*Introduction to the Internet*

Learn how to access the Internet and find information using search engines. Computer classes are free and do not require registration. All classes are designed for beginners and last one hour.

**February 20**  
**6:30 PM**

#### **Printmaking Workshop**

Back by popular demand, UCity Library's own Michael Lucas presents this free workshop. Learn to make prints and etchings that you can use for cards, gifts, art, and more! All materials are included, and all ages are welcome, though children may need assistance from a parent. No sign-up is necessary.

**February 27**  
**7:00 PM**

#### **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: [ucplreference@ucpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:ucplreference@ucpl.lib.mo.us).

#### CHILDREN, TEEN, AND FAMILY EVENTS

**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:  
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 –** **Show Me Reader Book Club**  
**March 12** *For 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders*  
**7:00 –**  
**8:00 PM**

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:  
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.

**January 21 –  
February 13**

**Winter Storytime Session**  
*"Winter Wonderland"*

Toddler Tales (18 – 24 months), 30 minute rhymes and movement program

- Mondays – 9:45 AM, January 27 – February 10
- Mondays – 10:30 AM, January 27 – February 10

NOTE: No storytime on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20

Tales and More for 2s (24-36 months), 40 minute stories, songs and activities program

- Wednesdays – 9:30 AM, January 22 – February 12
- Thursdays – 9:30 AM, January 23 – February 13

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

- Wednesdays – 10:30 AM, January 22 – February 12
- Thursdays – 10:30 AM, January 23 – February 13
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Evening Storytime and More

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

- Tuesdays – 6:30 PM, January 21 – February 11

Advance registration required. Call (314) 727-3150 to register for each session.

**February 13  
7:00 –  
8:30 PM**

**Teen Spot Gaming Nights**  
*For 7<sup>th</sup> graders and up*

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 January 2014 – April 2014.

**February 20  
4:00 PM**

**Movies**

*"Despicable Me 2"*, Rated PG

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

# SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP



If you're a new or small business owner, be sure to come to the seminar, "Legal and Accounting Issues Facing Small Businesses." This free, one-time event is hosted by the University City Chamber of Commerce, University City Public Library, and City of University City on Tuesday, February 25 from 9am to noon.

To help you succeed, this program will feature presentations from chamber member lawyers and accountants. Presenters include attorneys Marc Jacob and George Lenard, and certified public accountants Karen McCollum and Jeffery Yount. They'll cover topics such as systems for incorporating your business, confidentiality and non-compete agreements, legal pitfalls, how to choose the right accounting software, payroll and tax concerns, and how to prepare a first-year budget.

This workshop is FREE but does require pre-registration. Place your reservation either through the Chamber of Commerce's website at [www.universitycitychamber.com](http://www.universitycitychamber.com), in person at the University City Library, or call 314-337-2489. This workshop is the second in an ongoing series for small businesses sponsored by the City of University City, University City Library, and the University City Chamber of Commerce.

**When: Tuesday, February 25**  
**9am—12pm**

**Where: 6701 Delmar Blvd**  
**University City, MO**



**314-727-3150**

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## Announcements...

### Request for Proposal for Aquatic Center Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Project, City of Crestwood

The City of Crestwood, MO is soliciting proposals for a turnkey project to install variable frequency drives on the pumps at the City's Aquatic Center. It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that their proposal fully complies with Ameren Missouri's Energy Savings Incentive Program. It is imperative that this project be completed in time for City Staff to prepare the pool for opening on Memorial Day 2014. Proposals shall also include the preparation of all documents for incentive requests for City signature and submission, start-up support, and training of City Staff. Proposals are due no later than 4:15 PM, Friday, February 14. The Request for Proposal packet is available by contacting Ms. Shirley Brown at (314) 729-4726 or at [sbrown@ci.crestwood.mo.us](mailto:sbrown@ci.crestwood.mo.us).

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### OneSTL for a Prosperous, Healthy, and Vibrant St. Louis Region

#### Request a presentation to introduce OneSTL to your organization.

OneSTL, the just completed regional plan for sustainable development, is located online at [www.onestl.org](http://www.onestl.org). The website contains the plan in pdf and web-based formats, a Toolkit of Sustainable Solutions, a library of sustainability-related plans and reports, and a dashboard of indicators to be monitored. The most important part of OneSTL is the people involved in its implementation. Through OneSTL, we will create a network of people and organizations that are committed to building a more sustainable future.

Everyone is invited to join the OneSTL Network. Anyone can join as an interested resident or as a representative of an organization. Simply go to [www.onestl.org/component/toolkit/message-join](http://www.onestl.org/component/toolkit/message-join) to register to join. The Network is intended to: build upon the partnerships formed to create OneSTL; recognize people and organizations in the region working toward sustainability; and provide opportunities to exchange information and collaborate.

You are invited to request a presentation to introduce OneSTL to your organization. Simply e-mail your request to [onestl.org](http://onestl.org) and you will be contacted to arrange a presentation.

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### Call for Project Applications: Surface Transportation Program - Suballocated (STP-S), Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects and On-System Bridge Program (BRM)

#### Applications due March 13. Project Development Workshop for Missouri sponsors will be held Feb. 6.

For Illinois and Missouri municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, East-West Gateway Council of Governments is announcing that it will soon be accepting applications for Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) projects. Funds for On-System Bridge projects (BRM) are available for Missouri sponsors only.

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as: pavement preservation; highway expansion; congestion mitigation; safety; environmental mitigation; transit; and pedestrian facilities. Projects on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors are not eligible for these funds. Bridges on any functionally classified road are eligible for STP-S funds, however, bridges on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors may be replaced with only minimal connecting road work eligible for federal funds.

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation programs or projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Eligible activities include traffic flow improvement; demand management; shared ride services; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; transit vehicles/facilities; and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add new capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

BRM funds can be used for replacement or full rehabilitation of eligible structures on MoDOT's eligible bridge list (non-state, federal-aid), seismic retrofit; preventive maintenance activities; seismic retrofit; and installation of scour countermeasures. BRM funds are only available in Missouri.

Go to [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org) for application forms and additional information. Application deadline is 4 PM, March 13.

**Project Development Workshops:** A Project Development Workshop was held today for Illinois sponsors. A workshop for Missouri sponsors will be held Thursday, February 6. The workshop will include more detailed information regarding the programs such as project eligibility as well as how to complete and submit project applications. Register for the workshop at [www.ewgateway.org/tipworkshops/tipprojdevworkshop.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/tipworkshops/tipprojdevworkshop.htm). Workshop time and location information is provided on registration page.

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### Great Rivers Greenway Announces 2014 Ped & Bike Webinar Series Schedule

The Great Rivers Greenway District in partnership with the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM) is hosting the 2014 webinar series from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. These monthly webinars are held from 2 -3:30 PM in Room 207 of the MoDOT Transportation Management Center (14301 South Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017). All webinars in this series are free and open to the public. RSVP to Elizabeth at [esimons@grgstl.org](mailto:esimons@grgstl.org) to receive presentation materials. Dates and topics for the remaining 2014 webinars are as follows:

- February 19: Design for Cyclist and Pedestrian Comfort
- March 19: All In: The Value of Investing in Complete and Green Streets
- April 16: Public Health Benefits of Active Transportation
- May 21: Best Planning and Engineering Practices for School Zones
- June 18: Calming Arterial Streets for Safer Walking and Cycling
- July 16: From Fast to Safer: Best Practices Where Road Speeds Change
- August 20: Transform Bicycling and Walking Outside the Urban Context
- September 17: Optimize Signals for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- October 15: Design Treatments to Transition from Trails to Roadways
- November 19: E-bikes, Electric Assist Bikes and Transportation Policy
- December 17: Getting to Better Outcomes from Public Engagement

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### 2014 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at [www.mo-apa.org/slms-awards](http://www.mo-apa.org/slms-awards). The deadline for submitting nominations is January 31, 2014. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held March 11, at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, Kirkwood.

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### Missouri Botanical Garden Offering RainScaping Prize Drawing

**Also, Deer Creek Watershed RainScape Rebates Program is back. Rebates up to \$2,000**

For a limited time Missouri Botanical Garden is offering a RainScaping Prize Drawing. Go to [www.mobot.org/rainscaping](http://www.mobot.org/rainscaping) by February 11, for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate for Shaw Nature Reserve's Spring Wildflower Market in May, or one of five other rainscaping prizes valued at \$350 to \$1,000. In addition, landowners in 19 participating municipalities, including residents, schools, churches, and businesses are eligible to take part in a RainScape Rebates Program. This voluntary program financially assists landowners in and near the Deer Creek Watershed wishing to landscape their yards to improve stormwater management. Rebates of up to \$2,000 are available, and the application deadline is February 12. Visit [www.deercreekalliance.org/rainscaperebates.aspx](http://www.deercreekalliance.org/rainscaperebates.aspx) to learn more.

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## Conferences and Events...

### February 5: CityArchRiver 2015's Report to the Community

At its fourth annual Report to the Community, CityArchRiver 2015's project partners will speak on milestones achieved in the last year and upcoming activity for 2014. The National Park Service, Great Rivers Greenway District, Missouri Department of Transportation, CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation and lead landscape architecture firm Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates will provide updates to the public. The Report to the Community will be held in Ferrara Theatre at the America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Mo. 63101. Free to the public, the doors open at 5:30 PM, with the presentation starting at 6 PM. CityArchRiver 2015 will make the Arch easier and safer for everyone to experience by connecting, invigorating and expanding the park's grounds and museums. Learn more about this event at <http://goo.gl/jkQJMF>,

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### February 8: Funding Your Neighborhood Project - Workshop at UMSL

Description: Join us to learn the tools and techniques to secure funding for your neighborhood project. Learn how to seek out a variety of funding opportunities and sources specific to your project. Become skilled in the art of persuasive writing as a tool for making your funding request successful. This hands-on workshop is being offered in partnership with the Community Partnership Project's Neighborhood Leadership Academy. It will provide you with real-world examples and take-aways that will help you get your neighborhood project started or expand an existing one. Whether you're new to grant writing or fundraising, or a seasoned professional, this workshop is for you. This workshop will be held February 8, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at Rm 202, J.C. Penney Conference Center, University of Missouri - St. Louis. For more information, the presenter's bio, and to register, visit <http://pcs.umsl.edu/cpp> or call (314) 516-5994.

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### February 8 & 9: Civil War Themed Events at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

On February 8, Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site will host a special sneak-peek screening of the new PBS Documentary "Civil War: The Untold Story – Episode 2." This visually stunning new 5-part documentary series is narrated by Elizabeth McGovern (Downtown Abbey) and produced for public television by Great Divide Pictures. Executive Producer Chris Wheeler will provide opening remarks and answer questions after the screening. On February 9, the Site will host NiNi Harris and the Old Courthouse Players presenting a radio play, "A Most Unsettled State." This compelling presentation is a collection of eyewitness accounts of significant events that occurred in the streets of St. Louis during the Civil War. Both events are free, however, due to limited seating reservations are required. Call (314) 842-1867 to make reservations. Learn more about these events, upcoming events, and the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site at [www.nps.gov/ulsg/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ulsg/index.htm).

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### February 11: Open House for Webster Groves Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

An open house to gather input and comments on the Draft City of Webster Groves Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan from people who live, work, and bike or walk in Webster Groves will be held February 11, from 5:30 - 7 PM, at Webster Groves City Hall, #4 East Lockwood Ave. A presentation on the plan will be held at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to stop by, learn more, and give input on the proposed routes and facilities in Webster Groves. The City of Webster Groves and Trailnet have developed the draft plan to guide future improvements for walking and bicycling throughout Webster Groves, with a strong focus on creating safe and accessible connections between neighborhoods, schools, parks, employment centers, and other community destinations. Trailnet staff will be on hand to answer questions. To learn more about the planning process, visit <http://trailnet.org/programs/community-planning>.

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### February 18: Celebrate the Top Complete Streets Policies of 2013 - Online Event

Over 80 communities passed Complete Streets policies in 2013, and on February 18, Smart Growth America's National Complete Streets Coalition will unveil which ones were the best. This online event will celebrate this past year's best policies and to hear how communities everywhere can create streets that are safer and more convenient for everyone who uses them. Complete Streets policies—including laws, resolutions, executive orders, policies and planning and design documents—encourage and provide safe access to destinations for everyone, regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity or how they travel. The Coalition evaluates policies based on 10 policy elements, including the policy's vision, the project types included and next steps for implementation, among others. The 2012 rankings (available at:



[www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets-2012-analysis](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets-2012-analysis)) recognized Indianapolis, IN, as the top scoring policy in the nation that year. More than 600 jurisdictions at the local, regional, and state levels have now enacted Complete Streets policies. Join us on February 18, from 11 AM to noon, to celebrate the best policies of 2013 and safer, more convenient streets that work for everyone. Register for this online event at <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=83ixdkwo0zjm>

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## February 25: Placemaking Through Transit Oriented Development - Luncheon Lecture

Join Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) for “Placemaking Through Transit Oriented Development,” a lunch presentation by Francis DeCoste, C.O.O. of Transit Realty Associates in Boston on Tuesday, February 25, from 11:30 AM – 1 PM, at the St. Louis Regional Chamber, downtown St. Louis. Find out how St. Louis moves its numerous Transit Oriented Development (TOD) studies and plans to the next level. Mr. DeCoste, a national TOD expert, will be focusing on the Forest Park MetroLink Station and the surrounding area including the latest TOD Study just completed by the City of St. Louis. With a public and private development assessment of the area around the station, he will help address questions pertinent to many of St. Louis’ MetroLink stations: What makes this development plan feasible to developers – both for-profit and nonprofit? How should St. Louis calculate value? How much affordable housing is affordable from the developer’s point of view? How do you reach a go/no-go decision? Seating is limited. Registrations are due by February 20. Learn more about this event and register to attend at <http://goo.gl/rdBdeL>.

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## February 27: APWA Monthly Luncheon

The St. Louis Branch of the Missouri American Public Works Association (APWA) holds lunch meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. Meetings consists of a brief organizational meeting followed by a different presentation covering a variety of Public Works related topics. APWA is an association of professional engineers, public works staff, contractors, consultants, and others who join together to exchange ideas and information, promote education and training, and work as a team to meet professional and community needs. The February meeting will be a joint meeting between APWA and the International Right of Way Association. Derek Leffert with Missouri One Call will be the speaker. Networking will begin at 11:30 AM with lunch and the meeting beginning at noon. The meeting will be held at Orlando’s, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, on February 27. Register to attend at <http://missouri.apwa.net>. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration deadline is noon on February 24.

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## February 28: United We Stand or United We Fall: The Reunification of St. Louis City and County

### Annual Public Law Review Symposium - Keynote by former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar

In 1876, the citizens of St. Louis County voted to separate St. Louis City and County in what became known as the “Great Divorce.” Today, the “Great Divorce” has reemerged as a hot topic of debate in Missouri. Some St. Louis leaders and citizens advocate for a city-county reunification while others remain staunchly opposed. This symposium brings together government officials, academics, and business leaders to engage in a candid discussion of the potential effects of such a reunification. The keynote speaker will be former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar and the symposium will feature Mayor Francis Slay and a distinguished panel of presenters. The symposium will be held at the Saint Louis University School of Law, John K. Pruellage Courtroom, 100 N. Tucker Blvd., 12th Floor. Check-in begins at 8:30 AM; symposium begins at 9 AM. MO CLE credits available. Link to the registration form from <http://www.slu.edu/x90245.xml>

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

### March 6: Focus on Fraud: Prevention & Detection Measures for Nonprofit Organizations -

Description: News stories about fraud and embezzlement at nonprofit organizations abound recently. Too many organizations find themselves dealing with these kinds of problems when an understanding of common schemes, and the implementation of relatively simple, yet important processes, procedures, and policies could protect them from many of these issues. Join us for a discussion on how nonprofits can prevent and detect fraud within their organizations. Event will be held March 6, from 3 - 5 PM, at 402 J.C. Penney Conference Center, UMSL North Campus. Learn more about this event and register to attend at <http://goo.gl/oQy2wC>.

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## What's in the News...

### In regional news...

#### MoDOT Launches Missouri Freight Plan

**Goal is identifying strategic projects that can make significant improvements to the state's freight system. Forum to be held in St. Louis on Feb. 6.**

The Missouri Department of Transportation has launched the Missouri Freight Plan, the next step in a process begun in 2013 to develop the state's long-range transportation plan. Statewide freight forums, designed to obtain significant input into the plan from freight stakeholders, are being held around the state starting yesterday and will continue through February 7.

A forum will be held in the St. Louis area on February 6, from 1 - 3 PM, at the MoDOT Transportation Management Center, 14301 South Outer 40 Rd., Chesterfield. To participate, freight and industry stakeholders - such as logistics directors, shipping managers and economic development professionals - should RSVP to Chelsey Smith at (816) 627-4768 or [chsmith@burnsmcd.com](mailto:chsmith@burnsmcd.com).

Freight moved by trucks, barges, planes and trains is an essential part of the state's economy. In 2012, for example, Missouri exported \$13.9 billion in freight. In developing the Freight Plan, MoDOT will work with freight partners to help itself - and the state as a whole - better understand the cost to the Missouri economy if the state's freight network stagnates or deteriorates.

"Freight stakeholders in Missouri know better than we do what they need to make their businesses competitive," said MoDOT Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger. "We want to hear their thoughts, whether they're for improvement projects, policy changes or other ideas."

The Freight Plan will describe Missouri's existing freight transportation system and provide MoDOT with the ability to articulate what freight projects would be most helpful to the state should additional funds be made available in the future.

"Of course, that takes resources that we don't have right now," Hassinger said, "but if we don't take this deeper look into the situation, we'll never know what our best options are for the time when we can make these important investments."

The plan follows up on information gained during the first phase of developing a long-range transportation plan. In 2013, MoDOT had conversations throughout the state in which it learned that Missourians want a safe, reliable and economically prosperous transportation system.

The effort to develop the Freight Plan will involve a series of stakeholder interviews, freight forums and business forums, each aimed at reaching key audiences involved in Missouri's freight system. Freight and industry stakeholders - such as logistics directors, shipping managers and economic development professionals - are invited to the freight forums to discuss issues, needs, concerns and opportunities in the state.

MoDOT anticipates the draft freight plan to be prepared for review by June 2014, with a final report in September 2014.

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### In national news...

#### Public Sets Low Priority for Improving Transportation Infrastructure

**A new survey of the American people from the Pew Research Center ranks the priorities of the public on matters like the deficit, healthcare, and crime. Bringing up the rear of public concern: infrastructure and global warming.**

A new survey of the American people from the Pew Research Center ranks the priorities of the public on matters like the deficit, healthcare, and crime. Bringing up the rear of public concern: infrastructure and global warming.

The headline for the Pew Research Center's new public poll is about the slip in concern over the nation's deficit, but buried in the data is indication of the relative lack of concern of the public over the state of the nation's bridges, roads, and public transportation systems.

The poll, which asks the public to rate their top priority for the president and Congress each year, places

“Improving roads, bridges, and public transit” at 39 percent—18th on the list and tied with “Dealing with moral breakdown.” The concern over transportation infrastructure did jump 9 percent from 2013 to 2014.

Another sector of infrastructure concern, “the nation’s energy problem,” ranked 13th at 45 percent. In another show of indifference, only 29 percent of respondents listed global warming among their priorities.

As for the historic trends of the public’s prioritization for infrastructure and global warming, Pew added questions on these subjects well into the 13-year tradition of the poll. The first results for infrastructure were posted in 2011, and the first results for global warming were released in 2007.

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

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, January 30, 2014

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## Online Resources...

### Innovation of the Day

#### **HUD web portal for sharing innovative housing, community development, built environment, and urban practices**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Innovation of the Day (IOD) was developed as a hub for collecting and disseminating innovative housing, community development, built environment, and urban practices. Its purpose is to crowd-source new models that can be leveraged not only within HUD, but by other agencies, municipalities, philanthropies, non-profits, and citizens. Additional benefits include the ability to identify emerging trends, promising solutions, and successful means of implementation. Share your innovations (with others or search its database for emerging practices in your own community or from around the world. The Innovation of the Day portal address is

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/innovationoftheday>.

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## Jobs...

### City Administrator

#### **City of Normandy**

The city administrator is the chief administrative assistant to the mayor and is the chief administrative officer of the city overseeing purchasing, budget preparation, financial reporting, and personnel matters. Salary shall be commensurate with experience. Please send resume to: City of Normandy, Attn: Steve Garrett/Mayor Green, 7700 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63121. EOE

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### Director Parks & Recreation

#### **City of Webster Groves**

The City of Webster Groves is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Parks & Recreation. This position is responsible for overseeing the planning, directing, controlling and coordinating of the work of park, horticulture, recreation programming and facility personnel. The position oversees the management of park maintenance and horticulture operations, Recreation Complex (Aquatic Center, Ice Arena, Fitness Center, Tennis Center, gymnasium, meeting rooms, action park and concessions), and is responsible for the maintenance, development, expansion and use of all city parklands and recreation facilities, including 17 parks and 160 acres of open space. Starting salary range \$68,855-\$96,397/yr. View the full job posting and application instructions at [www.webstergroves.org/index.aspx?nid=134](http://www.webstergroves.org/index.aspx?nid=134). EOE

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### Communications Manager

#### **Great Rivers Greenway District**

The Great Rivers Greenway District, a nationally acclaimed regional parks and recreation district in St. Louis, MO, is seeking a Communications Manager. This key position requires excellent writing, marketing, branding, and speaking skills. The successful applicant will be comfortable communicating with multiple

audiences—from bureaucrats, to bloggers to the citizens of the region. Degree in journalism, public relations or related field required. Solid computer skills, along with strong web content management, Adobe Creative Suite, on-line media and social media skills required. Link to the full job posting at <http://goo.gl/CN7PxS>. Send resume and cover letter to Glenna Nesbit at [gnesbit@grgstl.org](mailto:gnesbit@grgstl.org) by February 20. EOE

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## Director of Finance

### City of Lebanon, Mo.

The City of Lebanon, Missouri, is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Director of Finance. The Director of Finance is a department head level position responsible for the overall administration and operation of the Finance Department and serves as the Financial Officer for the City and Financial Policy Advisor to the City Administrator ensuring sound financial operations of the City government. Reporting to the City Administrator, the Director of Finance will direct, plan, and manage the activities of the department, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, financial reporting, and asset inventory. This is a full-time regular position with an annual salary of \$48,959 - 59,148. View the full job posting and application instructions at [www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270](http://www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=270). EOE

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## Director of Purchasing

### City of Kirkwood

Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City's centralized purchasing system. Conducts competitive bidding process, prepares specifications, analysis bids, and award of contracts in accordance with the City's purchasing code and applicable laws. Prepares operating and capital budgets, evaluates long term and short term goals and oversees the management of the building maintenance department. Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible purchasing management experience, preferably in governmental purchasing and/or purchasing of utility line stock. CPPO, CPPB or C.P.M. certification and familiarity with HTE software for purchasing and inventory systems strongly preferred. Salary between \$64,000 and \$80,000 per year based on qualifications and experience. Application deadline is February 24. View the full job posting and application instructions at <http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/content/1796/employment.aspx>. EOE

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## Grant Administrator - Department of Finance

### County of St. Charles

St. Charles County Government is seeking a Grant Administrator. Starting Salary: \$46,548 – \$67,494 per year. This position is responsible for supervising the work of the Workforce Development accounting clerk, insuring timely and accurate entry of purchasing data, expense data entry, payroll and that the determination of all costs are allowable and properly allocated. Monitor accounting activity as it occurs to coordinate recording process between the State and County. Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or related field; Two or more years accounting experience, or equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities. This is a full-time, 40 hour per week position which includes a full range of benefits. Application deadline is February 17. Full job description and application instructions at <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>. EOE

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## Additional Job Opportunities

**Senior Landscape Worker**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$20.51/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$19.51/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Public Works - Engineering Student Interns** (3), City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.15/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**P.T. Administrative Clerk**, City of Wentzville, \$14.46 - \$20.24: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Field Maintenance Worker II**, City of Overland: [www.overlandmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.overlandmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Police Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, starting pay \$53,814: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Interns - Administration; Planning; Public Works; Communications; Parks and Recreation**,. City of Maryland Heights, \$11.50/hr.: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Environmental Public Health Specialist**, County of St. Charles, \$41,376 starting: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**County Planner II**, County of St. Charles, \$46,548: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Communications Specialist**, City of Chesterfield, \$43,581 minimum:

[www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$10 - 11/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Environmental Educator**, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center:

<https://jobs.lc.edu/postings/587>

**Environmental Technician**, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center:

<https://jobs.lc.edu/postings/588>

**Part-time City Clerk**, City of Crystal Lake Park, \$21-\$24/hr.: [www.crystallakepark.org/announcements](http://www.crystallakepark.org/announcements)

**Planner – GIS Technician**, City of Arnold: [www.arnoldmo.org](http://www.arnoldmo.org)

**Communications Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$16,868- \$21,86/hr: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Corrections Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$35,084 - \$49,115/yr: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

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

**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)

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

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## Grants...

### Park and Rec. Facility Construction Grants for Illinois Communities

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications for the state's Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Program. The program will provide grants to eligible local governments for acquisition, development, construction, rehabilitation or other capital improvements to park and recreation facilities in Illinois. The maximum grant award for qualifying projects for FY14 is \$2.5 million. Applications will be accepted through March 10. The PARC Grant Program can fund bondable, bricks and mortar projects that include demolition, site preparation and improvements for indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, reconstruction, improvements and expansion to existing facilities, and new construction. Projects involving land acquisition for construction of new or expansion of existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and for open space and conservation purposes, are also eligible. Go to [www.dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newPARC1.htm](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newPARC1.htm) for more information, details on program eligibility, and program regulations.

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### Grants to Address Causes of Social or Environmental Problems

Singing for Change (SFC) offers competitive grants to progressive, nonprofit organizations working to address the root causes of social or environmental problems. Priority will be given to organizations that keep their overhead low, include community members in planning, and collaborate with other groups to find innovative ways of solving common problems. SFC aims to advance the common good by empowering people to thrive and to strengthen and sustain vibrant, diverse communities. Grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Grants are made only to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or to organizations that have a sponsoring agency with this status. Letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Go to [www.singingforchange.org/grant\\_information.html](http://www.singingforchange.org/grant_information.html) for more information.

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### Waste Diversion Grants

#### Saint Louis County's Solid Waste Management Program

Saint Louis County's objective for this program is to implement, expand, increase, and enhance waste reduction efforts in Saint Louis County. Three hundred thousand dollars is available for 2014. Individual grant awards will not exceed \$50,000; the minimum award will be \$1,000. Eligible applicants: Any municipality, public institution, not-for-profit organization or private business. All projects must occur within Saint Louis County. Application deadline is February 28. An optional grant workshop will be held February 3 (see Instructions from the link below for workshop details). Scroll down to "2014 Waste Diversion Grant Round" at [www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/RecyclingandSolidWaste](http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/RecyclingandSolidWaste) to link to grant instructions and the application.

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## Quotes...

*"It takes courage to be the first at anything. But I think after this, I think women will run more."*

Peggy Grover, the first female member of the Idaho Potato Commission, on what her appointment may do for women in the public sector.

(The nine-member board was established in 1937.)

And another from Ms. Grover: *"The women want the potatoes."*

She wants women to be allowed to purchase white potatoes for their families with WIC (the federal nutrition assistance program for women, infants and children) money again.

Source: *Governing.com*, January 24, 2014

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***<http://www.ewgateway.org/library/newsletters/newsletters.htm>***